

NINTH RACE
Saratoga
AUGUST 26, 2017

7 FURLONGS. (1.20) 38TH RUNNING OF THE FOREG. Grade I. Purse \$600,000 FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD.

Value of Race: \$600,000 Winner \$320,000; second \$112,000; third \$60,000; fourth \$40,000; fifth \$26,000; sixth \$17,000; seventh \$14,000; eighth \$11,000. Mutuel Pool \$1,543,771.00 Exacta Pool \$1,106,944.00 Superfecta Pool \$378,534.00 Trifecta Pool \$702,540.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds \$1
29Jly17 9Dmr ⁹	Drefong	L	b	4	124	10	3	11 11	1 ³	14	Smith M E	1.15
8Jly17 7Bel ²	Awesome Slew	L		4	120	5	4	9½ 8 ¹	4½	21½	Velazquez J R	12.40
9Jly17 7PID ¹	Tom's Ready	L		4	118	3	6	10 10	6½	3 ^{hd}	Hernandez B J Jr	44.00
12Aug17 8Lrl ¹	Divining Rod	L	b	5	118	4	9	41½ 4 ¹	3½	4 ^{nk}	Castellano J J	4.40
28Jly17 7Sar ¹	Tale of S'avall	L	b	4	118	8	8	31 21½	21½	52¼	Franco M	29.25
8Jly17 7Bel ¹	Mind Your Biscuits	L	b	4	124	6	5	5½ 5 ¹	8½	6 ^{nk}	Rosario J	2.65
8Jly17 7Bel ³	Tommy Macho	L		5	120	7	1	6½ 6 ¹	71½	7¾	Saez L	14.50
11Aug17 8Sar ¹	Stallwalkin' Dude	L	b	7	118	1	7	2½ 3½	5½	8¾	Bravo J	18.70
12Aug17 10GP ⁵	Very Very Stella	L	b	5	118	9	2	8½ 9 ^{hd}	91½	97	Hernandez C J	91.00
4Aug17 DEA ¹	Ross-Ire			5	118	2	10	71 7½	10	10	Starke A	36.75

OFF AT 4:14 Start Good. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME :224, :452, 1:084, 1:21 (:22.89, :45.58, 1:08.92, 1:21.12)

\$2 Mutuel Prices:

10 - DREFONG.....	4.30	3.90	3.20
5 - AWESOME SLEW.....		9.90	6.50
3 - TOM'S READY.....			12.60

\$2 EXACTA 10-5 PAID \$43.40 \$2 SUPERFACTA 10-5-3-4

PAID \$4,892.00 \$2 TRIFECTA 10-5-3 PAID \$778.00

B. c, (Feb), by Gio Ponti - Eltimaas, by Ghostzapper. Trainer Baffert Bob. Bred by Frederick M Allor Michael T Barnett Anthony M Warrender (Ky).

DREFONG came away from the gate straight and true, was placed under a light hand ride on the chute cementing its forward position, showed the way primarily from the two path on the backstretch, kept to the previously-described hand encouragement, shifted slightly closer to the rail in time for the commencement of the run around the bend, arrived at the quarter pole with some of the closest pursuers having already been called upon for more, was switched over to a light drive himself spinning into the stretch, scampered away during the ensuing furlong, was still comfortably in the clear when geared down for the final seventy yards. AWESOME SLEW took up position in the two path after the break, was between opponents departing the backstretch, picked up speed and out-raced ROSS leaving the midway point, tucking along the inside route a few jumps shy of the quarter pole, was put to a full drive cutting the corner into the stretch, proved no match, yet rallied in a willing manner nevertheless to garner the place. TOM'S READY made it over to the rail in short order, abandoned it for the two path coming to the five-sixteenths pole, was set down for the drive home, angled out six wide during the opening of the stretch run, shifted course a couple of paths closer to the rail late, capping off a good finish that netted him the show award. DIVINING ROD appeared unsettled between rivals early on the backstretch, went about his business more workman-like afterwards, took up the chase two wide and from between foes on the turn, got driven four wide from upper to midstretch, straightened away and flattened out. TALE OF S'AVALL brushed with TOMMY MACHO right after the break, contended with the top one from the three path for a good portion of the trip on the backstretch, moved closer to the inside, following the lead of the nemesis, after stepping onto the turn, was put to a drive prior to the quarter pole, kept up the pressure for a little while longer before giving way. MIND YOUR BISCUITS raced from off the inside throughout, pursued the front runners three wide on the turn, lightly hand urged by the rider, got called upon after getting spotted four wide at the head of the stretch, failed to fire appreciably. TOMMY MACHO made light contact with TALE OF S'AVALL at the start, got hung out four wide on the turn, ventured a bit wider down the lane, had no offering. STALLWALKIN' DUDE remained along the rail after the start, was pulling hard on the left during the initial stages, tracked the winner thereafter still pulling in that direction, but much less so, got called upon at the five-sixteenths pole, faltered. VERY VERY STELLA three wide entering the turn, was swung six wide exiting it, failed to menace. ROSS (IRE) took an awkward first step, cut over to the rail, got set to a hand ride, although not of the brisk variety, was put to a prolonged drive on the turn, failed to make its presence felt and gave way.

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Trainers- 1, Baffert Bob; 2, Casse Mark; 3, Stewart Dallas; 4, Delacour Arnaud; 5, Tagg Barclay; 6, Summers Chad; 7, Pletcher Todd A; 8, Jacobson David; 9, Noda-Fernandez J; 10, Schiergen Peter

\$2 Pick Three (4-1-10) Paid \$103.00 ; Pick Three Pool \$375,235 .

\$2 Daily Double (1-10) Paid \$16.20 ; Daily Double Pool \$248,099 .