

SARATOGA - August 17, 2013 - Race 9

STAKES Sword Dancer Invitational S. Grade 1 - Thoroughbred

INNER TURF FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. By invitation only with no subscription fees. The purse to be divided 60% to the owner of the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 5% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 2% divided equally among the remaining finishers. Three Year Olds, 115 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. TURF: Non-winners of a Grade 1 on the turf in 2013 allowed 3 lbs.; a Grade 1 on the turf in 2012 or a Grade 2 twice on the turf in 2012-13, 5 lbs; a Grade 2 on the turf in 2012-13, 7 lbs. DIRT: Non-winners of a Graded Sweepstake over a mile on the dirt in 2012-13 allowed 3 lbs.; A sweepstake over a mile on the dirt in 2012-13, 5 lbs. Trophies will be presented to the winning owner, trainer and jockey. The New York Racing Association reserves the right to transfer this race to the Main Track where dirt allowance weights will apply. In the event that this race is taken off the turf, it may be subject to downgrading upon review by the Graded Stakes Committee.

One And One Half Miles On The Inner turf **Track Record:** (Awad - 2:23.20 - August 9, 1997)

Purse: \$600,000 Guaranteed

Available Money: \$600,000

Value of Race: \$600,000 1st \$360,000, 2nd \$120,000, 3rd \$60,000, 4th \$30,000, 5th \$18,000, 6th \$1,715, 7th \$1,715, 8th \$1,715, 9th \$1,715, 10th \$1,715, 11th \$1,715, 12th \$1,710

Weather: Clear **Track:** Firm

Off at: 5:15 **Start:** Good for all



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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	1/4	1/2	1m	11/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
6Jul13 ¹¹ MTH ¹	1	Big Blue Kitten (Bravo, Joe)	123	L	2	10 ^{Head}	12	8 ¹ 1/2	7 ¹	4 ¹ 2	1 ¹	2.95	inside,waitd 1/4,rally
13Jul13 ⁹ BEL ²	4	Twilight Eclipse (Castellano, Javier)	120	L	3	5 ¹	5 ^{Head}	3 ¹ 2	3 ¹	1 ¹ 2	2 ¹ 3/4	3.65	3w 3rd turn,4w1/4,game
17Jul13 ^{VHY} ⁷	5	Nutello (Lezcano, Jose)	116	-	5	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ¹ 2	6 ¹ 2	4 ^{Head}	2 ¹	3 ^{Head}	11.30	rank,studied 1/4,bid1/8
29Jun13 ⁸ BEL ⁸	12	Tannery (IRE) (Saez, Luis)	113	L	12	9 ^{Head}	10 ¹	11 ³ 1/2	11	7 ^{Head}	4 ¹ 1/4	30.00	3-4w all turns,7w 1/4
13Jul13 ⁹ BEL ⁶	6	Al Khali (Velasquez, Cornelio)	117	L	6	8 ¹	8 ¹ 2	7 ¹	8 ² 1/2	5 ¹	5 ^{Nose}	18.30	6w into lane,no kick
22Jun13 ⁷ CNL ¹	11	London Lane (Karamanos, Horacio)	118	L b	11	6 ¹ 2	6 ¹	2 ¹ 1/2	1 ¹ 2	3 ^{Head}	6 ^{Head}	40.75	4w 1st turn,wknd late
31Jul13 ⁶ SAR ⁵	2	Star Channel (Ortiz, Jose)	116	L b	1	7 ^{Head}	9 ¹ 2	9 ^{Head}	9 ^{Head}	8 ¹ 1/2	7 ³	70.25	rank 1st trn,near rail
13Jul13 ⁹ BEL ¹	10	Boisterous (Velasquez, John)	123	L	10	4 ^{Head}	4 ^{Head}	5 ¹	5 ¹	6 ¹ 2	8 ^{Nose}	1.95*	4-5w final turn,empty
13Jul13 ⁹ BEL ³	9	Exclusive Strike (Ortiz, Jr., Irad)	116	L b	9	11 ¹	11 ¹ 2	10 ¹	10 ^{Head}	9 ^{Head}	9 ⁵ 3/4	16.40	failed to threaten
4Aug13 ¹⁰ SAR ⁴	7	Tahoe Lake (BRZ) (Maragh, Rajiv)	117	L	7	2 ^{Head}	2 ²	4 ¹	6 ¹ 2	11	10 ¹ 1/2	61.00	3-4w final turn,tired
13Jun13 ³ CD ¹	1A	Stormy Lord (Bridgmohan, Shaun)	116	L	4	1 ²	1 ¹	1 ¹ 2	2 ¹	10 ²	11	2.95	pulled,clear,gave way
13Jul13 ⁹ BEL ⁵	8	Optimizer (Alvarado, Junior)	116	L	8	12	7 ¹ 2	12	---	---	---	7.80	eased, walked off

