

# FIRST RACE Saratoga

JULY 23, 2025

**2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub> MILES. ( Hurdles ) ( 4.12 ) A. P. SMITHWICK MEMORIAL H. Grade I. Purse \$150,000 TO BE RUN OVER NATIONAL FENCES A HANDICAP HURDLE FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. This is a Non-Lasix race pursuant to 40432 (7)(e)(5) Lasix not permitted within 48 hours of post time. Closed Saturday, July 12, 2025 With 14 Nominations. (Clear. 81.)**

**Value of Race: \$150,000 Winner \$90,000; second \$27,000; third \$15,000; fourth \$10,500; fifth \$7,500. Mutuel Pool \$119,246.00 Exacta Pool \$95,369.00 Trifecta Pool \$42,805.00 Superfecta Pool \$21,285.00**

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A. Wt	PP	½	1	1½	2	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds \$1	
20Apr25 5Mor5	Historic Heart-Ire		8	150	6	2 <sup>hd</sup>	2 1½	2½	21	1 <sup>hd</sup>	1 <sup>no</sup>	Mullins D	10.60
4Jun25 1Sar1	Proven Innocent		7	152	5	7½	71	7 <sup>hd</sup>	7 1½	2 1½	25¼	Bargary J	4.50
10May25 5PW5	Zarak the Brave-FR		6	158	2	32	31	31	41	3½	3 <sup>hd</sup>	Dwan E	9.70
4Jly25 7Del6	Who's Counting		7	150	1	62	51	4 <sup>hd</sup>	3½	4 <sup>hd</sup>	4¾	McDermott S	6.20
10May25 5PW4	Jimmy P	b	7	156	3	5 <sup>hd</sup>	61	6 1½	6 <sup>hd</sup>	6 3½	53¾	Mulqueen S	3.65
4Jun25 1Sar3	Awakened		8	152	7	8	8	8	8	7½	6½	Watters G	2.80
10May25 5PW8	Howyabud-Ire		8	150	4	4½	4 <sup>hd</sup>	5½	5 <sup>hd</sup>	8	7 <sup>hd</sup>	Galligan G	6.60
16Jly25 1Sar8	Kitten Around		5	142	8	15	14	17	12	5 1½	8	Procter F	11.10

**OFF AT 1:12 Start Good. Won driving. Course firm.**

**TIME 4:37<sup>2</sup> ( 4:37.46 )**

## \$2 Mutuel Prices:

<b>6 – HISTORIC HEART–IRE</b> _____	<b>23.20</b>	<b>9.90</b>	<b>7.00</b>
<b>5 – PROVEN INNOCENT</b> _____		<b>5.30</b>	<b>3.60</b>
<b>2 – ZARAK THE BRAVE–FR</b> _____			<b>8.20</b>

**\$1 EXACTA 6–5 PAID \$78.25 50 CENT TRIFECTA 6–5–2  
PAID \$259.75 10 CENT SUPERFACTA 6–5–2–1 PAID \$333.70**

**Ch. g, (Mar), by Fracas-Ire – Irish Question-Ire, by Giant's Causeway. Trainer Brion Keri. Bred by J S Bolger (Ire).**  
HISTORIC HEART (IRE) angled in entering the first turn, was reserved in second position behind the clear leader while jumping well, moved closer coming to fence eight, made a bid after going over fence nine, vied outside in the two path on the final turn, took the lead outside the quarter-pole, drifted out in upper stretch, was challenged by the runner-up outside the eighth-pole, dueled gamely inside that foe while near the outside fence in the final furlong and narrowly prevailed under strong urging. PROVEN INNOCENT left the flag-fall towards the rear, jumped well while outside towards the back, moved closer before fence eight, brushed with a rival after fence nine, chased in the four path for most of the final turn then dropped to the two path, came out into upper stretch, made a bid outside the winner outside the eighth-pole, dueled resolutely with that foe while close to the outside fence in the final furlong and was denied in a game effort while well clear for the place. ZARAK THE BRAVE (FR) became rank after clearing fence one, jumped outward at fence two, was reserved in the two path while jumping well thereafter, chased on the final turn, came out in upper stretch, pursued the top two into the final furlong and weakened while just able to get the show. WHO'S COUNTING jumped well while saving ground, moved closer before fence eight, chased inside on the final turn, came out into upper stretch, pursued the top two into the final furlong and proved no match for those foes then just missed the show. JIMMY P jumped well under reserve, had the rider fall back in the saddle many times going around the fourth turn, chased on the final bend and tired. AWAKENED was off at the rear, lost ground at the tail-end over fences four and eight then came up empty. HOWYABUD (IRE) went around the first turn in the two path, raced outside from that juncture while jumping well, angled out before fence eight, bumped with an opponent after landing over fence nine, was ridden along on the final turn and also came up empty. KITTEN AROUND went to the front from the outside, angled in entering the first turn, opened up a clear lead, jumped outwards over fences two and three, continued with a sizable advantage while jumping well thereafter, was challenged after fence nine, vied inside on the final turn, lost the advantage to the winner outside the quarter-pole and gave way.

**Owners**– 1, Atlantic Friends Racing; 2, Bruton Street-US; 3, Johnston Mrs SK Jr; 4, South Branch Equine LLC; 5, Madaket Stables LLC Willis Molly and Willis Paul; 6, Riverdee Stable and Ten Strike Racing; 7, Naylor Irvin S; 8, Upland Flats Racing Dark Horse Racing and Brion Keri

**Trainers**– 1, Brion Keri; 2, Fisher Jack; 3, Garner Thomas; 4, McDermott Sean; 5, Brion Keri; 6, Fisher Jack; 7, Murphy Cyril; 8, Brion Keri