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SARATOGA - July 30, 2011 - Race 7

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
 (UP TO \$10,640 NYSBFOA) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER, OR RESTRICTED OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON FOUR RACES OR OPTIONAL CLAIMING PRICE OF \$75,000. Three Year Olds, 119 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Non-winners of \$24,000 since May 31 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$75,000 (Races where entered for \$65,000 or less not considered in allowances). (NW3 X) **Claiming Price:** \$75,000
 Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Track Record:** (Speightstown - 1:08.00 - August 14, 2004)

Purse: \$58,000

Includes: \$2,000 Starters Bonus

Available Money: \$58,000

Value of Race: \$58,000 1st \$33,600, 2nd \$11,200, 3rd \$5,600, 4th \$3,360, 5th \$2,240, 6th \$1,000, 7th \$1,000

Weather: Cloudy **Track:** Fast

Off at: 4:07 **Start:** Good for all

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
22Jun11 ³ BEL ¹	8	Dark Thunder (Velazquez, John)	123	L b	6	7	4 ^{Head}	3 ¹	1 ¹	1 ¹	2.10	bumped start,4w turn
24Jun11 ⁸ MTH ²	4	Despite the Odds (Castellano, Javier)	121	L b	3	1	2 ¹	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	2 ¹	5.70	pace,outfinished
18Jun11 ⁹ CT ⁵	5	Flat Bold (Maragh, Rajiv)	121	L	4	3	5 ^{Head}	6 ¹	4 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Neck}	15.90	3-4w turn,bmpd 5/16
21May11 ⁸ PIM ³	9	China (Albarado, Robby)	121	L	7	2	3 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{Nose}	5.50	bmpd brk,3w turn,wknd
5Jun11 ³ BEL ⁴	2	Tahitian Warrior (Velasquez, Cornelio)	121	L b	1	6	6 ¹	4 ^{Head}	5 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{3 1/4}	1.95*	bmpd start,bmpd 5/16
17Jun11 ⁸ BEL ²	6	Spirit of Cochise (Dominguez, Ramon)	121	L b	5	5	7	7	6 ²	6 ^{9 1/2}	7.10	bmp brk,3-4w,bmpd5/16
6Jul11 ⁵ IND ¹	3	Storm in the Lake (Bridgmohan, Shaun)	119	L b	2	4	1 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	7	7	20.50	stumbl'd badly brk,bmpd

Fractional Times: 22.24 45.06 57.05

Final Time: 1:09.94

Split Times: (22:82) (11:99) (12:89)

Run-Up: 36 feet

Winner: Dark Thunder, Bay Gelding, by Trippi out of My Secret Brook, by Montbrook. Foaled Feb 10, 2007 in Florida.

Breeder: Montgomery Farm & Craig L. Wheeler.

Winning Owner: Joseph Bernardini

Claiming Prices: 5 - Flat Bold: \$75,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Just Hold On (Trainer), Strapping Groom (Trainer)

Total WPS Pool: \$601,506

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
8	Dark Thunder	6.20	3.60	2.80	\$2.00 Exacta	8-4	35.20	529,775
4	Despite the Odds		5.00	4.00	\$2.00 Trifecta	8-4-5	332.00	264,498
5	Flat Bold			6.50	\$2.00 Daily Double	6-8	19.00	92,986
					\$2.00 Pick 3	6-6-8 (3 correct)	68.50	104,018
					\$2.00 Superfecta	8-4-5-9	1,162.00	113,299

Past Performance Running Line Preview

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8	Dark Thunder	7	4 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	1 ¹	1 ¹
4	Despite the Odds	1	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	2 ¹	2 ¹
5	Flat Bold	3	5 ^{1 3/4}	6 ^{1 3/4}	4 ^{2 1/2}	3 ²
9	China	2	3 ¹	2 ^{Head}	3 ¹	4 ^{2 1/4}
2	Tahitian Warrior	6	6 ^{1 3/4}	4 ^{1 1/2}	5 ³	5 ^{2 1/4}
6	Spirit of Cochise	5	7 ^{2 3/4}	7 ^{2 3/4}	6 ^{4 1/2}	6 ^{5 1/2}
3	Storm in the Lake	4	1 ^{Head}	5 ^{1 3/4}	7 ^{6 1/2}	7 ¹⁵

Trainers: 8 - Pletcher, Todd; 4 - Trombetta, Michael; 5 - Albertrani, Thomas; 9 - Good, John; 2 - bin Suroor, Saeed; 6 - Levine, Bruce; 3 - Margolis, Steve

Owners: 8 - Joseph Bernardini; 4 - Johnson, R., Larry, TYB Stable and Dilger, Gerry; 5 - West Point Thoroughbreds; 9 - Black Sheep Racing; 2 - Godolphin Racing, LLC; 6 - Valente, Roddy J. and Lemme, Thomas; 3 - Martin L. Cherry;

Footnotes

DARK THUNDER bumped with rivals on both sides at the start, moved up on the outside, was asked a bit while four wide on the turn, made a bid in upper stretch, inched clear while put to a right-handed whip entering the final furlong and proved best under steady urging. DESPITE THE ODDS contested the pace on the outside, was asked at the top of the stretch, came under a left-handed whip near the three-sixteenths pole, dropped a bit behind the winner entering the final furlong, switched to a right-handed whip shortly thereafter and was outfinished while able to get the place. FLAT BOLD brushed with a rival at the start, was rated off the pace, raced between rivals on the turn, bumped between horses outside the quarter-pole, came under urging at the top of the stretch, was asked for his best near the furlong marker, was within striking range while under right hand urging but lacked the needed kick late while able to get the show. CHINA came in at the start and bumped with DARK THUNDER, tracked the leading duo from third, engaged those rivals while three wide on the turn, was put to a left-handed whip in upper stretch, dropped a bit behind the winner near the furlong marker, was switched to a right-handed whip and weakened. TAHITIAN WARRIOR bumped with STORM IN THE LAKE at the start, was urged along towards the inside, saved ground early on the turn, forced his way between rivals outside the quarter-pole, bumped with FLAT BOLD while doing so, came under a left handed drive in upper stretch, switched to a right-handed whip near the sixteenth-pole and lacked the needed response. SPIRIT OF COCHISE bumped with a rival at the start, settled off the pace, went three wide early on the turn, bumped with FLAT BOLD outside the quarter-pole, moved to four wide, was put to a drive in upper stretch and failed to rally. STORM IN THE LAKE stumbled badly at the start then bumped with TAHITIAN WARRIOR, recovered very quickly, contested the pace on the inside, dropped out near the five-sixteenths pole and gave way.