

SARATOGA - August 31, 2002 - Race 8

STAKES Hopeful S. Grade 1 - Thoroughbred

(Up to \$34,800 NYSBFOA) FOR TWO YEAR OLDS. By subscription of \$200 each, which should accompany the nomination; \$1,000 to pass the entry box, \$1,000 to start. The purse to be divided 60% to the winner, 20% to second, 11% to third, 6% to fourth and 3% to fifth. 122 lbs. Trophies will be presented to the winning owner, trainer and jockey. Closed Saturday, August 17, with 22 Nominations.

Seven Furlongs On The Dirt **Track Record:** (Darby Creek Road - 1:20.40 - August 8, 1978)




Purse: \$200,000 Guaranteed

Available Money: \$200,000

Value of Race: \$200,000 1st \$120,000, 2nd \$40,000, 3rd \$22,000, 4th \$12,000, 5th \$6,000

Weather: Clear **Track:** Fast

Off at: 4:47 **Start:** Good for all

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
3Aug02 ³ SAR ¹	6	Sky Mesa (Prado, Edgar) 	122	L	6	2	5 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Head}	2 ²	1 ^{1 3/4}	3.90	stalked, drew clear
13Jul02 ³ BEL ¹	2	Pretty Wild (Bridgmohan, Shaun)	122	L	2	6	2 ^{1/2}	2 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	2 ²	17.30	bid 1/4pl, 2nd best
14Aug02 ⁸ SAR ¹	4	Zavata (Bailey, Jerry) 	122	-	4	4	4 ^{Head}	4 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{5 1/4}	0.35*	checked shuffled early
14Aug02 ⁵ SAR ¹	5	Storm Cadet (Day, Pat)	122	c	5	3	6	6	5 ¹	4 ³	14.40	steadied far turn
9Aug02 ³ SAR ¹	1	Roaring Fever (Velazquez, John)	122	L	1	5	1 ^{1/2}	1 ¹	4 ¹	5 ^{2 1/4}	12.20	dueled inside, tired
14Jul02 ⁸ WO ¹	3	Rights Reserved (Castellano, Javier) 	122	L	3	1	3 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1 1/2}	6	6	36.00	brief speed, faltered

Fractional Times: 22.41 45.61 1:10.58

Final Time: 1:23.08

Split Times: (23:20) (24:97) (12:50)

Run-Up: 0 feet

Winner: Sky Mesa, Bay Colt, by Pulpit out of Caress, by Storm Cat. Foaled Jan 21, 2000 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Harbor View Farm.

Winning Owner: John C. Oxley

Total WPS Pool: \$1,287,375

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
6	Sky Mesa	9.80	5.90	2.10	\$2.00 Exacta	6-2	112.00	797,963
2	Pretty Wild		11.20	2.10	\$2.00 Trifecta	6-2-4	131.50	557,495
4	Zavata			2.10	\$2.00 Pick 3	8-8-6 (3 correct)	871.00	145,760
					\$2.00 Pick 6	3-4-3-8-8-6 (5 correct)	753.00	0
					\$2.00 Pick 6	3-4-3-8-8-6 (6 correct)	134,438.00	574,875

Past Performance Running Line Preview


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6	Sky Mesa	2	5 ^{1 1/2}	3 ²	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1 3/4}
2	Pretty Wild	6	2 ^{1/2}	2 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1 3/4}
4	Zavata	4	4 ^{1 1/2}	4 ²	3 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{3 3/4}
5	Storm Cadet	3	6 ²	6 ⁵	5 ⁵	4 ⁹
1	Roaring Fever	5	1 ^{1/2}	1 ¹	4 ⁴	5 ¹²
3	Rights Reserved	1	3 ¹	5 ^{3 1/2}	6 ⁶	6 ^{14 1/4}

Trainers: 6 - Ward, Jr., John; 2 - Hough, Stanley; 4 - Biancone, Patrick; 5 - Contessa, Gary; 1 - Hennig, Mark; 3 - Simon, Charles

Owners: 6 -John C. Oxley; 2 - E. Paul Robsham Stables LLC; 4 -Michael B. Tabor; 5 - West Point Thoroughbreds; 1 -Edward P. Evans; 3 - Paris, Raymond, Ball, John D. and Clarke House Stable;

Footnotes

SKY MESA taken in hand early, stalked the leaders while three wide leaving the backstretch, edged closer on the turn, made a run outside PRETTY WILD to threaten in upper stretch, accelerated to the front inside the furlong marker, then drew clear under intermittent right hand urging. PRETTY WILD pressed the pace between horses for a half, surged to the front nearing the quarter pole, carried the winner out a bit in upper stretch, battled gamely along the inside while maintaining a slim lead into midstretch, yielded to the winner leaving the sixteenth pole then drifted out slightly while holding well for the place. ZAVATA brushed with STORM CADET then checked in tight between horses while being shuffled back in the early stages, moved up under a snug hold along the backstretch, was trapped along the rail while just behind the leaders through the turn, altered course five wide for clear sailing in upper stretch, made a run to threaten in midstretch but couldn't sustain his rally. STORM CADET brushed with ZAVATA soon after the start, steadied in tight between horses at the half mile pole, raced five wide while just off the pace into upper stretch then lacked a strong closing bid. ROARING FEVER rushed up to gain the early advantage, dueled along the rail for five furlongs and gave way. RIGHTS RESERVED drifted out causing crowding in the early stages, showed only brief speed then faltered.

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