FIRST RACE

Saratoga

SEPTEMBER 5, 2026

7 FURLONGS. (1.20[2]) 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). (Clear. 73.)

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 $467,370.00 Exacta Pool $320,141.00 Trifecta Pool $115,010.00 Superfecta Pool $63,023.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds $1
8Aug26 1Sar[3]	U. S. S. Valor		2	123	3	5	2[1]	1[1]	1[7]	1[13¼]	Franco M	0.82
	Tap Our Way		2	123	4	7	3[hd]	3[1½]	2[hd]	2[2¼]	Prat F	7.59
	Mystik Bayou		2	123	1	6	5[1½]	4½	3[4]	3½	Elliott C	13.07
	Livid		2	123	2	4	7	6[1]	5[2]	4[2½]	Lezcano J	19.43
25Jly26 3Sar[2]	Belzoni		2	123	6	2	4½	5[4]	4[1]	5[6]	Alvarado J	2.05
	Spencer's Angel		2	123	7	3	6[hd]	7	7	6[1]	Lopez P	21.08
25Jly26 3Sar[4]	Gold On Black	b	2	123	5	1	1[hd]	2[hd]	6[1]	7	Zayas E J	27.67

OFF AT 12:08 Start Good. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME :23, :45[2], 1:09[3], 1:22 (:23.10, :45.53, 1:09.60, 1:22.04)

$2 Mutuel Prices:

4 – U. S. S. VALOR	**3.64**	**2.68**	**2.22**
5 – TAP OUR WAY		**5.80**	**4.22**
1 – MYSTIK BAYOU			**4.54**

$1 EXACTA 4–5 PAID $9.95 50 CENT TRIFECTA 4–5–1 PAID $28.28 10 CENT SUPERFECTA 4–5–1–3 PAID $23.20

B. c, (Feb), by War of Will – Spangled Banner, by Tiz Wonderful. Trainer McGaughey III Claude R. Bred by Team Valor International (Ky).

U. S. S. VALOR broke in at the start and was corrected, pressed the pace of GOLD ON BLACK to the inside taking over command just outside the half mile pole, showed the way just off the inside through the turn and was given his cue near the quarter pole, took the inside route into upper stretch, forged clear under a light drive to just inside the sixteenth marker, then got geared down through to the finish, the outcome in no doubt. TAP OUR WAY three wide in pursuit, came under encouragement with five-sixteenths to go, tipped four wide into upper stretch, proved no match for the top one while keeping on clear for the place honors. MYSTIK BAYOU broke in at the start, chased along the inside coming under a ride with seven-sixteenths to go, spun two to three wide into upper stretch, offered up a bid a furlong out, then weakened in the late stages. LIVID shied in at the break under coaxing, chased three then two wide under urging from the seven-sixteenths pole, angled five wide into upper stretch and improved position passing tired rivals. BELZONI six paths of the inside early on, chased four then three wide under encouragement from three furlongs out, tipped four to five wide into upper stretch and weakened. SPENCER'S ANGEL coaxed from the gate, raced seven paths off the inside early on before chasing four then three wide, came under urging with seven-sixteenths to run, angled in and took the inside route into upper stretch and tired. GOLD ON BLACK coaxed from the gate, showed the way just off the inside under pressure from U.S.S. VALOR to the inside, yielded the front near the half mile pole and chased just off the inside through the turn and into upper stretch, then tired through to the finish.

Owners– 1, Team Valor International LLC; 2, Whisper Hill Farm LLC and Three Palms Racing Stable; 3, Gasaway Lance Hamby III Daniel and Four G Racing LLC; 4, Repole Stable; 5, Godolphin LLC; 6, New Phoenix Stable Donarra Thoroughbreds LLC Weintraub Tony and Dalinka Brandon M; 7, Gold Square LLC

Trainers– 1, McGaughey III Claude R; 2, Brown Chad C; 3, McPeek Kenneth G; 4, Pletcher Todd A; 5, Mott William I; 6, Clement Miguel; 7, Mott Riley

Scratched– Mystrix (08Aug26 2Sar[2]), Credit, Implied Open (08Aug26 2Sar[3])