

SARATOGA - September 4, 2020 - Race 4

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT - Thoroughbred

FOR MAIDENS, TWO YEARS OLD FOALED IN NEW YORK STATE AND APPROVED BY THE NEW YORK STATE-BRED REGISTRY. Weight, 119 lbs. (Non-starters For A Claiming Price Of \$40,000 Or Less In The Last 3 Starts Preferred). (If the Stewards consider it inadvisable to run this race on the turf course, races for Three-Year-Olds and Older will be run at One Mile and One Eighth and Two-Year-Old races will be run at Seven Furlongs on the Main Track). (Rail at 18 feet). (S) One And One Sixteenth Miles On The Turf **Track Record:** (Ring Weekend - 1:38.29 - September 5, 2016)

Purse: \$62,000

Available Money: \$62,000

Value of Race: \$62,000 1st \$34,100, 2nd \$12,400, 3rd \$7,440, 4th \$3,720, 5th \$2,480, 6th \$372, 7th \$372, 8th \$372, 9th \$372, 10th \$372

Weather: Clear **Track:** Good

Off at: 2:02 **Start:** Good for all except 9

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
---	1	Step Dancer (Davis, Dylan)	119	--	1	8	8 ¹ 1/2	9 ¹⁶	9 ²⁰	2 ^{1/2}	1 ³ 1/2	24.25	ins,5w uppr, kick away
---	9	Pivotal Run (Carmouche, Kendrick)	120	--	8	9	9 ⁸	8 ²	6 ^{1/2}	1 ¹	2 ¹	53.50	stdy aft st,3-4w 2nd
26Jul20 ² SAR ⁴	4	Arrowheart (Hernandez, Benjamin)	119	--	4	7	5 ^{1/2}	6 ¹	8 ¹	4 ^{1/2}	3 ² 1/4	17.90	2w,4w upper,flatten
19Jul20 ⁵ SAR ³	5	Martinez (Ortiz, Jose)	119	--	5	3	4 ¹	4 ^{Head}	3 ^{1/2}	5 ¹ 1/2	4 ^{Nose}	0.95*	inside,2w upper,weaken
---	3	Chrome Dixie (Rosario, Joel)	119	--	3	5	6 ¹	7 ^{1/2}	7 ¹	6 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1/2}	3.25	ins,trffic1/4,chk3/16
---	6	Halpert (Saez, Luis)	119	b	6	2	2 ⁵	2 ^{1/2}	2 ¹ 1/2	3 ¹	6 ⁹ 1/2	5.40	ins-2w,vie 2x,led,tird
12Jul20 ² BEL ⁵	10	Eight Weeks Long (Lezcano, Jose)	119	b	9	6	7 ¹	5 ¹ 1/2	5 ^{1/2}	7 ⁵ 1/2	7 ⁶ 1/2	7.90	3w trns,vs duo1/2-5/16
---	2	Hurtgen Forest (Alvarado, Junior)	119	--	2	10	10	10	10	10	8 ³	22.00	ins,2w,interest 1/16pl
19Jul20 ⁵ SAR ⁹	7	Count Frost (Cancel, Eric)	119	b	7	4	3 ² 1/2	3 ²	4 ^{Head}	8 ²	9 ¹² 1/4	108.00	3w turns,6w1/8,empty
13Aug20 ⁷ SAR ⁸	11	Bustin Bieber (Gutierrez, Reylu)	119	b	10	1	1 ^{1/2}	1 ¹	1 ^{Head}	9 ¹²	10	36.00	vie 2w-ins to upr,tird

Fractional Times: 23.54 49.44 1:14.12 1:39.32

Final Time: 1:45.49

Split Times: (25:90) (24:68) (25:20) (6:17)

Run-Up: 131 feet **Temporary Rail:** 18 feet

Winner: Step Dancer, Bay Colt, by War Dancer out of Just Be Steppin, by English Channel. Foaled Jan 29, 2018 in New York.

Breeder: Sugar Plum Farm & Richard Pressman.

Winning Owner: Pressman, Hayward R. and Diamond M Stable

Scratched Horse(s): Action Jackson (Veterinarian), I'm Blaming You (Also-Eligible), Mambonick (Also-Eligible)

Total WPS Pool: \$446,663

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Step Dancer	50.50	21.80	13.40	\$1.00 Exacta	1-9	559.00	316,964
9	Pivotal Run		45.40	27.60	\$1.00 Quinella	1-9	185.75	12,667
4	Arrowheart			9.80	\$0.50 Trifecta	1-9-4	2,457.25	174,679
					\$1.00 Pick 3	8-4-1 (3 correct)	328.50	37,473
					\$1.00 Daily Double	4-1	70.50	58,521
					\$0.10 Superfecta	1-9-4-5	1,902.40	94,328

