

SARATOGA - July 31, 2011 - Race 5

MAIDEN CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR MAIDENS, FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 119 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Claiming Price \$25,000. (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.) **Claiming Price:** \$25,000

Five And One Half Furlongs On The Turf **Track Record:** (Lady Shipman - 1:00.46 - August 30, 2015)

Purse: \$27,120

Includes: \$5,120 Starters Bonus

Available Money: \$27,120

Value of Race: \$27,120 1st \$13,200, 2nd \$4,400, 3rd \$2,200, 4th \$1,320, 5th \$1,000, 6th \$1,000, 7th \$1,000, 8th \$1,000, 9th \$1,000, 10th \$1,000

Weather: Clear **Track:** Firm

Off at: 3:14 **Start:** Good for all



[Video Race Replay](#)

| Last Raced | Pgm | Horse Name (Jockey) | Wgt M/E | PP | Start | 1/4 | 3/8 | Str | Fin | Odds | Comments |
|---------------------------------------|-----|--|--------------------|----|-------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------|------------------------|
| 15Jul11 ⁹ BEL ⁵ | 7 | Unknown Wonder (Espinoza, Jose) | 123 L bf | 7 | 9 | 7 ² | 7 ³ | 4 ^{1/2} | 1 ^{1/2} | 32.50 | off rail, up near wire |
| 27May11 ² BEL ⁵ | 1 | Margo Verge (Garcia, Alan) | 119 L b | 1 | 6 | 2 ¹ | 1 ^{Head} | 1 ^{Head} | 2 ^{3/4} | 5.30 | bump st,duel to 1/16 |
| --- | 5 | Queen for Life (Maragh, Rajiv) | 119 L | 5 | 8 | 9 ^{1 1/2} | 8 ^{1/2} | 8 ² | 3 ^{Neck} | 11.50 | 3w, strong late foot |
| 26Mar11 ³ GP ⁷ | 8 | Simsational (Rodriguez, Jaime) | 119 L | 8 | 1 | 1 ^{Head} | 2 ^{1/2} | 2 ^{2 1/2} | 4 ^{Head} | 8.90 | 2p,dueled to 1/16pl |
| 26Jun11 ⁴ BEL ⁵ | 4 | Singmeasong (Castellano, Javier) | 119 L | 4 | 2 | 6 ³ | 5 ¹ | 3 ¹ | 5 ^{3 3/4} | 2.85* | in tight, rank early |
| 30Jun11 ⁹ BEL ³ | 6 | Drink of the Day (Velasquez, Cornelio) | 119 L | 6 | 5 | 3 ^{1/2} | 3 ^{1/2} | 5 ^{1/2} | 6 ^{1 1/4} | 2.90 | wait 5/16-3/16, empty |
| 26Jun11 ² BEL ⁷ | 9 | Seattle Embers (Ortiz, Jr., Irad) | 114 ⁵ L | 9 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 9 ^{1/2} | 7 ^{Neck} | 65.00 | saved ground,no factor |
| 30Jun11 ⁹ BEL ² | 3 | Turbo Tweaked (Solis, Alex) | 119 L bf | 3 | 3 | 5 ¹ | 6 ^{1 1/2} | 6 ^{1 1/2} | 8 ^{1 1/4} | 6.10 | bump st,ins off duel |
| 24Jun11 ⁶ CD ³ | 10 | Pray for Grace (Albarado, Robby) | 123 L | 10 | 4 | 4 ^{1/2} | 4 ¹ | 7 ^{1/2} | 9 ^{3 1/4} | 6.90 | 4w 1/2pl, tired |
| --- | 2 | Swim (Mena, Miguel) | 119 L | 2 | 7 | 8 ^{1/2} | 9 ¹ | 10 | 10 | 34.25 | bumped between start |

Fractional Times: 21.70 45.13 57.50

Final Time: 1:04.12

Split Times: (23:43) (12:37) (6:62)

Run-Up: 108 feet **Temporary Rail:** 12 feet

Winner: Unknown Wonder, Gray or Roan Mare, by Wild Wonder out of Unknown Spirit, by Castle Guard. Foaled Jun 04, 2005 in New Jersey.

Breeder: Lisa Avidon & Harvey Avidon. **Winning Owner:** Harvey N. Avidon

Claiming Prices: 7 - Unknown Wonder: \$25,000; 1 - Margo Verge: \$25,000; 5 - Queen for Life: \$25,000; 8 - Simsational: \$25,000; 4 - Singmeasong: \$25,000; 6 - Drink of the Day: \$25,000; 9 - Seattle Embers: \$25,000; 3 - Turbo Tweaked: \$25,000; 10 - Pray for Grace: \$25,000; 2 - Swim: \$25,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Beautifulnightmare (Main-Track-Only), Plastique (Also-Eligible)