Fractional Times: 24.02 49.80 1:14.29 1:39.41 2:03.40 **Final Time:** 2:26.46

Split Times: (25:78) (24:49) (25:12) (23:99) (23:06)

Run-Up: 96 feet

Winner: Big Blue Kitten, Bay Ridgling, by Kitten's Joy out of Spent Gold, by Unaccounted For. Foaled May 01, 2008 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey.

Winning Owner: Ramsey, Kenneth L. and Sarah K.

Scratched Horse(s): Teaks North (Stewards)

Total WPS Pool: \$1,102,924

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Big Blue Kitten	7.90	4.30	3.50	\$2.00 Exacta	1-4	36.20	852,809
4	Twilight Eclipse		4.70	4.10	\$2.00 Trifecta	1-4-5	289.50	534,351
5	Nutello			6.40	\$2.00 Pick 3	5-4-1 (3 correct)	1,510.00	143,026
					\$2.00 Daily Double	4-1	292.50	118,777

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	1/4	1/2	1m	11/4	Str	Fin
1	Big Blue Kitten	10 ⁶ 1/2	12 ⁷ 3/4	8 ⁶	7 ⁴	4 ¹ 1/2	1 ¹
4	Twilight Eclipse	5 ³ 3/4	5 ³ 1/2	3 ²	3 ¹ 1/2	1 ¹ 2	2 ¹
5	Nutello	3 ²	3 ³	6 ⁴ 1/2	4 ² 1/2	2 ¹ 2	3 ² 3/4
12	Tannery (IRE)	9 ⁶ 1/4	10 ⁶ 1/4	11 ⁸ 1/2	11 ⁷ 3/4	7 ³ 1/2	4 ² 3/4
6	Al Khali	8 ⁵ 1/4	8 ⁵ 1/4	7 ⁵	8 ⁵	5 ²	5 ⁴
11	London Lane	6 ⁴ 3/4	6 ³ 3/4	2 ¹ 2	1 ¹ 2	3 ¹ 1/2	6 ⁴ 1/4
2	Star Channel	7 ⁵ 1/4	9 ⁵ 3/4	9 ⁷ 1/2	9 ⁷ 1/2	8 ³ 3/4	7 ⁴ 1/4
10	Boisterous	4 ³ 1/2	4 ³ 1/2	5 ³ 1/2	5 ² 1/2	6 ³	8 ⁷ 1/4
9	Exclusive Strike	11 ⁶ 1/2	11 ⁷ 1/4	10 ⁷ 1/2	10 ⁷ 3/4	9 ⁵ 1/4	9 ⁷ 1/4
7	Tahoe Lake (BRZ)	2 ²	2 ¹	4 ² 1/2	6 ³ 1/2	11 ⁷ 1/4	10 ¹³
1A	Stormy Lord	1 ²	1 ¹	1 ¹ 2	2 ¹ 2	10 ⁵ 1/4	11 ¹⁴ 1/2
8	Optimizer	12 ⁷ 1/2	7 ⁴ 3/4	12 ¹²	---	---	---


Trainers: 1 - Brown, Chad; 4 - Albertrani, Thomas; 5 - Laffon-Parias, Carlos; 12 - Goldberg, Alan; 6 - Mott, William; 11 - Murray, Lawrence; 2 - Toscano, Jr., John; 10 - McGaughy III, Claude; 9 - Servis, Jason; 7 - Carwood, Gerry; 1A - Maker, Michael; 8 - Lukas, D.