Past Performance Running Line Preview

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1	Step Dancer	8	8 ¹¹ 1/2	9 ⁸ 1/2	9 ⁵ 1/4	2 ¹	1 ³ 1/2
9	Pivotal Run	9	9 ¹³	8 ⁶ 1/2	6 ² 3/4	1 ¹	2 ³ 1/2
4	Arrowheart	7	5 ⁹	6 ⁵	8 ⁴ 1/4	4 ² 1/2	3 ⁴ 1/2
5	Martinez	3	4 ⁸	4 ³ 1/2	3 ¹ 1/2	5 ³	4 ⁶ 3/4
3	Chrome Dixie	5	6 ⁹ 1/2	7 ⁶	7 ³ 1/4	6 ⁴ 1/2	5 ⁶ 3/4
6	Halpert	2	2 ^{1/2}	2 ¹	2 ^{Head}	3 ¹ 1/2	6 ⁷ 1/4
10	Eight Weeks Long	6	7 ¹⁰ 1/2	5 ³ 1/2	5 ² 1/4	7 ⁵	7 ¹⁶ 3/4
2	Hurtgen Forest	10	10 ²¹	10 ²⁴ 1/2	10 ²⁵ 1/4	10 ²⁴ 1/2	8 ²³ 1/4
7	Count Frost	4	3 ⁵ 1/2	3 ¹ 1/2	4 ²	8 ¹⁰ 1/2	9 ²⁶ 1/4
11	Bustin Bieber	1	1 ^{1/2}	1 ¹	1 ^{Head}	9 ¹² 1/2	10 ³⁸ 1/2

Trainers: 1 - Tagg, Barclay; 9 - Nevin, Michelle; 4 - Kimmel, John; 5 - McGaughey III, Claude; 3 - Clement, Christophe; 6 - Englehart, Jeremiah; 10 - Hennig, Mark; 2 - Kingsley, Jr., Archibald; 7 - Caramori, Eduardo; 11 - Chichakly, Amira

Owners: 1 - Pressman, Hayward R. and Diamond M Stable; 9 - Saratoga Ten General Partner; 4 -John McClutchy; 5 - West Point Thoroughbreds and Woodford Racing, LLC; 3 - Bilinski, Darlene and Patten, Harry; 6 -Jeff Drown; 10 -Alan Brodsky; 2 - Carrington Holdings; 7 - Go-To-Toga Racing, LLC; 11 - McConnell Racing Stable;

Footnotes

STEP DANCER remained stationed along the inside route after the field had been sent off and running, patiently tracked the front runners towards the back of the pack for over three-quarters, angled into path five for clearance entering the stretch, kicked in with good energy, readily chopping away at the deficit, forged to the front approximately a sixteenth down the road, drew clear, under a hand drive late. PIVOTAL RUN caught leaning to the outside at the start, steadied to avoid another right afterwards, moved inward, travelled towards path two on the clubhouse bend, stepped onto the next turn one path farther off the rail, tipped into path four at the five-sixteenths marker in preparation for the stretch run, got driven onto the head of the stretch, poked a head in front in the general area of the three-sixteenths pole, began the final furlong with the winner full of momentum and bearing down hard from the outside, relinquished after going another sixteenth, stayed on for the place. ARROWHEART underwent a two wide pursuit, swung out four wide stepping into the lane, had to settle for third after flattening out late. MARTINEZ tracked the front runners while saving ground, shifted into the two path at the commencement of the stretch drive, weakened. CHROME DIXIE cut over to the rail on the homestretch, chased the pace fighting the bit while unsettled on the first turn, kept watch from midpack, was on hold stuck behind others from the five-sixteenths marker to end of the second bend, managed to slither his way into the three path in upper stretch, responded when given its cue, didn't get to flash the interest too long however, being forced to check off the heels of EIGHT WEEKS LONG in the vicinity of the three-sixteenths marker, altered one path closer to the rail, went fairly evenly afterwards. HALPERT cut over to the rail, was involved in a gap duel with BUSTIN BIEBER during the opening phases, got eased back after the first fraction had been finalized, tipped into path two and moved up to re-engage the aforementioned foe, this time with EIGHT WEEKS LONG tagging along in path three, vied from between rivals for a good portion of the trip

on turn two, got tuided over to the inside at the top of the lane clutching the slimmest of leads, yielded to the second place finisher after a few additional jumps, backed away steadily leaving the eighth pole. EIGHT WEEKS LONG three wide on both turns, moved in tandem with HALPERT as they hitched up to BUSTIN BIEBER late on the backstretch, contended as the widest of three until the five-sixteenths pole, stepped into the lane, was already backing away when steadied shying away from another in deep stretch. HURTGEN FOREST rode the rail one-paced, strolled into the two path for entrance into the stretch, saw the pilot resort to a brisk hand ride with about a sixteenth pole, did some running for the initial time, then sustained that run all the way to the top of the first turn and a little beyond. COUNT FROST strung out three wide on each bend, got sent out six wide from upper to midlane, had no offering. BUSTIN BIEBER got going after losing his footing springing from the gate, vied from path two matched up HALPERT early, saw that one back off and slid onto the rail, came under pressure from a pair of opponent soon afterwards, held them off until nearing the head of the stretch, retreated to last.