

SARATOGA - July 25, 2026 - Race 10

STAKES Coaching Club American Oaks Grade 1 - Thoroughbred
FOR FILLIES THREE YEARS OLD. Lasix not allowed within 48 hours of post time pursuant to HISA Rule 4212. By subscription of \$500 each which should accompany the nomination. \$3,500 to pass the entry box, \$4,000 additional to start. For horses not originally nominated a supplemental payment of \$2,500 in addition to the entry and start fees may be made at any time prior to the closing of entries. 124 lbs. Ties to be broken by highest total earnings. Trophies will be presented to the winning owner, trainer, and jockey. Closed Saturday, July 11, 2026 with 17 Original Nominations and 1 Supplement.

Distance: One And One Eighth Miles On The Dirt Current Track Record: (Lawyer Ron - 1:46.64 - July 28, 2007)

Purse: \$500,000 Added

Available Money: \$500,000

Value of Race: \$500,000 1st \$275,000, 2nd \$100,000, 3rd \$60,000, 4th \$30,000, 5th \$20,000, 6th \$7,500, 7th \$7,500

Weather: Clear, 84° Track: Fast

Off at: 5:51 Start: Good for all except 2 Timing Method: Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
5Jun26 ¹⁰ SAR ¹	1	Counting Stars (Ortiz, Jr., Irad) 	124	--	1 1	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{4 1/4}	1.04*	in hand 3-2w, edged cl
5Jun26 ¹⁰ SAR ²	6	Always a Runner (Ortiz, Jose)	124	--	5 2	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ¹	2 ⁴	2 ^{2 1/2}	1.88	chased 2p, no match
4Jun26 ⁴ SAR ²	5	Measure (Franco, Manuel)	124	--	4 7	6 ³	5 ¹	4 ²	3 ^{1/2}	3 ²	26.41	4w upper, kept on
1May26 ¹³ CD ⁶	8	Zany (Velazquez, John)	124	b	6 4	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	4 ¹⁰	4 ^{14 3/4}	2.98	3-2w 1st trn, wknd lte
27Jun26 ⁶ DEL ¹	4	Miss Fulton Gal (Rodriguez, Jaime) 	124	--	3 3	5 ^{Head}	6 ³	6 ^{2 1/2}	6 ¹⁵	5 ^{1/2}	61.82	alter 3w 7 1/2, tired
4Apr26 ¹¹ AQU ⁴	9	Nycon (Saez, Luis)	124	b	7 6	7	7	7	5 ^{1/2}	6 ^{61 1/2}	40.72	alter 4w 7 1/2, tired
30May26 ⁹ CD ⁶	2	Dandona (Prat, Flavien) 	124	b	2 5	4 ²	4 ¹	5 ^{1 1/2}	7	7	34.97	stmble st, check 7 1/2

Fractional Times: 23.86 47.60 1:11.55 1:36.14

Final Time: 1:48.98

Time from Gate: 1:52.15

Split Times: (23:74) (23:95) (24:59) (12:84)

Run-Up: 86 feet

Winner: Counting Stars, Bay Filly, by [Honor A. P.](#) out of Paynterbynumbers, by Paynter. Foaled Mar 12, 2023 in Kentucky.

 Winner's sire standing at Lane's End

Breeder: HRH Prince Sultan Bin Mishal Al Saud

Owner: West Point Thoroughbreds

Trainer: Casse, Mark

Scratched Horse(s): Directive (Stakes Scratch), La Rascasse (Stakes Scratch)

Total WPS Pool: \$1,620,922

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Counting Stars	4.08	2.26	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	1-6	3.27	621,690
6	Always a Runner		2.76	2.16	\$0.50 Trifecta	1-6-5	6.35	372,619
5	Measure			3.80	\$1.00 Pick 3	2-8-1 (3 correct)	23.75	158,790
					\$0.50 Pick 5	(X-COUNTRY)	154.38	56,848
						5-2-5/6/7-2/4/8-1/ (5 correct)		
					\$1.00 Daily Double	8-1	4.42	245,380
					\$0.10 Superfecta	1-6-5-8	2.17	195,616

