

**NINTH RACE  
Saratoga**  
August 11th, 2007

**1½ MILES. (Inner Turf) (2.231) STAKES. Purse \$500,000 SWORD DANCER INVITATIONAL S.(GRADE I) INNER TURF FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD.** By invitation only with no subscription, entry or starting fees. The purse to be divided 60% to the owner of the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 5% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 2% divided equally among remaining finishers. Selection of fourteen (14) invitees, Saturday, July 28. Acceptance to participate in the Sword Dancer Invitational by Saturday, August 4. Alternate list Monday, August 6. Entry of invitee and/or alternate starter at closing time, Thursday, August 9. Three Year Olds, 115 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. TURF: Non-winners of a Grade 1 on the turf in 2007 allowed 3 lbs.; a Grade 1 on the turf in 2006 or a Grade 2 twice on the turf in 2006-07, 5 lbs.; a Grade 2 on the turf in 2006-07, 7 lbs. DIRT: Non-winners of a Graded Sweepstakes over a mile on the dirt in 2006-07 allowed 3 lbs.; a sweepstakes over a mile on the dirt in 2006-07, 5 lbs. Trophies will be presented to the winning owner, trainer and jockey. The New York Racing Association reserves the right to transfer this race to the Main Track. In the event that this race is taken off the turf, it may be subject to downgrading upon review by the Graded Stakes Committee. (Clear 80)

Value of Race: \$500,000 Winner \$300,000; second \$100,000; third \$50,000; fourth \$25,000; fifth \$15,000; sixth \$3,334; seventh \$3,334; eighth \$3,332. Mutuel Pool \$945,565 Exacta Pool \$677,558 Superfecta Pool \$176,081 Trifecta Pool \$529,270 Grand Slam Pool \$38,941

Last Raced	#	Horse	M/Eqt.	A/S	Wt	PP	¼	½	1m	1 ¼	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds \$1		
14 Jly 07	8	MTH <sup>6</sup>	7	Grand Couturier (GB)	L f	4C	117	6	8	8	7hd	3hd	1hd	13	Borel C H	15.60
07 Jly 07	9	MTH <sup>1</sup>	5	English Channel	L	5H	123	4	57	56	4hd	21½	21	22½	Velazquez J R	0.60
15 Jly 07	8	BEL <sup>2</sup>	2	Trippi's Storm	L b	4G	116	2	3hd	31½	31½	11	33½	31	Castellano J	4.90
13 Jly 07	8	BEL <sup>1</sup>	6	Crown Point	L b	5H	116	5	63	61½	61	51½	41½	41½	Bejarano R	45.00
04 Jly 07	9	AP <sup>1</sup>	9	Always First (GB)	L b	6G	116	8	7½	7½	8	68	5hd	54	Velasquez C H	4.20
07 Jly 07	9	MTH <sup>5</sup>	4	Embossed (IRE)	L bf	5R	116	3	43½	42	5½	4hd	615	626½	Coa E	29.25
07 Jly 07	9	MTH <sup>4</sup>	1	Fri Guy	L	4C	116	1	11	11½	1½	710	710	726½	Prado E S	21.70
04 Jly 07	9	AP <sup>5</sup>	8	Ramazutti	L b	5G	118	7	2½	21½	22	8	8	8	Desormeaux K J	24.25

OFF AT 5:22 Start Good. Won driving. Track Firm (Rail at 9 ft).

TIME :223, :462, 1:111, 1:37, 2:023, 2:26<sup>2</sup> (:22.66, :46.49, 1:11.37, 1:37.12, 2:02.64, 2:26.59)

**\$2 Mutuel Prices:**  
7-GRAND COUTURIER (GB) ..... 33.20 7.50 4.30  
5-ENGLISH CHANNEL ..... 2.70 2.10  
2-TRIPPI'S STORM ..... 3.00

**\$2 EXACTA 7-5 PAID \$84.50 \$2 SUPERFECTA 7-5-2-6 PAID \$4,418.00**

**\$2 TRIFECTA 7-5-2 PAID \$303.50 \$2 GRAND SLAM 7/8-11-2/6/10-2/9/10-7 PAID \$926.00 4 Correct**

Bay Colt, (Apr), by Grand Lodge - Lady Elgar (IRE) by Sadler's Wells. Trainer Ribaudo Robert. Bred by Tom Wilson (GB). GRAND COUTURIER (GB) trailed while in hand during the early stages, was unhurried while racing well back for seven furlongs, moved three wide into the backstretch, angled in midway down the backstretch, swung to the rail at the half mile pole, saved ground while rapidly closing the gap along the inside leaving the turn, charged through along the rail to gain a slim advantage a furlong out then turned back ENGLISH CHANNEL under steady right hand encouragement. ENGLISH CHANNEL was taken in hand behind horses on the first turn, settled in good position in the two path for seven furlongs, closed the gap while angling three wide on the turn, made a run from outside to threaten in upper stretch, drew along side the winner to challenge in midstretch but couldn't stay with that one through the final eighth while clearly best of the others. TRIPPI'S STORM steadied behind the early leaders on the first turn, raced just off the pace for a mile, accelerated to the front midway on the turn, held a clear lead at the top of the stretch, battled heads apart into upper stretch, relinquished the lead nearing the furlong marker and gradually tired thereafter. CROWN POINT was rated well off the pace for seven furlongs, angled four wide approaching the quarter pole and lacked a strong closing bid. ALWAYS FIRST (GB) moved to the rail soon after the start, saved ground a good part of the way, moved up after the winner, angled to the rail at the half mile pole, swung five wide while gaining a bit on the turn then flattened out late. EMBOSSED (IRE) raced in good position along the rail for a mile and steadily tired thereafter. FRI GUY set the pace along the inside to the far turn and gave way. RAMAZUTTI pressed the pace in the two path along the backstretch, dropped back on the turn and faded badly in the stretch.

**Owners- 7, Keller Marc ; 5, Scaturochio James T; 2, E. Paul Robsham Stable LLC ; 6, Drumlanrig Farm ; 9, Merrifield Farm ; 4, Tanaka Gary A; 1, Zayat Stables, LLC ; 8, Anstu Stables, Inc.**

**Trainers- 7, Ribaudo Robert ; 5, Pletcher Todd A; 2, Hough Stanley M; 6, Donk David G; 9, Voss Thomas H; 4, O'Callaghan Niall M; 1, Romans Dale L; 8, Pletcher Todd A.**

**Breeders- 7, Tom Wilson (GB); 5, Keene Ridge Farm (KY); 2, E. Paul Robsham (FL); 6, Albert Coppola (KY); 9, D. B. Clark and A. L. and Mrs Penfold (GB); 4, Harron Eakin Farms (IRE); 1, John Franks (KY); 8, William Paca Beatson Jr. (MD)**

**Scratched- Better Talk Now(07 Jly 07 9Mth<sup>3</sup>)**

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