

SARATOGA - July 26, 2008 - Race 8

STAKES Alfred G. Vanderbilt H. Grade 2 - Thoroughbred

A HANDICAP FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. By subscription of \$250 each, which should accompany the nomination; \$1,250 to pass the entry box, \$1,250 to start. 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 among the remaining finishers. A trophy will be presented to the winning owner. Closed Saturday, July 12, 2008 with 17 Nominations.

Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Track Record:** (Speightstown - 1:08.00 - August 14, 2004)

Purse: \$250,000 Guaranteed

Available Money: \$250,000

Value of Race: \$250,000 1st \$150,000, 2nd \$50,000, 3rd \$25,000, 4th \$12,500, 5th \$7,500, 6th \$5,000

Weather: Cloudy **Track:** Fast

Off at: 4:45 **Start:** Good for all except 7



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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
7Jun08 ⁶ BEL ³	5	Abraaj (Garcia, Alan)	115	L c	5	5	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{2 1/2}	1.70*	strong urging
15Jun08 ⁹ BEL ¹	2	First Defence (Castellano, Javier)	116	L	2	4	3 ¹	3 ¹	3 ¹	2 ^{1 1/2}	3.30	angled out, rallied
21Jun08 ² BEL ¹	4	Sammarco (Hill, Channing)	114	L c	4	1	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ²	3 ^{Nose}	21.30	speed on rail
7Jun08 ⁶ BEL ⁴	1	Thor's Echo (Nakatani, Corey)	118	L b	1	6	5 ¹	5 ⁶	5 ⁷	4 ^{Nose}	2.75	rail trip, no rally
14Jun08 ⁸ GG ²	3	Black Seventeen (Gryder, Aaron)	116	L b	3	2	2 ¹	2 ²	2 ^{1/2}	5 ^{12 1/4}	4.20	pressed pace, tired
26Dec07 ⁷ SA ¹³	7	E Z Warrior (Desormeaux, Kent)	116	L b	6	3	6	6	6	6	12.10	stumbled break

Fractional Times: 22.06 44.57 56.98

Final Time: 1:10.23

Split Times: (22:51) (12:41) (13:25)

Run-Up: 0 feet

Winner: Abraaj, Bay Horse, by Carson City out of Kris's Intention, by Kris S.. Foaled Apr 09, 2003 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Kidder, Griggs, J & J Mamakos.

Winning Owner: Shadwell Stables

Scratched Horse(s): Bustin Stones (Trainer)

Total WPS Pool: \$930,419

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Abraaj	5.40	3.10	2.40	\$2.00 Exacta	5-2	20.60	616,908
2	First Defence		4.10	3.00	\$2.00 Trifecta	5-2-4	135.00	351,188
4	Sammarco			5.10	\$2.00 Pick 3	11-8-5 (3 correct)	2,425.00	155,154
					\$2.00 Daily Double	8-5	51.50	113,970
					\$2.00 Grand Slam	3/8/9/13/14-2/8/11-2/7/8-5/6 (4 correct)	45.00	29,733

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
5	Abraaj	5	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{3 1/2}	4 ^{3 1/2}	1 ^{2 1/2}
2	First Defence	4	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{2 1/2}	2 ^{2 1/2}
4	Sammarco	1	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ²	3 ⁴
1	Thor's Echo	6	5 ³	5 ⁴	5 ⁵	4 ⁴
3	Black Seventeen	2	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ²	5 ⁴
7	E Z Warrior	3	6 ⁴	6 ¹⁰	6 ¹²	6 ^{16 1/4}

Trainers: 5 - McLaughlin, Kiaran; 2 - Frankel, Robert; 4 - Hushion, Michael; 1 - O'Neill, Doug; 3 - Koriner, Brian; 7 - Mott, William

Owners: 5 - Shadwell Stables; 2 - Juddmonte Farms, Inc.; 4 - Barry K. Schwartz; 1 - Zabeel Racing International, Corp; 3 - Wind River Stables, Berta, Julie, Koriner, Brian J. and Lyons, Janet; 7 - Zayat Stables, LLC;

Footnotes

ABRAAJ was taken in hand soon after the start, was rated in good position along the backstretch, moved out while gaining on the turn, swung five wide at the quarter pole then closed strongly in the middle of the track under strong urging to win going away. FIRST DEFENCE was well placed along the rail, angled out on the far turn, edged closer leaving the quarter pole then finished willingly to best the others. SAMMARCO rushed up along the rail, set the pace under pressure for a half, extended his lead opening a clear advantage in upper stretch than weakened under pressure through the final eighth. THOR'S ECHO was outrun early, saved ground to the top of the stretch and rallied mildly. BLACK SEVENTEEN moved out along the backstretch, pressed the pace in the two path for a half, dropped back in upper stretch and steadily tired thereafter. E Z WARRIOR stumbled at the start and never reached contention while wide throughout.

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