**SARATOGA - July 27, 2006 - Race 5**

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CLAIMING - For Thoroughbred Three Year Old **Claiming Price:** $25,000
Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Track Record:** (Speightstown - 1:08.00 - August 14, 2004)
**Purse:** $33,000
**Available Money:** $33,000
**Value of Race:** $33,000 1st $19,800, 2nd $6,600, 3rd $3,300, 4th $1,650, 5th $990, 6th $95, 7th $95, 8th $95, 9th $95, 10th $95, 11th $95, 12th $90
**Weather:** Cloudy **Track:** Fast
**Off at:** 3:11 **Start:** Good for all

| Last Raced | Pgm | Horse Name (Jockey) | Wgt | M/E | PP | Start | 1/4 | 1/2 | Str | Fin | Odds | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 14Jul06 $^{1}$BEL$^{6}$ | 12 | Commander Matt (Velasquez, Cornelio) | 118 | L bf | 12 | 10 | $9^{Head}$ | $8^{2\ 1/2}$ | $4^{2}$ | $1^{1\ 1/4}$ | 9.90 | through traffic inside |
| 29Jun06 $^{5}$BEL$^{7}$ | 8 | Star Halo (Morales, Pablo) | 113 | L b | 8 | 3 | $4^{Head}$ | $2^{1/2}$ | $1^{1/2}$ | $2^{1/2}$ | 79.00 | inside move, gamely |
| 4Jul06 $^{8}$BEL$^{6}$ | 10 | It's the Ritz (Prado, Edgar) | 118 | L b | 10 | 6 | $5^{3}$ | $4^{1}$ | $3^{Head}$ | $3^{1}$ | 1.80* | chased 3 wide, gamely |
| 9Jul06 $^{7}$BEL$^{9}$ | 6 | Union Course (Desormeaux, Kent) | 118 | L b | 6 | 8 | $7^{4\ 1/2}$ | $6^{Head}$ | $5^{1/2}$ | $4^{1\ 1/4}$ | 8.00 | came wide, mild rally |
| 22Jun06 $^{9}$BEL$^{7}$ | 4 | Wonderful Gold (Hill, Channing) | 120 | L bcf | 4 | 11 | 12 | $9^{1/2}$ | $7^{1/2}$ | $5^{Head}$ | 19.00 | mild rally inside |
| 8Apr06 $^{3}$AQU$^{6}$ | 11 | Out of Rock (Gomez, Garrett) | 118 | L f | 11 | 9 | $11^{1/2}$ | $11^{1/2}$ | $10^{1}$ | $6^{5\ 1/4}$ | 20.80 | 4 wide, mild rally |
| 17Jun06 $^{1}$BEL$^{7}$ | 9 | Honest Expectation (Migliore, Richard) | 118 | L b | 9 | 2 | $10^{5}$ | $10^{1/2}$ | $9^{1/2}$ | $7^{1}$ | 67.00 | inside, no response |
| 18Jun06 $^{6}$BEL$^{1}$ | 1 | What Is (Jara, Fernando) | 120 | L b | 1 | 7 | $6^{1}$ | $5^{1/2}$ | $6^{Head}$ | $8^{Head}$ | 24.25 | bumped start, inside |
| 10May06 $^{7}$BEL$^{4}$ | 3 | Saint Jules (Coa, Eibar) | 118 | L bc | 3 | 1 | $1^{3\ 1/2}$ | $1^{5}$ | $2^{1\ 1/2}$ | $9^{Neck}$ | 4.70 | set pace, tired |
| 9Jun06 $^{4}$BEL$^{2}$ | 2 | Nolo Key (Santos, Jose) | 118 | L b | 2 | 4 | $2^{2}$ | $3^{3}$ | $8^{1/2}$ | $10^{3/4}$ | 17.50 | bumped start, inside |
| 24Jun06 $^{2}$BEL$^{3}$ | 5 | Closing Bell (Velazquez, John) | 118 | L cf | 5 | 12 | $3^{Head}$ | $7^{1\ 1/2}$ | 12 | $11^{1\ 1/4}$ | 4.40 | stumbled start, 4 wide |
| 24May06 $^{9}$BEL$^{6}$ | 7 | Hurry Up Hillard (Luzzi, Michael) | 118 | L b | 7 | 5 | $8^{1\ 1/2}$ | 12 | $11^{1/2}$ | 12 | 20.80 | 3 wide trip, tired |

**Fractional Times:** 22.04 45.41 58.65 **Final Time:** 1:12.37
**Split Times:** (23:37) (13:24) (13:72)
**Run-Up:** 0 feet

**Winner:** Commander Matt, Dark Bay or Brown Colt, by Grindstone out of Belle of Beauty, by Brocco. Foaled Mar 24, 2003 in Kentucky.
**Breeder:** Charles Nuckols Jr. & Sons. **Winning Owner:** Dentato Racing Stable LLC

**1 Claimed Horse(s): Closing Bell** New Trainer: Gary C. Contessa New Owner: Winning Move Stable

**Claiming Prices:** 12 - Commander Matt: $25,000; 8 - Star Halo: $25,000; 10 - It's the Ritz: $25,000; 6 - Union Course: $25,000; 4 - Wonderful Gold: $25,000; 11 - Out of Rock: $25,000; 9 - Honest Expectation: $25,000; 1 - What Is: $25,000; 3 - Saint Jules: $25,000; 2 - Nolo Key: $25,000; 5 - Closing Bell: $25,000; 7 - Hurry Up Hillard: $25,000;

