

**SARATOGA - September 1, 2012 - Race 5**

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

(UP TO \$16,150 NYSBFOA) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER, OR RESTRICTED OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES OR OPTIONAL CLAIMING PRICE OF \$50,000. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of \$50,000 Since July 1, 2012 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$50,000 (Races where entered for \$35,000 or less not considered in allowances). (NW2 X) **Claiming Price:** \$50,000 Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Track Record:** (Speightstown - 1:08.00 - August 14, 2004)

**Purse:** \$85,000

**Available Money:** \$85,000

**Value of Race:** \$85,000 1st \$51,000, 2nd \$17,000, 3rd \$8,500, 4th \$4,250, 5th \$2,550, 6th \$567, 7th \$567, 8th \$566

**Weather:** Cloudy **Track:** Fast

**Off at:** 3:04 **Start:** Good for all



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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
25Jul12 <sup>2</sup> SAR <sup>1</sup>	8	Hillswick (Dominguez, Ramon)	121	L f	7	1	4 <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1.20*	3w, vie with pair turn
24Jun12 <sup>6</sup> CD <sup>4</sup>	1A	Isthmus (Rosario, Joel)	121	L bf	8	2	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	3 <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	6.40	disputed btwn foe turn
7Jul12 <sup>3</sup> BEL <sup>2</sup>	3	Sam Sparkle (Ortiz, Jr., Irad)	121	L	2	8	7 <sup>Head</sup>	4 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	3 <sup>3 1/2</sup>	5.60	svd ground until 1/4pl
26Aug12 <sup>4</sup> SAR <sup>6</sup>	5	Be Bullish (Castellano, Javier)	121	L bf	4	7	8	6 <sup>1</sup>	4 <sup>1/2</sup>	4 <sup>2 1/4</sup>	8.50	awkward start, 3 wide
15Aug12 <sup>9</sup> SAR <sup>1</sup>	6	Take Down Two (Velasquez, Cornelio)	121	L bf	5	5	6 <sup>2</sup>	5 <sup>Head</sup>	5 <sup>1/2</sup>	5 <sup>9 1/4</sup>	7.40	light jostling start
28May12 <sup>6</sup> BEL <sup>7</sup>	7	Simba's Story (Velazquez, John)	121	L	6	6	5 <sup>1</sup>	8	8	6 <sup>Nose</sup>	7.70	outside, urged on turn
28Jul12 <sup>5</sup> SAR <sup>4</sup>	2	Closerwalk (Cohen, David)	118	L f	1	3	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>Head</sup>	6 <sup>2</sup>	7 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	14.60	ins,argue w/ duo turn
1Sep11 <sup>8</sup> SAR <sup>3</sup>	4	Avenging Spirit (Lezcano, Jose)	121	L a	3	4	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	7 <sup>1</sup>	7 <sup>1/2</sup>	8	16.10	left ins 5/16, tired

**Fractional Times:** 22.42 45.37 57.24

**Final Time:** 1:09.63

**Split Times:** (22:95) (11:87) (12:39)

**Run-Up:** 48 feet

**Winner:** Hillswick, Bay Gelding, by Grand Slam out of Up an Eighth, by Ferdinand. Foaled May 15, 2006 in Kentucky.

**Breeder:** Eugene Melnyk. **Winning Owner:** Winning Move Stable and Jacobson, David

**4 Claimed Horse(s): Avenging Spirit**

**Be Bullish**  
**Hillswick**  
**Isthmus**

New Trainer: Todd A. Pletcher

New Trainer: David Jacobson

New Trainer: Rudy R. Rodriguez

New Trainer: Michael J. Trombetta

New Owner: Repole Stable

New Owner: Christopher T. Dunn

New Owner: Michael Dubb

New Owner: R. Larry Johnson

**Claiming Prices:** 8 - Hillswick: \$50,000; 1A - Isthmus: \$50,000; 5 - Be Bullish: \$50,000; 6 - Take Down Two: \$50,000; 4 - Avenging Spirit: \$50,000;

