**SEVENTH RACE**

# Saratoga

**JULY 31, 2026**

**1⅛ MILES. (1.46³) STARTER OPTIONAL CLAIMING. Purse $52,000 FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF $16,000 OR LESS SINCE JANUARY 31, 2025 OR CLAIMING PRICE $20,000. Weight, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since January 31, 2026 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price $20,000 (1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void).**

**Value of Race: $52,000 Winner $28,600; second $10,400; third $6,240; fourth $3,120; fifth $2,080; sixth $1,560. Mutuel Pool $554,623.00 Exacta Pool $408,243.00 Trifecta Pool $191,137.00 Superfecta Pool $116,697.00**

| Last Raced | Horse | M/Eqt. | A. | Wt | PP | St | ¼ | ½ | ¾ | Str | Fin | Jockey | Cl'g Pr | Odds $1 |
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| 3Jly26 $^{6}$Sar$^{1}$ | Metatron's Muse | L | 6 | 123 | 1 | 4 | 6 1½ | 6³ | 5³½ | 1hd | 1¹¼ | Ortiz J L | 20000 | 6.67 |
| 25Jun26 $^{6}$BAQ$^{1}$ | Secured Landing | L b | 5 | 123 | 2 | 3 | 1½ | 1hd | 1½ | 3 1½ | 2² | Carmouche K | | 6.77 |
| 6Jun26 $^{5}$LS$^{1}$ | Calibrate | L bf | 8 | 123 | 6 | 2 | 3 2½ | 3 2½ | 3 3½ | 2½ | 3no | Ortiz I Jr | | 2.21 |
| 28Jun26 $^{9}$BAQ$^{5}$ | Sharp Spark | L bf | 5 | 123 | 5 | 6 | 5½ | 4½ | 4² | 4hd | 4 2¾ | Franco M | | 6.43 |
| 16Jly26 $^{3}$Sar$^{3}$ | Smilensaycheese | L b | 4 | 121 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 6 3½ | 6 | 5² | Davis K | 20000 | 27.32 |
| 28Jun26 $^{9}$BAQ$^{3}$ | Sara's Shaman | L | 6 | 121 | 4 | 1 | 2 5½ | 2⁴ | 2 2½ | 5 3½ | 6 | Gonzalez S | | 23.99 |
| 20Jun26 $^{9}$LRC$^{3}$ | Coach Cronin | L | 6 | 123 | 3 | 7 | 4 1½ | 5² | 7 | — | — | Prat F | | 1.43 |

**OFF AT 4:39 Start Good. Won driving. Track good.**

**TIME :23, :47, 1:11¹, 1:37², 1:50⁴ ( :23.18, :47.12, 1:11.25, 1:37.42, 1:50.92 )**

## $2 Mutuel Prices:

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| **1 – METATRON'S MUSE** | **15.34** | **6.40** | **3.66** |
| **2 – SECURED LANDING** | | **7.04** | **4.32** |
| **6 – CALIBRATE** | | | **3.06** |

**$1 EXACTA 1–2 PAID $39.87 50 CENT TRIFECTA 1–2–6 PAID $57.77 10 CENT SUPERFECTA 1–2–6–5 PAID $48.51**

**Ch. g, (May), by Flatter – Countess Curlin, by Curlin. Trainer Kantarmaci Mertkan. Bred by Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (Ky).**

METATRON'S MUSE saved ground on the first turn, settled off the pace, was roused while inside to the two path on the far turn, rallied in the five path into the stretch, drifted out while making a bid outside the furlong marker then took the lead, drifted in under a right-handed crop outside the sixteenth-pole and held under steady urging. SECURED LANDING was hustled from the gate, showed the way on the inside, was asked on the far turn, lost the advantage under a drive in upper stretch, fought on in the final furlong but was outfinished while clear for the place. CALIBRATE raced in the three path on the first turn, settled in a good position in third place, gained in the three path on the far turn then moved to the four path late on that bend, made a bid into upper stretch, battled under a drive into the final furlong, dropped back into the final sixteenth and weakened but just earned the show then pulled up in some heat-distress after the race. SHARP SPARK was reluctant to load, went around the first turn in the three path, settled on the outside, was urged along late on the backstretch, moved closer in the three path on the far turn, turned into the stretch in the six path while under a drive, chased into the final furlong and lacked the needed kick then just missed the show. SMILENSAYCHEESE veered out at the start, raced in the four path on the first turn, settled at the rear, was urged along in the four path on the final turn, came into the stretch in the seven path and failed to threaten. SARA'S SHAMAN was hustled from the gate, prompted the pace on the outside in the two to three path, was asked on the far turn, dropped back under a drive in upper stretch and came up empty. COACH CRONIN went around the first turn in the two path, was urged along off the pace, faltered late on the backstretch, fell well behind on the far turn and was eased but walked off.

**Owners–** 1, Kantarmaci Mertkan; 2, Rice Linda; 3, Breakwater Stable Exelby Randy Mayo Tom and Diodoro Robertino; 4, Kantarmaci Ilkay; 5, Hayias Neal; 6, Kantarmaci Ilkay; 7, Paradise Farms Corp

**Trainers–** 1, Kantarmaci Mertkan; 2, Rice Linda; 3, Diodoro Robertino; 4, Kantarmaci Ilkay; 5, DeLauro Edward J; 6, Kantarmaci Ilkay; 7, Hess R B Jr

**Metatron's Muse was claimed by Novak Stable Inc; trainer, Rodriguez Gustavo.**

**Scratched–** Hey Toby ( 23Jul26 $^{3}$Sar$^{6}$ )

**$1 Daily Double (8–1) Paid $101.86; Daily Double Pool $72,748.**

**$1 Pick Three (4–8–1) Paid $567.17; Pick Three Pool $88,825.**

**50 CENT Pick Four (1/8–4–8–1) Paid $1,053.00; Pick Four Pool $155,483.**

**50 CENT Pick Five (2–1/8–4–8–1) 5 Correct Paid $6,058.55; Pick Five Pool $313,650.**

**$1 Consolation Pick 3 (4–7–1) Paid $40.79.**