FIRST RACE
Saratoga
AUGUST 8, 2026

6½ FURLONGS. (1.13³) MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT. Purse $115,000 (UP TO $20,010 NYSBFOA) FOR MAIDENS, TWO YEARS OLD. Weight, 123 lbs. (Non–Starters For A Claiming Price Of $55,000 Or Less In The Last 5 Starts Preferred). (Cloudy. 80.)

Value of Race: $115,000 Winner $63,250; second $23,000; third $13,800; fourth $6,900; fifth $4,600; sixth $1,150; seventh $1,150; eighth $1,150.
Mutuel Pool $505,194.00 Exacta Pool $388,290.00 Superfecta Pool $64,657.00 Trifecta Pool $131,618.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds $1
	Gaudreau		2	123	7	4	2¹	2¹	1½	1½	Prat F	2.41
	Coach Pope		2	123	2	2	5²	3hd	2¹	2nk	Velazquez J R	12.51
	U. S. S. Valor		2	123	1	7	6½	5½	3¹	3¼	Gaffalione T	5.37
	Gorillaz	b	2	123	3	5	4hd	4¹	5½	4¾	Saez L	2.72
	Bellissimo d'Oro		2	123	6	1	1½	1½	4¹	5⁵	Davis K	18.73
	With Luck Forward		2	123	4	3	7½	7½	7hd	6½	Ortiz J L	6.62
	Star Salute		2	123	5	6	8	8	8	7⁶	Santana R Jr	11.28
	Hemingway		2	123	8	8	3hd	6½	6hd	8	Ortiz I Jr	6.39

OFF AT 11:51 Start Good. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME :22¹, :45¹, 1:09⁴, 1:16² (:22.38, :45.23, 1:09.92, 1:16.41)

$2 Mutuel Prices:

7 – GAUDREAU	**6.82**	**4.90**	**3.42**
2 – COACH POPE		**9.12**	**6.38**
1 – U. S. S. VALOR			**3.80**

$1 EXACTA 7–2 PAID $42.13 10 CENT SUPERFECTA 7–2–1–3 PAID $70.29 50 CENT TRIFECTA 7–2–1 PAID $84.43

B. c, (Jan), by Nyquist – Free Cover, by Congrats. Trainer Brown Chad C. Bred by Coteau Grove Farms LLC (La).

GAUDREAU showed speed then pressed the pace on the outside, vied in the three path for most of the turn then dropped to the two path, took the lead while asked into upper stretch, inched clear under a strong-hand ride into the final furlong, was put to a left-handed crop outside the sixteenth-pole and held under strong urging. COACH POPE came in just after the break which carried in U. S. S. VALOR, brushed with GORILLAZ early, was rated while well placed just off the pace, saved ground on the turn, tipped to the two path approaching the quarter-pole, was roused in the three path into the stretch, pursued the winner under a drive into the final furlong, gained into the final sixteenth, made a bid late and missed while just able to get the place. U. S. S. VALOR broke last but one then was carried in just after the start, moved out to avoid hitting the rail leaving the chute, settled comfortably off the inside, came out some when the rider pulled his goggles down late on the backstretch, ranged up in the two to three path on the turn, steadied briefly off the heels of GORILLAZ when that foe came in a path around the five-sixteenths pole, was roused shortly thereafter then shifted to the four path, turned into the stretch in the five path, remained on his inside lead until outside the furlong marker, swapped to the proper lead when pulled in by the jockey at that juncture, gained under a right-handed crop into the final sixteenth and finished with good courage to just miss the place while far clear for the show. GORILLAZ was sent hard from the gate then taken in hand when the pacesetter crossed in the front and took his path, brushed with COACH POPE at that point, raced just off the pace under restraint while behind horses, was asked while in the two to four path on the turn, dropped back to the three path near the five-sixteenths which put U. S. S. VALOR off heels, chased into upper stretch, dropped back into the final furlong and tired. BELLISSIMO D'ORO broke fast and went straight to the front then angled in early, showed the way on the inside of a foe, vied in the two path for most of the turn then dropped to the inside, was headed into upper stretch, dropped back into the final furlong and capitulated. WITH LUCK FORWARD was hustled from the gate then urged along near the back, shied out when U. S. S. VALOR came out near him late on the backstretch, went around the turn in the three path and was no factor. STAR SALUTE dropped back while lacking speed under urging, angled in around the nine-sixteenths pole, saved ground on the turn and showed little. HEMINGWAY tracked the pace on the outside, dropped back in the four to five path on the turn, retreated into the stretch then moved to the three path and faltered.

Owners– 1, Tanglewood Thoroughbreds LLC Thirty Year Racing Bradley Thoroughbreds Rodeo Creek R; 2, Gainesway Stable (Antony Beck) Shamrock Stables and Mackin Michael J; 3, Team Valor International LLC; 4, Pine Racing Stables Gargan Danny and Belmar Racing and Breeding LLC; 5, Mossarosa; 6, Spendthrift Farm LLC and St Elias Stable; 7, Courtlandt Farms (Donald Adam); 8, WinStar Farm LLC First Go Racing and CHC Inc

Trainers– 1, Brown Chad C; 2, McPeek Kenneth G; 3, McGaughey III Claude R; 4, Gargan Danny; 5, Zito Nicholas P; 6, Pletcher Todd A; 7, Asmussen Steven M; 8, Cox Brad H

Scratched– Coach's Pals