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
1	Counting Stars	1	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{4 1/4}
6	Always a Runner	2	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ¹	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{4 1/4}
5	Measure	7	6 ⁵	5 ^{3 1/2}	4 ^{2 1/2}	3 ⁴	3 ^{6 3/4}
8	Zany	4	2 ¹	2 ¹	4 ^{4 1/2}	4 ^{8 3/4}	4 ^{8 3/4}
4	Miss Fulton Gal	3	5 ⁵	6 ^{4 1/2}	6 ⁶	6 ¹⁵	5 ^{23 1/2}
9	Nycon	6	7 ⁸	7 ^{8 1/2}	5 ^{14 1/2}	6 ²⁴	6 ²⁴
2	Dandona	5	4 ³	4 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{4 1/2}	7 ³⁰	7 ^{85 1/2}

Trainers: 1 - Casse, Mark; 6 - Brown, Chad; 5 - Casse, Mark; 8 - Pletcher, Todd; 4 - Gorham, Michael; 9 - Beckman, D. Whitworth; 2 - Joseph, Jr., Saffie

Owners: 1 - West Point Thoroughbreds; 6 - Scharbauer, Douglas and Three Chimneys Farm, LLC (Goncalo B. Torrealba); 5 - Barber, Gary, Bridlewood Farm and Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners; 8 - Repole Stable; 4 - Trott, Jr., Allen R., Bracciale, Teresa and Polizos, John; 9 - Icon Racing Stable (Werth); 2 - Tagermeen Racing;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

COUNTING STARS established the front from the get go and showed the way in hand just off the inside through the first turn and then three paths off the rail down the backstretch settled into a comfortable rhythm, remained on hold showing the way tucked back to the two path through the far turn and had ALWAYS A RUNNER advance along the open rail nearing the quarter pole, spun three wide into upper stretch placed to light urging, got bumped by ALWAYS A RUNNER coming out inside the three-sixteenths marker and was roused at that juncture, shook off her main rival inside the eighth pole and edged clear under a drive to the finish to score. ALWAYS A RUNNER raced just off the inside through the first turn and placed DANDONA in a bit tight along the rail near seven and a half furlongs to run when coming inwards slightly, chased just off the inside from just off the leader, tucked inside half a mile from home into the pocket and remained in hand until put to coaxing with five-sixteenths remaining, advanced and latched on the leader spinning just off the inside into upper stretch, came under a left handed crop and came outwards bumping COUNTING STARS just inside the three-sixteenths pole, then got shaken off inside the eighth pole proving no match for the top one late while along clear for the place honors. MEASURE raced along the inside through the first turn and then just off the inside down the backstretch, tipped three wide into the far turn and continued outwards to be four wide when put to encouragement three furlongs from home, cornered four wide into upper stretch offering up a bid to collar ZANY, then kept on to the wire to be along clear for the show honors. ZANY forwardly placed three then two wide through the first turn, raced four then three wide in closest aim of the leader coming under urging with five-sixteenths to run, swung three wide at the top of the stretch, weakened in the late stages. MISS FULTON GAL hopped the tracks left from photographers the first time under the wire just after the break, raced just off the inside into the first turn and got forced to alter out when DANDONA grew rank directly in front and carried out NYCON to the four path with seven and a half furlongs to go, chased three paths off the rail down the backstretch and then just off the inside through the far turn coaxed along from the half mile pole, cornered just off the inside into upper stretch and tired. NYCON broke out a step at the start, raced three wide into the first turn and was forced to alter out four wide briefly when MISS FULTON GAL went three wide as DANDONA

grew rank in front, tucked three then two wide into the backstretch, came under a ride half a mile from home and angled three to four wide into upper stretch, then tired through to the finish. DANDONA stumbled at the break and recovered outwards a step, raced along the inside and grew rank under restraint and was forced to check when balking inside of ALWAYS A RUNNER in slightly tight along the rail, forced a pair of rivals to alter out when she altered to the two path just outside seven and a half furlongs remaining, chased four to five wide down the backstretch and through the far turn, went seven to eight wide into upper stretch under a protective hold and was eased home to the wire.

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