

SARATOGA - August 27, 2009 - Race 3

STAKES New York Turf Writers Cup Steeplechase H. Grade 1 - Thoroughbred
 TO BE RUN OVER NATIONAL FENCES A STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. All fees and
 purse distributions in accordance with the National Steeplechase Association standards. Weights Friday, August 22. Trophies will
 be presented to the winning owner, trainer and jockey. Closed Saturday, August 15, 2009 with 13 Nominations.

Two And Three Eighth Miles On The Hurdle **Track Record:** (Hokan - 4:12.04 - August 27, 1998)

Purse: \$100,000 Added

Available Money: \$106,100

Value of Race: \$102,917 1st \$63,660, 2nd \$19,098, 3rd \$10,610, 4th \$5,305, 5th \$4,244

Weather: Clear **Track:** Firm

Off at: 2:06 **Start:** Good for all



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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	1/2	1m	11/2	2m	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
13Aug09 ¹ SAR ⁵	6	Spy in the Sky (McVicar, Liam)	138	L	6	5 ¹ 1/2	5 ²	5 ² 1/2	5 ¹²	1 ⁶	1 ¹⁰ 1/4	20.50	led turn, drew off
3Aug09 ⁴ SAR ¹	2	Sermon of Love (Hodsdon, Danielle)	136	L	2	4 ²	4 ¹	4 ¹	4 ¹	2 ⁴	2 ⁸ 3/4	2.25	swung out, mild rally
13Aug09 ¹ SAR ⁴	3	Dalucci (IRE) (Dalton, Bernard)	146	--	3	2 ¹	2 ² 1/2	2 ¹ 1/2	1 ¹ 1/2	3 ¹²	3 ¹⁸ 1/4	7.30	clear lead, tired turn
13Aug09 ¹ SAR ³	5	Swagger Stick (Dowling, William)	140	L	5	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ^{Head}	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ¹ 1/2	4 ¹⁶	4 ¹² 3/4	8.00	well off inside, tired
6Aug09 ¹ SAR ¹	4	Mixed Up (Aizpuru, Xavier)	156	--	4	6	6	6	6	5	5	2.85	no threat
6Aug09 ¹ SAR ⁴	1	Slip Away (Buchanan, Peter)	150	L	1	1 ¹²	1 ¹⁴	1 ⁷	2 ¹ 1/2	---	---	1.80*	long lead left course

Final Time: 4:34.16

Run-Up: 0 feet

Winner: Spy in the Sky, Chestnut Gelding, by Thunder Gulch out of Monaassabaat, by Zilzal. Foaled Feb 24, 2004 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Gainsborough Farm LLC. **Winning Owner:** Randleston Farm

Scratched Horse(s): Planets Aligned (Trainer)

Total WPS Pool: \$212,798

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
6	Spy in the Sky	43.00	13.00	5.30	\$2.00 Exacta	6-2	127.50	176,814
2	Sermon of Love		3.70	3.20	\$2.00 Trifecta	6-2-3	727.00	119,557
3	Dalucci (IRE)			4.00	\$2.00 Pick 3	4-6-6 (3 correct)	3,571.00	65,189
					\$2.00 Daily Double	6-6	483.50	42,578

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	1/2	1m	11/2	2m	Str	Fin
6	Spy in the Sky	5 ¹⁵ 1/2	5 ¹⁷ 1/2	5 ¹⁰	5 ³ 1/2	1 ⁶	1 ¹⁰ 1/4
2	Sermon of Love	4 ¹³ 1/2	4 ¹⁶ 1/2	4 ⁹	4 ² 1/2	2 ⁶	2 ¹⁰ 1/4
3	Dalucci (IRE)	2 ¹²	2 ¹⁴	2 ⁷	1 ¹ 1/2	3 ¹⁰	3 ¹⁹
5	Swagger Stick	3 ¹³	3 ¹⁶ 1/2	3 ⁸ 1/2	3 ²	4 ²²	4 ³⁷ 1/4
4	Mixed Up	6 ¹⁷	6 ¹⁹ 1/2	6 ¹² 1/2	6 ¹⁵ 1/2	5 ³⁸	5 ⁵⁰
1	Slip Away	1 ¹²	1 ¹⁴	1 ⁷	2 ¹ 1/2	---	---

Trainers: 6 - Day, James; 2 - Sheppard, Jonathan; 3 - Elliot, Janet; 5 - Fisher, Jack; 4 - Sheppard, Jonathan; 1 - Voss, Thomas

Owners: 6 - Randleston Farm; 2 - Calvin Houghland; 3 - Cherry Knoll Farm; 5 - Mrs. S. K. Johnston, Jr.; 4 - William L. Pape; 1 - Ramsey, Kenneth L. and Sarah K.;

Footnotes

SPY IN THE SKY was unhurried a good part of the way, closed the gap leaving the ninth fence, gained rapidly to take the lead from outside entering the stretch, opened a comfortable advantage nearing the final fence and drew away under steady right hand urging. SERMON OF LOVE was rated along the inside for most of the trip, swung out on the turn, took up chase after the winner in upper stretch but was no match while clearly best of the others. DALUCCI (IRE) settled behind the loose leader for a good part of the way, opened a clear advantage leaving the ninth fence, led to the top of the stretch and steadily tired thereafter. SWAGGER STICK raced in the middle of the pack well off the inside and tired in upper stretch. MIXED UP never reached contention while trailing most of the trip. SLIP AWAY opened a long lead, gave way on the far turn and left the course approaching the last fence.

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