SECOND RACE

Saratoga

AUGUST 28, 2026

6½ FURLONGS. (1.13³) CLAIMING. Purse $37,000 FOR FILLIES AND MARES FOUR YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Weight, 123 lbs. Non–winners Of A Race Since February 28, 2026 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price $12,500 (1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void). New York Bred Claiming Price $16,000.

Value of Race: $37,000 Winner $20,350; second $7,400; third $4,440; fourth $2,220; fifth $1,480; sixth $1,110. Mutuel Pool $377,557.00 Exacta Pool $289,548.00 Quinella Pool $10,615.00 Trifecta Pool $121,305.00 Superfecta Pool $55,901.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	Str	Fin	Jockey	Cl'g Pr	Odds $1
10Jly26 8Sar5	Miss Lao	L	5	123	3	1	3 1½	3 1	1 1	1 6	Gonzalez S	16000	11.06
2Aug26 2Sar5	Bellacose	L	4	123	6	3	1½	1½	2 3	2 1¾	Franco M	16000	0.98
7Aug26 11Sar5	Curlin's Magic	L	5	121	1	6	6	6	5 hd	3¾	Lezcano J	12500	5.32
10Jly26 8Sar2	Ah Ca Ira	L f	4	123	2	4	4 1	5 1	6	4¾	Elliott C	16000	2.83
6Aug26 4Sar4	Open Soul Autism	L b	5	123	4	5	5 1	4 hd	4½	5 2	Harkie H K	12500	16.54
6Aug26 4Sar5	Jackie the Joker	L bf	7	123	5	2	2 1	2½	3 hd	6	Santana R Jr	12500	6.83

OFF AT 1:46 Start Good. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME :22², :45⁴, 1:10⁴, 1:17² (:22.50, :45.83, 1:10.85, 1:17.53)

$2 Mutuel Prices:

3 – MISS LAO	**24.12**	**6.80**	**4.18**
7 – BELLACOSE		**3.06**	**2.50**
1 – CURLIN'S MAGIC			**2.76**

$1 EXACTA 3–7 PAID $30.86 $1 QUINELLA 3–7 PAID $11.11 50 CENT TRIFECTA 3–7–1 PAID $40.10 10 CENT SUPERFECTA 3–7–1–2 PAID $14.49

B. m, (Feb), by Laoban – Miss Nancy , by Arch . Trainer Kantarmaci Mertkan. Bred by F Galvin Spruce Lane Farm Copper Beech Stables LLC E Hart Ly et al (NY).

MISS LAO coaxed from the gate, chased just off the inside and then along the inside getting let out at the quarter pole before spinning three wide into upper stretch, rallied to take command nearing the eighth pole, drew clear under a drive to prevail. BELLACOSE got brushed at the break by JACKIE THE JOKER, established the front near the six furlong marker and showed the way in hand three then two wide patiently handled until set down spinning just off the inside into upper stretch, dug in under threat and was caught nearing the eighth pole, proved no match for the top one while keeping on clear for the place honors. CURLIN'S MAGIC chased just off the inside, got out from the seven-sixteenths pole through to the three-eighths pole to culminate in being five wide at that latter station despite being flashed a left handed crop, went nine wide into upper stretch and improved position through to the finish to secure the show honors. AH CA IRA chased inside briefly and then tipped out to the three path down the backstretch, tucked to the two path through the turn coming under urging with seven-sixteenths to go, spun three then two wide for home and passed tired rivals. OPEN SOUL AUTISM chased just off the inside briefly before tipping five paths off the inside down the backstretch, tucked four wide through the turn coming under urging three furlongs out, angled six wide into upper stretch and weakened. JACKIE THE JOKER coaxed from the start, chased four then three wide under encouragement from just outside the quarter pole, angled five wide into upper stretch, tired.

Owners– 1, Kantarmaci Mertkan; 2, Dubb Michael; 3, Arenas Marcelo; 4, Dixon Linda K and Alejandro Hector M; 5, Kantarmaci Ilkay; 6, Krohn Marjorie and Lieberman Jay A

Trainers– 1, Kantarmaci Mertkan; 2, Cox Brad H; 3, Arenas Marcelo; 4, Dixon Linda K; 5, Kantarmaci Ilkay; 6, Shivmangal Lolita

Bellacose was claimed by TEC Racing (Elliott S Logan); trainer, Sharp Joe.

Ah Ca Ira claim voided. Reason: Vet

Scratched– Short Shift (06Aug26 4Sar³)

$1 Daily Double (6–3) Paid $95.34 ; Daily Double Pool $157,457 .