**NINTH RACE**
# Saratoga
**JULY 26, 2026**

**6½ FURLONGS. ( 1.13³ ) ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING . Purse $130,000 (UP TO $22,620 NYSBFOA) FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON $22,000 THREE TIMES OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER OR STATE BRED ALLOWANCE OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON FOUR RACES OR WHICH HAVE NOT WON $40,000 OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER OR STATE BRED ALLOWANCE SINCE JANUARY 26, 2026 OR CLAIMING PRICE $110,000. Weight, 123 lbs. Non–winners Of A Race Since July 26, 2025 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price $110,000 (Allowance Horses Preferred)(1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void).**

**Value of Race: $130,000 Winner $71,500; second $26,000; third $15,600; fourth $7,800; fifth $5,200; sixth $1,950; seventh $1,950. Mutuel Pool $667,477.00 Exacta Pool $436,244.00 Trifecta Pool $197,551.00 Grand Slam Pool $79,116.00 Superfecta Pool $121,537.00**

| Last Raced | Horse | M/Eqt. | A. | Wt | PP | St | ¼ | ½ | Str | Fin | Jockey | Cl'g Pr | Odds $1 |
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| 6Jun26 ²Sar¹ | Senior Officer | L | 5 | 123 | 4 | 3 | 4 1½ | 4 1½ | 3½ | 1nk | Ortiz I Jr | | 0.97 |
| 8Nov25 ³Aqu³ | Tip Top Thomas | L | 4 | 123 | 6 | 1 | 2 1½ | 2¹ | 1 2½ | 2¹ | Prat F | | 3.88 |
| 27Jun26 ⁸BAQ² | Sacrosanct | L | 4 | 123 | 5 | 7 | 5hd | 5hd | 5 2½ | 3no | Franco M | | 3.67 |
| 27Jun26 ⁶CD¹ | Bring the Smoke | L | 4 | 123 | 2 | 6 | 6¹ | 6 5½ | 4hd | 4 2¼ | Zayas E J | | 9.93 |
| 28Jun26 ³BAQ⁴ | Acoustic Ave | L b | 6 | 123 | 7 | 2 | 3hd | 3hd | 2 1½ | 5¹⁰ | Lezcano J | | 12.35 |
| 4Jly26 ¹⁰Sar⁶ | Tarantino | L b | 8 | 123 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 6 2½ | Santana R Jr | | 24.53 |
| 16Apr26 ⁵Kee⁸ | Stars and Strides | L b | 4 | 123 | 1 | 5 | 1½ | 1hd | 6 3½ | 7 | Alvarado J | | 15.37 |

**OFF AT 5:48 Start Good For All But BRING THE SMOKE. Won driving. Track fast.**

**TIME :21⁴, :44³, 1:09³, 1:16² ( :21.85, :44.76, 1:09.66, 1:16.49 )**

**$2 Mutuel Prices:**

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| **4 – SENIOR OFFICER** | **3.94** | **2.66** | **2.10** |
| **8 – TIP TOP THOMAS** | | **4.28** | **2.94** |
| **5 – SACROSANCT** | | | **2.82** |

**$1 EXACTA 4–8 PAID $8.45 50 CENT TRIFECTA 4–8–5 PAID $11.74 10 CENT SUPERFECTA 4–8–5–2 PAID $6.07**

**B. g, (Mar), by Into Mischief – Southern Ring , by Speightstown . Trainer Cox Brad H. Bred by 2500 Determined Stud (Md).**

SENIOR OFFICER brushed the off side stall at the start, tucked to chase just off the inside coming in slightly and forcing TARANTINO to check along the rail just inside five and a half furlongs to run, remained just off the inside until tucked inside through the turn coming under coaxing near the quarter pole, spun just off the inside into upper stretch and paused in behind the lugging in ACOUSTIC AVE, angled in to the rail once STARS AND STRIPES vacated that position backing away near the eighth pole, then tipped back to the two path in front of a weakening ACOUSTIC AVE to make his last surge at TIP TOP THOMAS and was just up in the final jumps to prevail. TIP TOP THOMAS broke out at the start bumping ACOUSTIC AVE, pressed the pace of STARS AND STRIPES from the outside four paths off the rail down the backstretch and then just off the inside through the turn, came under coaxing near the quarter pole seizing command and took the inside route into upper stretch, edged clear under a drive to inside the eighth pole, dug in under late threat and was nailed in the final strides. SACROSANCT chased four paths off the inside down the backstretch and then just off the inside through the turn coming under coaxing three furlongs from home, angled five wide into upper stretch, offered up a mild kick to prevail in a head to head battle for the show honors. BRING THE SMOKE got away to a stumbling beginning pawing the group for the first two strides, chased two to three paths off the inside down the backstretch before tucking inside through the turn, came under light urging with seven-sixteenths to run, angled four wide into upper stretch, offered up a mild kick dueling through the final furlong with SACROSANCT to his outside and was just bested for the show honors on the line. ACOUSTIC AVE got bumped at the start by TIP TOP THOMAS, chased four to five paths off the inside down the backstretch, tucked three then two wide through the turn coming under coaxing near the quarter pole, spun two to three wide into upper stretch and lugged in near the three-sixteenths forcing SENIOR OFFICER to pause in behind, dug in prominent to the eighth pole, then weakened in the late stages. TARANTINO chased along the inside, got checked just inside five and a half furlongs to run when very briefly placed in tight by SENIOR OFFICER, continued along the inside until tipped two then three wide through the turn coming under urging midway, angled seven wide into upper stretch and made no impact. STARS AND STRIDES established the front shortly after the start and showed the way in hand along the inside under pressure from TIP TOP THOMAS to the outside, got coaxed along midway on the turn, yielded the front nearing the quarter pole and took the inside route into upper stretch, then tired through to the finish.

**Owners–** 1, Qatar Racing; 2, Bakke James J and Isbister Gerald; 3, Lady Sheila Stable; 4, Awestrike Racing Berry Family Racing LLC Legion Racing GLAM Racing and Ohrstrom C; 5, A Bianco Holding Limited; 6, Roman Lawrence P and Jacobson David; 7, Pin Oak Stud LLC

**Trainers–** 1, Cox Brad H; 2, Pletcher Todd A; 3, Rice Linda; 4, Beckman D Whitworth; 5, Rice Linda; 6, Jacobson David; 7, Mott William I

**Scratched–** Ignite the Light ( 28Jun26 ³BAQ⁷ ) , Over and Ollie ( 28Jun26 ³BAQ² ) , Light Man ( 24May26 ⁸BAQ² )

**$1 Grand Slam (2/7/8–3/6/10–1/4/6–4/6/7/10) Paid $9.38 ; Grand Slam Pool $79,116 .**

**$1 Pick Three (3–1–4) Paid $130.98 ; Pick Three Pool $93,819 .**

**50 CENT Pick Five ((XCOUNTRY) 3–6–3–1–4/6/7/10)**

**5 Correct Paid $2,315.19 ; Pick Five Pool $32,284 .**

**$1 Daily Double (1–4) Paid $22.05 ; Daily Double Pool $112,820 .**