THIRD RACE

Saratoga

SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

1 3/16 MILES. (Turf) (1.50[2]) MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT. Purse $115,000 (UP TO $20,010 NYSBFOA) FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. (Non-Starters For A Claiming Price Of $55,000 Or Less In The Last 5 Starts Preferred). (If the Stewards consider it inadvisable to run this race on the turf course, this race will run at One Mile and Three Sixteenths on the Main Track). (Rail at 12 feet).

Value of Race: $115,000 Winner $63,250; second $23,000; third $13,800; fourth $6,900; fifth $4,600; sixth $1,725; seventh $1,725. Mutuel Pool $302,034.00 Exacta Pool $211,872.00 Trifecta Pool $90,832.00 Superfecta Pool $49,683.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	¾	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds $1
26Jun26 [5]BAQ[2]	Protect and Defend	L	3	122	4	2	2[1]	2[1½]	2[1]	1[3]	1[3]	Lezcano J	1.68
9Aug26 [2]Sar[4]	Pay the Piper	L b	3	122	7	7	6[1½]	6[3½]	6[4½]	3[4½]	2[6¾]	Prat F	2.30
14Aug26 [10]Sar[4]	Duty	L	4	126	2	1	1[hd]	1[1½]	1[1½]	2[1½]	3[3¾]	Santana R Jr	9.61
24Jly26 [10]Sar[2]	Donnadoyawanna	L b	3	122	5	5	4[1½]	5[2]	4[1½]	4[12]	4[12½]	Carmouche K	4.58
23Aug26 [10]Sar[2]	Evenly Alert	L b	3	122	3	6	7	7	7	5[1½]	5[7¾]	Castellano J J	7.34
10Jly26 [1]Sar[3]	Pauillac	L b	3	122	6	4	5[2½]	3[hd]	5[1½]	6[15]	6[29¾]	Franco M	9.00
14Aug26 [10]Sar[6]	Ghost Driver	L b	3	122	1	3	3[hd]	4[hd]	3[hd]	7	7	Harkie H K	42.43

OFF AT 2:25 Start Good For All But GHOST DRIVER. Won driving. Course yielding.

TIME :23[1], :48[2], 1:14[1], 1:38[3], 1:56[1] (:23.39, :48.57, 1:14.22, 1:38.72, 1:56.26)

$2 Mutuel Prices:

5 – PROTECT AND DEFEND	**5.36**	**3.00**	**2.36**
8 – PAY THE PIPER		**3.30**	**2.52**
2 – DUTY			**3.76**

$1 EXACTA 5–8 PAID $8.22 50 CENT TRIFECTA 5–8–2 PAID $16.04 10 CENT SUPERFECTA 5–8–2–6 PAID $6.76

Gr/ro. c, (Feb), by Munnings – Hold Harmless, by Blame. Trainer McGaughey III Claude R. Bred by Stuart S Janney III LLC (Ky).

PROTECT AND DEFEND coaxed from the gate, raced three wide through the first turn, settled tracking the leader in closest aim from the two path, came under coaxing near the quarter pole and tipped four wide into upper stretch advancing to take command straightened away, edged clear under a drive and was kept to task to the finish. PAY THE PIPER chased two to three wide from near the rear of the field coming under encouragement with five-sixteenths to go, angled four to five wide into upper stretch, offered up a mild kick to be along well clear of the rest and second best. DUTY established the front and showed the way in hand along the inside coming under coaxing near the quarter pole, spun three wide into upper stretch and yielded the front straightened away, then weakened through to the finish. DONNADOYAWANNA coaxed from the start, chased just off the inside under a ride from three furlongs out, tipped three wide into upper stretch, weakened. EVENLY ALERT chased two to three wide under encouragement from the seven-sixteenths marker, angled three to four wide for home, tired. PAUILLAC three wide in pursuit, came under coaxing at the seven-sixteenths pole, angled four wide into upper stretch and faltered. GHOST DRIVER brushed the nearside stall at the start, chased along the inside under a ride with seven-sixteenths to go, spun just off the inside into upper stretch and was eased home to the finish.

Owners– 1, Janney III Stuart S; 2, Flanagan Racing; 3, Kinsman Stable; 4, Breen Mark D; 5, Rice Linda; 6, LaPenta Robert V Lawrence William H and CHP Racing; 7, Noda Orlando

Trainers– 1, McGaughey III Claude R; 2, Brown Chad C; 3, Clement Miguel; 4, Pletcher Todd A; 5, Rice Linda; 6, Brown Chad C; 7, Noda Orlando

Scratched– Daunting (FR) (24Jul26 [10]Sar[9]), Cromwell (07Jul26 [10]Ind[2]), Hadrian's Wall (30Jul26 [4]Sar[2])

$1 Pick Three (1–1–5) Paid $121.57; Pick Three Pool $59,026.

$1 Daily Double (1–5) Paid $20.15; Daily Double Pool $85,441.