**Scratched Horse(s):** Seniors Pride (Trainer)

**Total WPS Pool:** \$662,041

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
8	Hillswick	4.40	2.90	2.20	\$2.00 Exacta	8-1	30.20	559,156
1A	Isthmus		5.90	3.70	\$2.00 Trifecta	8-1-3	99.00	324,948
3	Sam Sparkle			3.40	\$2.00 Pick 3	4-1-8 (3 correct)	3,510.00	124,821
					\$2.00 Pick 4	4-4-1-8 (4 correct)	34,131.00	370,821
					\$2.00 Daily Double	1-8	19.80	112,568
					\$2.00 Superfecta	8-1-3-5	402.00	127,369

**Past Performance Running Line Preview**

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
8	Hillswick	1	4 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1/2</sup>
1A	Isthmus	2	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	2 <sup>1/2</sup>
3	Sam Sparkle	8	7 <sup>6 1/2</sup>	4 <sup>3</sup>	3 <sup>3 1/2</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup>
5	Be Bullish	7	8 <sup>6 1/2</sup>	6 <sup>4 1/4</sup>	4 <sup>5</sup>	4 <sup>4 1/2</sup>
6	Take Down Two	5	6 <sup>4 1/2</sup>	5 <sup>4</sup>	5 <sup>5 1/2</sup>	5 <sup>6 3/4</sup>
7	Simba's Story	6	5 <sup>3 1/2</sup>	8 <sup>6 1/4</sup>	8 <sup>8 1/2</sup>	6 <sup>16</sup>
2	Closerwalk	3	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	6 <sup>6</sup>	7 <sup>16</sup>
4	Avenging Spirit	4	3 <sup>1</sup>	7 <sup>5 1/4</sup>	7 <sup>8</sup>	8 <sup>17 1/2</sup>

**Trainers:** 8 - Jacobson, David; 1A - Levine, Bruce; 3 - Contessa, Gary; 5 - Brown, Bruce; 6 - Galluscio, Dominic; 7 - Pletcher, Todd; 2 - Catalano, Wayne; 4 - Barbara, Robert

**Owners:** 8 - Winning Move Stable and Jacobson, David; 1a - Repole Stable; 3 - Bilinski, D., Patten, H., Nehoc Stables, McConnell Racing Stable et al.; 5 - La Marca Stable; 6 - Team West Side Stables; 7 - E. Paul Robsham Stables LLC; 2 - Carolyn Wilson; 4 - Joseph Bucci;

**Footnotes**

HILLSWICK broke alertly and remained forwardly placed throughout, was the outermost of three contesting the pace during the run around the bend, edged away to lead the field into the stretch and got asked for a response, lost none of his advantage during the ensuing furlong, had the runner up close in steadily from that point but dug in well under good handling to hold sway. ISTHMUS disputed the pace from between rivals on the turn, fell back slightly approaching the quarter pole, didn't start to re gain the lost real estate until departing the furlong grounds, finished willingly but got denied. SAM SPARKLE saved ground until the quarter pole and rallied to grab the show award. BE BULLISH lunged awkwardly at the break, was bounced gently from between rivals almost immediately afterwards, went a few jumps with head cocked to the right, resting it on the nearest rival's mane, was pulled hard in the opposite direction by the rider and taken off, before any serious damage could be done, underwent a three wide pursuit on the turn, was much wider for the commencement of the stretch run, lacked the needed response. TAKE DOWN TWO lightly jostled from between rivals just out of the starting gate, was no menace. SIMBA'S STORY leaned upon TAKE DOWN TWO for several strides in the early stages of the event, raced along the outside being urged along on the turn, folded. CLOSERWALK clung to a narrow advantage proceeding down the backstretch, made it over to the rail just past the half mile pole, argued with another pair around the turn until the quarter pole, then gave way. AVENGING SPIRIT was pulled off a foe at the start, tracked the front runners while sitting the pocket, got angled outward in the vicinity of the five-sixteenths pole, tired.