**Scratched Horse(s):** Cured (Also-Eligible)

**Total WPS Pool:** $473,178

| Pgm | Horse | Win | Place | Show | Wager Type | Winning Numbers | Payoff | Pool |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12 | Commander Matt | 21.80 | 10.60 | 6.10 | $2.00 Exacta | 12-8 | 1,341.00 | 436,309 |
| 8 | Star Halo | | 55.00 | 16.20 | $2.00 Trifecta | 12-8-10 | 6,884.00 | 268,422 |
| 10 | It's the Ritz | | | 3.40 | $2.00 Pick 3 | 6-7-12 (3 correct) | 517.00 | 82,756 |
| | | | | | $2.00 Superfecta | 12-8-10-6 | 113,668.00 | 75,822 |

**Past Performance Running Line Preview**

| Pgm | Horse Name | Start | 1/4 | 1/2 | Str | Fin |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12 | Commander Matt | 10 | $9^{15\ 3/4}$ | $8^{11\ 1/2}$ | $4^{2}$ | $1^{1\ 1/4}$ |
| 8 | Star Halo | 3 | $4^{5\ 1/2}$ | $2^{5}$ | $1^{1/2}$ | $2^{1\ 1/4}$ |
| 10 | It's the Ritz | 6 | $5^{5\ 3/4}$ | $4^{8\ 1/2}$ | $3^{2}$ | $3^{1\ 3/4}$ |
| 6 | Union Course | 8 | $7^{9\ 3/4}$ | $6^{10}$ | $5^{4}$ | $4^{2\ 3/4}$ |
| 4 | Wonderful Gold | 11 | $12^{21\ 1/4}$ | $9^{14}$ | $7^{4\ 3/4}$ | $5^{4}$ |
| 11 | Out of Rock | 9 | $11^{20\ 3/4}$ | $11^{15}$ | $10^{6\ 1/4}$ | $6^{4}$ |
| 9 | Honest Expectation | 2 | $10^{15\ 3/4}$ | $10^{14\ 1/2}$ | $9^{5\ 3/4}$ | $7^{9\ 1/4}$ |
| 1 | What Is | 7 | $6^{8\ 3/4}$ | $5^{9\ 1/2}$ | $6^{4\ 1/2}$ | $8^{10\ 1/4}$ |
| 3 | Saint Jules | 1 | $1^{3\ 1/2}$ | $1^{5}$ | $2^{1/2}$ | $9^{10\ 1/2}$ |
| 2 | Nolo Key | 4 | $2^{3\ 1/2}$ | $3^{5\ 1/2}$ | $8^{5\ 1/4}$ | $10^{10\ 3/4}$ |
| 5 | Closing Bell | 12 | $3^{5\ 1/2}$ | $7^{10}$ | $12^{7\ 3/4}$ | $11^{11\ 1/2}$ |
| 7 | Hurry Up Hillard | 5 | $8^{14\ 1/4}$ | $12^{15\ 1/2}$ | $11^{7\ 1/4}$ | $12^{12\ 3/4}$ |

**Trainers:** 12 - Rice, Linda; 8 - Lostritto, Joseph; 10 - Dutrow, Anthony; 6 - Barbara, Robert; 4 - Campo, Jr., John; 11 - Weaver, George; 9 - Tesher, Howard; 1 - Miceli, Michael; 3 - Contessa, Gary; 2 - Araya, Rene; 5 - LaBoccetta, Jr., Frank; 7 - Parisella, John

**Owners:** 12 - Dentato Racing Stable LLC; 8 -Joseph A. Lostritto; 10 - Goldfarb, Sanford J., Dubb, Michael and Bunch of Characters Stable; 6 - Sabine Stable; 4 -Catherine M. Donnellan; 11 -Agnes Peace; 9 - J Three Stables; 1 - Repole Stable; 3 - Winning Move Stable; 2 -Christopher Nupp; 5 -Glen Calderon; 7 - Kupferberg, Saul J. and Max;

**Footnotes**

COMMANDER MATT was outrun for a half, rallied slightly off the rail on the turn, split rivals while gaining in upper stretch, rapidly gained between horses in midstretch then closed strongly along the inside to win going away. STAR HALO settled just off the pace, rallied along the inside midway on the turn, angled out entering the stretch, surged to the front in upper stretch, led into deep stretch but couldn't hold the winner safe. IT'S THE RITZ midpack early, steadily gained while three wide on the turn, made a run from outside to threaten in upper stretch but couldn't sustain his bid. UNION COURSE was outrun early after breaking a bit slowly, saved ground along the backstretch, swung out on the turn, circled five wide into the stretch and rallied mildly. WONDERFUL GOLD checked after breaking slowly, raced well back for a half then rallied belatedly between hoses. OUT OF ROCK never reached contention while five wide leaving the turn. HONEST EXPECTATION was never a factor. WHAT IS bumped at the start, raced in traffic along the inside at the half mile pole, saved ground to the turn then faded in the stretch. SAINT JULES opened a wide gap in the early stages, led into upper stretch and faltered. NOLO KEY bumped at the start, chased three wide to the top of the stretch and gave way. CLOSING BELL stumbled at the start, showed brief speed along the backstretch and faded while racing six wide. HURRY UP HILLARD failed to mount a serious rally while three wide.

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