EIGHTH RACE
Saratoga
AUGUST 14, 2026

7 FURLONGS. (1.20[2]) ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING . Purse $125,000 (UP TO $21,750 NYSBFOA) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON $22,000 TWICE OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER OR STATE BRED ALLOWANCE OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES OR CLAIMING PRICE $80,000. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Claiming Price $80,000 (Allowance Horses Preferred) (1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void).

Value of Race: $125,000 Winner $68,750; second $25,000; third $15,000; fourth $7,500; fifth $5,000; sixth $1,875; seventh $1,875. Mutuel Pool $419,920.00 Exacta Pool $312,441.00 Trifecta Pool $130,714.00 Superfecta Pool $67,113.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	Str	Fin	Jockey	Cl'g Pr	Odds $1
10Jly26 ^{5}Sar^{2}	Contrary Thinking	L	6	126	2	4	1^{hd}	1^{hd}	12½	12½	Rodriguez J		2.71
10Jly26 ^{5}Sar^{3}	Commuted	L	5	126	3	3	5^{1}	3½	3^{3}	21¼	Santana R Jr		17.52
21Jun26 ^{9}CD^{1}	Bold Strength	L	4	126	7	1	2^{1}	22½	21½	33½	Ortiz J L		1.40
17Jly26 ^{3}Sar^{1}	Ridgewood Runner	L b	5	126	1	5	4½	7	4^{3}	4^{8}	Gaffalione T	80000	3.97
27Jun26 ^{10}BAQ^{3}	Otello	L	5	126	6	2	3½	4^{hd}	51½	53¼	Alvarado J	80000	21.90
27Jun26 ^{10}BAQ^{1}	Eliminate	L b	5	126	5	7	6^{hd}	51½	6^{hd}	66¼	Carmouche K	80000	6.51
10Jly26 ^{5}Sar^{5}	Vibrant Express	L	4	126	4	6	7	6^{hd}	7	7	Franco M		12.51

OFF AT 5:08 Start Good For All But VIBRANT EXPRESS, ELIMINATE. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME :23[3], :46[4], 1:10[4], 1:23 (:23.70, :46.84, 1:10.82, 1:23.11)

$2 Mutuel Prices:

2 – CONTRARY THINKING	**7.42**	**4.78**	**2.94**
3 – COMMUTED		**12.12**	**5.62**
7 – BOLD STRENGTH			**2.32**

$1 EXACTA 2–3 PAID $40.58 50 CENT TRIFECTA 2–3–7 PAID $57.01 10 CENT SUPERFECTA 2–3–7–1 PAID $25.48

B. g, (Mar), by Into Mischief – Valadorna , by Curlin . Trainer Green Amelia J. Bred by Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (Ky).

CONTRARY THINKING chased along the inside briefly before taking over command just outside five furlongs to run, showed the way along the inside and then two to three wide through the turn under close watch from BOLD STRENGTH to the outside, got set down spinning three to four wide into upper stretch, edged away under a drive to the eighth pole, dug in and held clear to the finish kept to task. COMMUTED broke out at the start filling the space left vacant by VIBRANT EXPRESS, chased four to five wide under a ride from the five-sixteenths marker, went seven to eight wide into upper stretch and offered up a mild kick. BOLD STRENGTH led early on before being displaced on the front by CONTRARY THINKING five furlongs out, raced three to four wide in closest aim of that rival coming under coaxing near the quarter pole, swung five wide into upper stretch and kept on to the finish clear for the show honors. RIDGEWOOD RUNNER chased just off the inside and then along the inside, got steadied inside of OTELLO with five-sixteenths to go, came under urging taking the inside route into upper stretch and weakened. OTELLO chased three then two wide coming under urging three furlongs from home, spun three wide into upper stretch, tired. ELIMINATE stumbled badly inwards at the start and was checked sharply to avoid contact with VIBRANT EXPRESS, who also stumbled badly, and conceded seven to eight lengths to the front, chased five to six wide under urging from the five-sixteenths marker, went seven to eight wide into upper stretch and tired. VIBRANT EXPRESS stumbled badly at the start and conceded six to seven lengths to the front, chased three to four wide under a ride from the five-sixteenths pole, swung four wide for home and made no impact.

Owners– 1, Lucky Hat Racing LLC and EGL-One Racing; 2, Rice Linda; 3, Juddmonte; 4, Wycoff Jordan V; 5, BellaBlue Racing Stable Kantarmaci Ilkay and America's Pastime Stables; 6, VinLaur Racing Stables LLC; 7, R A Hill Stable

Trainers– 1, Green Amelia J; 2, Rice Linda; 3, Cox Brad H; 4, Sharp Joe; 5, Kantarmaci Ilkay; 6, Rice Linda; 7, Weaver George

Ridgewood Runner was claimed by Morey Joseph P Jr; trainer, Morey William E.

$1 Pick Three (8–7–2) Paid $20.15 ; Pick Three Pool $105,021 .
$1 Daily Double (7–2) Paid $11.59 ; Daily Double Pool $84,330 .