

FIFTH RACE
Saratoga
July 29th, 2017

6½ FURLONGS. (1:13) STAKES. Purse \$200,000 Amsterdam S.FOR THREE YEAR OLDS. By subscription of \$200 each which should accompany the nomination; \$1,000 to pass the entry box and an additional \$1,000 to start. For horses not originally nominated, a supplemental payment of \$2,000 along with the entry and starting fees may be made at any time prior to the closing of entries. The purse to be divided 60% to the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 5% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 2% divided equally amongst the remaining finishers. 123 lbs. Non-winners of a Graded Sweepstake in 2017 allowed 2 lbs.; of \$60,000 in 2016-17 allowed 4 lbs.; of two races other than maiden, claiming, starter or state-bred allowance races in 2017 allowed 6 lbs.; of such a race in 2017 allowed 8 lbs. A trophy will be presented to the winning owner. Closed Saturday, July 15, 2017 with 19 Nominations. (Clear 75)

Value of Race: \$200,000 Winner \$120,000; second \$40,000; third \$20,000; fourth \$10,000; fifth \$6,000; sixth \$4,000. Mutuel Pool \$815,312 Daily Double Pool \$109,316 Exacta Pool \$626,707 Superfecta Pool \$124,620 Trifecta Pool \$312,456 Pick 3 Pool \$158,309 Pick 4 Pool \$413,351 Pick 5 Pool \$763,162

Last Raced	#	Horse	M/Eqt.	A/S	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds \$1
08Jun17	2	Coal Front	L	3C	117	2	1	1 ¹	1½	1 ³	11½	Velazquez J R	0.60
17Jun17	5	Excitations	L	3C	117	5	6	6	5½	2½	27½	Castellano J	6.90
23Jun17	1	Singing Bullet	L	3C	118	1	4	3 ¹	3 ¹	44½	3¾	Albarado R	13.80
01Jul17	3	Mo Cash	L b	3G	121	3	2	2½	2½	3½	4 ¹⁰ ½	Ortiz J L	3.70
29Jun17	6	Toga Challenger	L b	3C	117	6	3	5 ⁴	4¾	5 ¹⁸	5	Ortiz, Jr. I	6.30
17Jun17	4	Aquamarine	L	3C	117	4	5	4 ¹	6	6	6 ^{DNF}	Saez L	24.25

OFF AT 3:15 Start Good. Won driving. Track Fast.
 Time :22¹, :45⁴, 1:09³, 1:16 (:22.37, :45.90, 1:09.77, 1:16.05)

\$2 Mutuel Prices:

2- COAL FRONT	3.20	2.60	2.40
5- EXCITATIONS	4.80	4.00	
1- SINGING BULLET	4.70		

\$2 EXACTA (2-5) PAID \$18.20 \$2 SUPERFACTA (2-5-1-3) PAID \$367.00
 \$2 TRIFECTA (2-5-1) PAID \$131.00

Dark Bay or Brown Colt, (Mar), by Stay Thirsty - Miner's Secret by Mineshaft. Trainer Todd A. Pletcher. Bred by Michael Edward Connelly (KY).

COAL FRONT got away in good order, took up position at a slight distance from off the rail, vied for control, matched up with MO CASH to his outside, had that rival increase the pressure as the half was being completed, withstood it the rest of the journey to the end of the bend, was called upon spinning into the lane, scampered away from the competition, beginning the final furlong in possession of its largest advantage, saw the runner up chop away at it, but held on with enough determination to stay in the clear. EXCITATIONS broke the tardiest, was put to some hand encouragement right afterwards, but was slow to settle into stride, departed the backstretch from the two path, came to life, quickening right around midpoint, turned for home and went after the winner in earnest, tipped slightly wider with approximately an eighth to go, whittled down the deficit with good late energy, but fell well short. SINGING BULLET left the post parade early, lost his footing at the start, yet managed to out-break one rival, remained along the inside, was asked to pick it up getting taken to the outside after the second fraction had been posted, wound being maneuvered all the way to path four by midstretch, straightened away and got outkicked. MO CASH two to three wide, sparred with the top one, crept up to that foe shortly after stepping off the backstretch, with a spirited tussle between the two getting ignited soon afterwards, failed to claim the front by the head of the stretch and backed away. TOGA CHALLENGER pursued the front runners from the three path on the bend, was sent five wide into upper stretch, lacked the needed response. AQUAMARINE acted headstrong during the warm-up, running off for a good portion of the backstretch, with the pilot aboard, broke without apparent mishap once the field was sent on its way, took up the chase from the two path, offered no response when put to a strong drive from midway on the turn to past the five-sixteenths marker, drifted four wide into the lane and got eased, eventually making it off the track without need of outside assistance.

Owners- 2, LaPenta, Robert V. and Head of Plains Partners LLC ; 5, Fair Grounds Racing Club, Inc. ; 1, Stronach Stables ; 3, Bommarito, Marco and Zook, Stuart ; 6, Dubb, Michael and Simon, David ; 4, Zayat Stables, LLC

Trainers- 2, Todd A. Pletcher ; 5, Albert M. Stall, Jr. ; 1, Dale L. Romans ; 3, Ronald B. Spatz ; 6, Rudy R. Rodriguez ; 4, D. Wayne Lukas

Breeders- 2, Michael Edward Connelly (KY) ; 5, Richard Snyder & Connie Snyder (KY) ; 1, Adena Springs (KY) ; 3, Amanda Thompson Gonzalez & Gerardo Gonzalez (FL) ; 6, William B. Harrigan (KY) ; 4, H & A Stables LLC (FL)

\$2 Daily Double (3-2) Paid \$22.00; Daily Double Pool \$109,316.
 \$2 Pick 3 (3-3-2) Paid \$23.20; Pick 3 Pool \$158,309.
 \$2 Pick 4 (5/8/9-3-3-2) Paid \$130.00; Pick 4 Pool \$413,351.
 \$2 Pick 5 (5-5/8/9-3-3-2) Paid \$265.50; Pick 5 Pool \$763,162.