Owners: 1 - Ramsey, Kenneth L. and Sarah K.; 4 - West Point Thoroughbreds; 5 - Wertheimer and Frere; 12 -Richard Santulli; 6 - Brous Stable LLC and Wachtel Stable; 11 -Howard M. Bender; 2 - Bran Jam Stable and Clark, David W.; 10 - Phipps Stable; 9 - Mr. Amore Stable; 7 - Alastar Thoroughbred Racing; 1a- Ramsey, Kenneth L. and Sarah K.; 8 - Calumet Farm;

Footnotes

BIG BLUE KITTEN was unhurried while saving ground towards the rear, came under urging leaving the backstretch the final time, quickly moved closer on the last turn, eased off the hedge while waiting behind rivals coming to the quarter-pole, found room once straightened then moved to the outside, rallied under a right-handed whip, closed powerfully to take the lead inside the sixteenth-pole then was eased up in the final strides while best. TWILIGHT ECLIPSE was a bit washy pre-race, raced a bit off the inside on the first turn, was well placed just off the pace, moved up with a mile to run, saved ground on the second bend, raced just behind the pacesetter down the backstretch, moved out with a half-mile to go, was asked near the three-eighths pole, ranged up while three wide on the final turn, made a bid under a drive in upper stretch, battled determinedly under a right-handed whip into the final sixteenth and was outfinished but finished with good courage to get the place. NUTELLO was a bit eager while inside on the first turn, became rank while

dropping back a bit the first time down the stretch, was rated along the hedge, came under urging on the final turn, drafted behind rivals leaving that bend, steadied at the top of the stretch, dropped to the inside then made a bid along the rail, battled into the final sixteenth then was outkicked but finished with good determination for the show. TANNERY (IRE) went three to four wide on the first turn, settled towards the rear while on the outside, raced three wide on the second turn, continued towards the rear, was roused while three then four wide on the final turn, swung seven wide into the stretch and finished with good energy to just miss the show. AL KHALI went two to three wide on the initial turn, was reserved of the pace, came under urging while three then four wide early on the final turn, moved to five wide near the quarter-pole, came six wide into the stretch and lacked the needed response. LONDON LANE went four wide on the first turn, moved up with a mile to go, stalked the pace on the outside, drew even with the leader a half-mile out, vied outside on the final turn, came under a drive in upper stretch, battled into the final furlong and weakened. STAR CHANNEL dropped back while rank along the rail on the first turn, was reserved towards the back while saving ground, came under urging on the final turn and failed to rally. BOISTEROUS went two to three wide on the first turn, settled off the pace, raced three wide on the second turn, continued settled while towards the outside, was asked while four to five wide on the far turn, dropped back under a drive in upper stretch and failed to respond. EXCLUSIVE STRIKE settled towards the rear while off the inside, raced between rivals into the final turn and failed to threaten. TAHOE LAKE (BRZ) was rated towards the front of the field, came under urging while three to four wide on the final turn, chased into upper stretch then tired. STORMY LORD pulled his way to the lead, set the pace on the inside through quick fractions for the distance, lost the lead on the final turn, dropped out turning into the stretch and gave way. OPTIMIZER went four to five wide on the first turn, lagged near the back while on the outside, raced three to four wide on the second turn, dropped back quickly early on the backstretch and was eased but walked off.

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