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SARATOGA - July 30, 2011 - Race 11

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NOT WON A RACE ON THE TURF SINCE JANUARY 30. Three Year Olds, 119 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Claiming Price \$20,000. (If the Stewards consider it inadvisable to run this race on the turf course, this race will be run at Five and One Half Furlongs on the main track.). (NW1 RT6M) **Claiming Price:** \$20,000

Five And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt - Originally Scheduled For the Turf **Track Record:** (Fastus Cactus - 1:02.51 - July 25, 2010)

Purse: \$47,200

Includes: \$4,000 Starters Bonus

Available Money: \$47,200

Value of Race: \$47,200 1st \$25,920, 2nd \$8,640, 3rd \$4,320, 4th \$2,592, 5th \$1,728, 6th \$1,000, 7th \$1,000, 8th \$1,000, 9th \$1,000

Weather: Clear **Track:** Fast

Off at: 6:19 **Start:** Good for all

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
22Jun11 ³ BEL ³	1A	My Golden Opinion (Velasquez, Cornelio)	123	L b	9	6	3 ¹	3 ¹	2 ⁻ Head	1 ^{1/2}	1.50*	veered out brk,3w turn
24Jul11 ⁶ SAR ²	7	System Restore (Bridgmohan, Shaun)	123	L bf	4	8	7 ^{Head}	7 ¹	5 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	10.90	3-4w turn,5w into lane
8Jul11 ⁸ FL ¹	15	Hero Figure (Garcia, Alan)	123	L bf	8	3	1 ¹	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{2 3/4}	3.35	broke out,clear,caught
7Jul11 ⁸ BEL ²	13	Scorch the Torch (Maragh, Rajiv)	123	L bf	7	5	6 ²	6 ^{1 1/2}	6 ^{Head}	4 ^{Nose}	12.10	3-4wide turn,no kick
8Jul11 ⁷ BEL ³	4	In Just We Trust (Cohen, David)	123	L bf	1	4	5 ¹	4 ^{Head}	4 ²	5 ^{Neck}	3.90	bmp7/16,luggd out lane
1Jul11 ⁹ BEL ²	10	Saints Alive (Cruz, Manoel)	123	L f	6	2	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	6 ⁴	14.80	chased pace, tired
11Jun11 ¹² BEL ⁷	9	Mitigation (Ortiz, Jr., Irad)	118 ⁵	L b	5	1	4 ^{Head}	5 ¹	7 ⁴	7 ^{3 1/2}	9.00	hard to rate,bmpd 7/16
3Oct09 ⁷ MNR ⁵	5	River City Rebel (Rideout, Ronny)	123	L b	2	9	9	9	8 ^{1/2}	8 ^{6 1/4}	41.50	bmpd after brk,3w 3/8
23Jun11 ⁶ BEL ⁸	6	Mr. Hadif (Espinoza, Jose)	123	L b	3	7	8 ²	8 ²	9	9	44.00	lost position 1/2

Fractional Times: 22.66 46.08 58.36

Final Time: 1:04.69

Split Times: (23:42) (12:28) (6:33)

Run-Up: 48 feet

Winner: My Golden Opinion, Chestnut Gelding, by High Yield out of Distant Breeze (CHI), by Distant View. Foaled Mar 25, 2004 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Kildare Stud, F. Galvin & D. Owens. **Winning Owner:** Dubb, Michael and Joscelyn, Robert

1 Claimed Horse(s): **My Golden Opinion** New Trainer: James E. Baker New Owner: Candie A. Baker

Claiming Prices: 1A - My Golden Opinion: \$20,000; 7 - System Restore: \$20,000; 15 - Hero Figure: \$20,000; 13 - Scorch the Torch: \$20,000; 4 - In Just We Trust: \$20,000; 10 - Saints Alive: \$20,000; 9 - Mitigation: \$20,000; 5 - River City Rebel: \$20,000; 6 - Mr. Hadif: \$20,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Count Catamount (Off-Turf), Free Brave (Off-Turf), Kingsdale Ocean (IRE) (Off-Turf), Scorper (Off-Turf), Sly (Off-Turf), Stormy Success (Trainer), Sunfun (Off-Turf)

