

FIFTH RACE
Saratoga
JULY 29, 2017

6½ FURLONGS. (1.133) 25TH RUNNING OF THE AMSTERDAM. Grade II. Purse \$200,000 FOR THREE YEAR OLDS. By subscription of \$200 each which should accompany the nomination; \$1,000 to pass the entry box and an additional \$1,000 to start. For horses not originally nominated, a supplemental payment of \$2,000 along with the entry and starting fees may be made at any time prior to the closing of entries. The purse to be divided 60% to the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 5% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 2% divided equally amongst the remaining finishers. 123 lbs. Non-winners of a Graded Sweepstake in 2017 allowed 2 lbs.; of \$60,000 in 2016-17 allowed 4 lbs.; of two races other than maiden, claiming, starter or state-bred allowance races in 2017 allowed 6 lbs.; of such a race in 2017 allowed 8 lbs. A trophy will be presented to the winning owner. Closed Saturday, July 15, 2017 with 19 Nominations.

Value of Race: \$200,000 Winner \$120,000; second \$40,000; third \$20,000; fourth \$10,000; fifth \$6,000; sixth \$4,000. Mutuel Pool \$815,312.00 Exacta Pool \$626,707.00 Trifecta Pool \$312,456.00 Superfecta Pool \$124,620.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A. Wt	PP	St	¼	½	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds \$1
8Jun17 7Bel1	Coal Front	L	3	117	2	1	11 1½	13	11½	Velazquez J R	0.60
17Jun17 5CD5	Excitations	L	3	117	5	6	5 1½	2½	27½	Castellano J J	6.90
23Jun17 8CD1	Singing Bullet	L	3	118	1	4	31 31	44½	3¾	Albarado R J	13.80
1Jly17 11GP2	Mo Cash	L	b	3	121	3	2 21½ 21½	3½	410½	Ortiz J L	3.70
29Jun17 7Bel1	Toga Challenger	L	b	3	117	6	3 54 43½	518	5	Ortiz I Jr	6.30
17Jun17 5CD6	Aquamarine	L	3	117	4	5	41 6	6	—	Saez L	24.25

OFF AT 3:15 Start Good. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME :221, :454, 1:093, 1:16 (:22.37, :45.90, 1:09.77, 1:16.05)

\$2 Mutuel Prices:

2 -COAL FRONT.....	3.20	2.60	2.40
5 -EXCITATIONS.....		4.80	4.00
1 -SINGING BULLET.....			4.70

\$2 EXACTA 2-5 PAID \$18.20 \$2 TRIFECTA 2-5-1 PAID \$131.00 \$2 SUPERFECTA 2-5-1-3 PAID \$367.00

Dk. b or br. c, (Mar), by Stay Thirsty - Miner's Secret, by Mineshaft. Trainer Pletcher Todd A. Bred by Michael Edward Connelly (Ky).

COAL FRONT got away in good order, took up position at a slight distance from off the rail, vied for control, matched up with MO CASH to his outside, had that rival increase the pressure as the half was being completed, withstood it the rest of the journey to the end of the bend, was called upon spinning into the lane, scampered away from the competition, beginning the final furlong in possession of its largest advantage, saw the runner up chop away at it, but held on with enough determination to stay in the clear. EXCITATIONS broke the tardiest, was put to some hand encouragement right afterwards, but was slow to settle into stride, departed the backstretch from the two path, came to life, quickening right around midpoint, turned for home and went after the winner in earnest, tipped slightly wider with approximately an eighth to go, whittled down the deficit with good late energy, but fell well short. SINGING BULLET left the post parade early, lost his footing at the start, yet managed to out-break one rival, remained along the inside, was asked to pick it up getting taken to the outside after the second fraction had been posted, wound being maneuvered all the way to path four by midstretch, straightened away and got outkicked. MO CASH two to three wide, sparred with the top one, crept up to that foe shortly after stepping off the backstretch, with a spirited tussle between the two getting ignited soon afterwards, failed to claim the front by the head of the stretch and backed away. TOGA CHALLENGER pursued the front runners from the three path on the bend, was sent five wide into upper stretch, lacked the needed response. AQUAMARINE acted headstrong during the warm-up, running off for a good portion of the backstretch, with the pilot aboard, broke without apparent mishap once the field was sent on its way, took up the chase from the two path, offered no response when put to a strong drive from midway on the turn to past the five-sixteenths marker, drifted four wide into the lane and got eased, eventually making it off the track without need of outside assistance.

Owners- 1, LaPenta Robert V and Head of Plains Partners LLC; 2, Fair Grounds Racing Club Inc; 3, Stronach Stables; 4, Bommarito Marco and Zook Stuart; 5, Dubb Michael and Simon David; 6, Zayat Stables LLC

Trainers- 1, Pletcher Todd A; 2, Stall Albert M Jr; 3, Romans Dale; 4, Spatz Ronald B; 5, Rodriguez Rudy R; 6, Lukas D Wayne

\$2 Pick Three (3-3-2) Paid \$23.20 ; Pick Three Pool \$158,309 .

\$2 Pick Four (5/8/9-3-3-2) Paid \$130.00 ; Pick Four Pool \$413,351 .

\$2 Pick Five (5-5/8/9-3-3-2) 5 Correct Paid \$265.50 ; Pick Five Pool \$763,162 .

\$2 Daily Double (3-2) Paid \$22.00 ; Daily Double Pool \$109,316 .