Total WPS Pool: \$449,029

| Pgm | Horse | Win | Place | Show | Wager Type | Winning Numbers | Payoff | Pool |
|-----|----------------|-------|-------|-------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------|---------|
| 7 | Unknown Wonder | 67.00 | 25.00 | 12.00 | \$2.00 Exacta | 7-1 | 540.00 | 434,837 |
| 1 | Margo Verge | | 7.50 | 7.20 | \$2.00 Trifecta | 7-1-5 | 5,321.00 | 227,226 |
| 5 | Queen for Life | | | 8.70 | \$2.00 Pick 3 | 3-3-7 (3 correct) | 1,482.00 | 94,216 |
| | | | | | \$2.00 Pick 4 | 8-3-3-7 (4 correct) | 26,883.00 | 219,444 |
| | | | | | \$2.00 Daily Double | 3-7 | 927.00 | 79,701 |
| | | | | | \$2.00 Superfecta | 7-1-5-8 | 22,491.00 | 118,934 |

Past Performance Running Line Preview

| Pgm | Horse Name | Start | 1/4 | 3/8 | Str | Fin |
|-----|------------------|-------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 7 | Unknown Wonder | 9 | 7 ⁶ | 7 ^{4 1/2} | 4 ^{3 1/2} | 1 ^{1/2} |
| 1 | Margo Verge | 6 | 2 ^{Head} | 1 ^{Head} | 1 ^{Head} | 2 ^{1/2} |
| 5 | Queen for Life | 8 | 9 ^{8 1/2} | 8 ^{7 1/2} | 8 ^{6 1/2} | 3 ^{1 1/4} |
| 8 | Simsational | 1 | 1 ^{Head} | 2 ^{Head} | 2 ^{Head} | 4 ^{1 1/2} |
| 4 | Singmeasong | 2 | 6 ³ | 5 ² | 3 ^{2 1/2} | 5 ^{1 1/2} |
| 6 | Drink of the Day | 5 | 3 ¹ | 3 ^{1/2} | 5 ⁴ | 6 ^{5 1/4} |
| 9 | Seattle Embers | 10 | 10 ¹⁰ | 10 ⁹ | 9 ^{8 1/2} | 7 ^{6 1/2} |
| 3 | Turbo Tweaked | 3 | 5 ² | 6 ³ | 6 ^{4 1/2} | 8 ^{6 3/4} |
| 10 | Pray for Grace | 4 | 4 ^{1 1/2} | 4 ¹ | 7 ⁶ | 9 ⁸ |
| 2 | Swim | 7 | 8 ⁸ | 9 ⁸ | 10 ⁹ | 10 ^{11 1/4} |

Trainers: 7 - Ferraro, James; 1 - Levine, Bruce; 5 - Maker, Michael; 8 - Serpe, Philip; 4 - Weaver, George; 6 - Mott, William; 9 - Toscano, Jr., John; 3 - Lewis, Lisa; 10 - Werner, Ronny; 2 - Cesare, William

Owners: 7 -Harvey N. Avidon; 1 - Valente, Roddy J. and Lemme, Thomas; 5 - Ramsey, Kenneth L. and Sarah K.; 8 - Flying Zee Stable; 4 - Smart Choice Stable; 6 -James Koley; 9 - Toscano, Jr., John, T. and Festa, Jr., Charles, E.; 3 -William C. Schettine; 10 - Oak Meadow Farm; 2 -William W. Wright;

Footnotes

UNKNOWN WONDER settled near midpack after the start, rated kindly off the inside placed near the two path, picked up speed leaving midpoint on the turn, by now under mild hand encouragement, commenced to rally in earnest nearing the three-sixteenths pole, closed in with good energy, collared MARGO VERGE in deep stretch to grab the decision. MARGO VERGE bumped at the start moved up willingly towards the front and got hooked up in a spirited tussle with SIMSATIONAL nearly from the get-go, battled heads with that opponent before briefly kicking clear at the sixteenth pole, felt the top one's presence soon afterwards, tried to dig in valiantly but wasn't able to keep pace, yielding a short distance from the finish line, continued on with good courage to garner place honors. QUEEN FOR LIFE three wide on the turn, displayed strong late foot en route for the show. SIMSATIONAL got involved in a protracted duel with the runner up, cleared several rivals nearing the end of the backstretch to tuck into the two path, continued the battle from there during the run around the bend, head to head with MARGO VERGE, turned for home still even terms, remained so until about a sixteenth to go, backed away, weakening slightly. SINGMEASONG became rank when placed in tight quarters by DRINK OF THE DAY along the backstretch, settled down a bit once clear of other rivals and was taken well off the inside nearing the half mile pole, still fought against the bit, although not as noticeably as during the initial stages of the race, raced three wide for most the way on the turn, and with the rider atop with a strong grip on the left side of the rein, angled four wide

preparing for the stretch drive, leaving the five-sixteenths pole, responding well when given her cue, continued on willingly to secure the last major check. DRINK OF THE DAY came inward a path or two early down the backstretch, almost making contact with SINGMEASONG while putting that one in a bit tight, proceeded in the two path around the turn, waited patiently off the heels of SIMSATIONAL for a quarter of a mile starting from the five-sixteenths pole, found room to alter course outward and did so, got called upon, but failed to fire appreciably. SEATTLE EMBERS angled sharply to the rail soon after leaving the starting gate, took the inside route and failed to reach a contending position. TURBO TWEAKED was bumped at the start, raced along the rail, was urged to keep pace with the pace combatants, tired after entering the stretch. PRAY FOR GRACE four wide departing the backstretch, folded. SWIM bumped between rivals at the start, was outrun.

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