Total WPS Pool: \$591,370

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1A	My Golden Opinion	5.00	3.40	2.60	\$2.00 Exacta	1-7	44.20	491,540
7	System Restore		8.20	5.30	\$2.00 Trifecta	1-7-15	163.00	271,301
15	Hero Figure			3.50	\$2.00 Superfecta	1-7-15-13	691.00	173,680
					\$2.00 Daily Double	6-1	26.40	294,148
					\$2.00 Pick 3	4-6-1 (3 correct)	172.00	231,542
					\$2.00 Pick 4	9-4-6-1 (4 correct)	3,672.00	874,902
					\$2.00 Pick 6	6-8-9-4-6-1 (5 correct)	190.00	0
					\$2.00 Pick 6	6-8-9-4-6-1 (6 correct)	31,391.00	266,156

Past Performance Running Line Preview

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1A	My Golden Opinion	6	3 ²	3 ²	2 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1/2}
7	System Restore	8	7 ⁶	7 ^{5 1/2}	5 ⁴	2 ^{1/2}
15	Hero Figure	3	1 ¹	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	3 ¹
13	Scorch the Torch	5	6 ⁴	6 ⁴	6 ^{4 1/2}	4 ^{3 3/4}
4	In Just We Trust	4	5 ³	4 ³	4 ²	5 ^{3 3/4}
10	Saints Alive	2	2 ¹	2 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	6 ⁴
9	Mitigation	1	4 ³	5 ³	7 ^{4 3/4}	7 ⁸
5	River City Rebel	9	9 ^{8 1/4}	9 ^{8 1/2}	8 ^{8 3/4}	8 ^{11 1/2}
6	Mr. Hadif	7	8 ^{6 1/4}	8 ^{6 1/2}	9 ^{9 1/4}	9 ^{17 3/4}

Trainers: 1A - Rodriguez, Rudy; 7 - Balsamo, Diane; 15 - Englehart, Chris; 13 - Barker, Edward; 4 - Brown, Bruce; 10 - Terracciano, Neal; 9 - Gullo, Gary; 5 - Murphy, Timothy; 6 - Lostritto, Joseph

Owners: 1a- Dubb, Michael and Joscelyn, Robert; 7 -Diane Balsamo; 15 - My Purple Haze Stables LLC; 13 - Maltese Cross Stables; 4 - Castle Village Farm; 10 - Bree-N-Me; 9 - Funky Munky Stable LLC; 5 - Fat Guys Stable; 6 - Team Tristar Stable;

Footnotes

MY GOLDEN OPINION veered out at the start, moved up on the outside, raced three wide on the turn, was asked outside the quarter-pole, came under stronger urging in upper stretch, was put to a right-handed whip near the furlong marker, closed well on the outside to gain the lead and held off the fast closing runner-up under continued right hand urging. SYSTEM RESTORE was eased back to avoid the scrimmaging in front of him outside the half-mile pole, settled towards the rear, went three then four wide on the turn, was asked outside the quarter-pole, came five wide into the stretch, was put to a left-handed whip in the vicinity of the three-sixteenths pole, rallied into the final furlong and finished fast but was too late. HERO FIGURE broke out at the start, took the lead then quickly crossed in front of the field, was taken in hand once doing so, set the pace through moderate fractions, vied inside on the turn, was asked at the top of the stretch, held a clear lead into the final furlong but was overtaken while clear for the show. SCORCH THE TORCH was reserved while in tight quarters while between rivals, went three then four wide on the turn, was put to a drive in upper stretch and lacked the needed response. IN JUST WE TRUST bumped with a rival after the start, raced up close to the pace while in hand, bumped with MITIGATION near the

seven-sixteenths pole, dropped back after doing so, raced inside on the turn, lugged out under right hand encouragement in the stretch, was taken in hand near the sixteenth-pole and just missed the last spot in the superfecta. SAINTS ALIVE showed early speed then chased the leader, was urged along while off the rail on the turn, came under a left-handed whip in upper stretch and weakened. MITIGATION dragged his way up between rivals while hard to rate, bumped with IN JUST WE TRUST near the seven-sixteenths pole, dropped back after doing so, went two then three wide on the turn and came up empty. RIVER CITY REBEL bumped with rivals after the start, settled at the back of the field, shifted three wide midway through the turn, continued three wide into the stretch and failed to threaten. MR. HADIF bumped with RIVER CITY REBEL after the start, dropped back while under a hold, lost position near the half-mile pole, dropped to the inside on the turn and faltered.

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