THIRD RACE
Saratoga
AUGUST 28, 2026

1⅛ MILES. (1.46[3]) CLAIMING. Purse $37,000 FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS 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 $555; seventh $555. Mutuel Pool $476,635.00 Exacta Pool $355,027.00 Trifecta Pool $149,903.00 Superfecta Pool $70,728.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	¾	Str	Fin	Jockey	Cl'g Pr	Odds $1
18Jly26 [2]Sar[2]	Spoiler	L	6	123	5	6	4½	3hd	31½	1½	1hd	Santana R Jr	12500	0.81
3Jly26 [6]Sar[2]	Polar Bear Plunge	L b	5	121	7	5	2[2]	2[2]	2[1]	2[3½]	2[3]	Franco M	12500	9.35
6Aug26 [1]Sar[2]	Shipsational	L b	7	121	2	1	5[1]	5[2½]	6[6]	3½	3[8¼]	Davis D	16000	5.96
29Jly26 [1]FL[5]	Expensive Cut	L bf	7	121	4	4	3hd	4½	4[3]	6[16]	4½	Gonzalez S	12500	16.04
6Aug26 [1]Sar[3]	Interlock Empire	L	6	123	1	2	7	7	5hd	4[1½]	5[18]	Elliott C	12500	5.43
30Apr26 [2]BAQ[1]	Fever Night	L b	4	123	6	3	1½	1½	1hd	5½	6[6¾]	Lezcano J	12500	5.88
9Aug26 [5]Mth[2]	Amedeus Music	L bf	7	123	3	7	6hd	6[1]	7	7	7	Zayas E J	16000	24.54

OFF AT 2:19 Start Good. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME :24, :48, 1:11[3], 1:37, 1:50[3] (:24.11, :48.03, 1:11.60, 1:37.19, 1:50.79)

$2 Mutuel Prices:

5 – SPOILER	**3.62**	**2.94**	**2.32**
7 – POLAR BEAR PLUNGE		**6.06**	**3.58**
2 – SHIPSATIONAL			**3.28**

$1 EXACTA 5–7 PAID $13.84 50 CENT TRIFECTA 5–7–2 PAID $24.00 10 CENT SUPERFECTA 5–7–2–4 PAID $26.20

B. g, (Mar), by First Samurai – A. P.'s Glory, by Mineshaft. Trainer Maker Michael J. Bred by Curtis C Green (Ky).

SPOILER raced in the three path early on the first turn, moved to the four path briefly to avoid a checking foe later on that bend then dropped back to the three path, settled outside on the backstretch, was urged along passing the nine-sixteenths pole, gained with a half-mile to run, chased in the three then four path on the far turn, made a bid late on that bend, took the lead into upper stretch, battled outside of the runner-up into the final sixteenth, bobbed heads while alternating in front with that opponent for several strides late and and just held under strong urging. POLAR BEAR PLUNGE established a forward position early, prompted the pace on the outside in the three path, took the lead outside the five-sixteenths pole, was asked near the quarter-pole, lost the advantage to the winner into upper stretch, fought on gamely inside of that foe under a left-handed crop into the final sixteenth, alternated on the lead while bobbing heads for several strides late and was out-nodded on the wire while clear for the place. SHIPSATIONAL saved ground on the first turn, was coaxed along in a good position on the backstretch, dropped back under stronger encouragement near the half-mile pole, saved ground on the far turn, chased the top two in the stretch and lacked the needed kick while well clear for the show. EXPENSIVE CUT showed speed on the inside of a foe while along the rail, tossed his head and checked repeatedly while inside to the two path on the first turn, settled on the backstretch, was urged along in the two then three path on the far turn and came up empty. INTERLOCK EMPIRE moved from the inside to the two path on the first turn, was reserved off the pace, came under urging late on the backstretch, shifted from the two path to the four path on the final turn, turned into upper stretch under a drive and failed to respond. FEVER NIGHT went to the front, dropped from the two path to the inside early on the first turn, showed the way down the backstretch, was asked under threat while inside on the far turn, lost the advantage to the runner-up outside the five-sixteenths pole and faded. AMEDEUS MUSIC was last away then urged from the gate, raced in the three path on the first turn, was urged along towards the rear, dropped from the four path to the two path on the far turn and faltered then was eased but walked off.

Owners– 1, Flying P Stable; 2, Flying P Stable; 3, Dubb Michael; 4, Kantarmaci Mertkan; 5, Final Turn Racing Stable LLC and PlayingTheField Racing; 6, Rice Linda and Bruce Golden Racing; 7, Sterling Roger B

Trainers– 1, Maker Michael J; 2, Kantarmaci Mertkan; 3, Atras Rob; 4, Kantarmaci Mertkan; 5, Noda Orlando; 6, Rice Linda; 7, Potts Wayne

Shipsational was claimed by Sparks William S; trainer, Moquett Ronald E,

Expensive Cut was claimed by AB Racing LLC; trainer, Atras Rob,

Interlock Empire was claimed by Forgotten Man Racing Inc; trainer, Ibrahim Emron,

Fever Night was claimed by Dark Horse Racing Stable; trainer, Abreu Fernando.

Spoiler claim voided. Reason: Vet

$1 Pick Three (6–3–5) Paid $313.91; Pick Three Pool $140,155.
$1 Daily Double (3–5) Paid $26.89; Daily Double Pool $79,969.