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SARATOGA - August 20, 2020 - Race 1

STAKES New York Turf Writers Cup H. Grade 1 - Thoroughbred

TO BE RUN OVER NATIONAL FENCES A HURDLE HANDICAP FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Closed Saturday, August 8, 2020 with 9 Nominations.

Two And Three Eighth Miles On The Hurdle **Track Record:** (Hokan - 4:12.04 - August 27, 1998)

Purse: \$100,000 Added

Available Money: \$100,000

Value of Race: \$100,000 1st \$60,000, 2nd \$18,000, 3rd \$10,000, 4th \$7,000, 5th \$5,000

Weather: Clear **Track:** Firm

Off at: 12:51 **Start:** Good for all

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	1/2	1m	11/2	2m	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
13Jun20 ³ MID ³	1	Rashaan (IRE) (Garner, Thomas)	144	L	1	1 ^{1/2}	2 ¹	2 ¹	2 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ²	8.00	led,tracked, edged clr
23Jul20 ¹ SAR ⁴	3	Redicean (GB) (Galligan, Gerard)	142	L f	3	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	4 ¹	4 ^{2 1/2}	2 ⁴	2 ^{3 3/4}	7.70	tracked inside, ran on
23Jul20 ¹ SAR ¹	5	Moscato (GB) (Mitchell, Michael)	160	L b	4	5 ¹	5 ^{1/2}	6	5 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{2 3/4}	1.70	2-3w pursuit, improved
23Jul20 ¹ SAR ³	8	Gibralfaro (IRE) (McDermott, Sean)	142	L	6	3 ¹	3 ¹	3 ^{Head}	6	4 ³	4 ^{13 3/4}	7.00	hit fence 5, weakened
23Jul20 ¹ SAR ²	6	Optimus Prime (FR) (Nagle, Darren)	160	L	5	6	6	5 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Head}	5 ³⁰	5 ^{5 1/2}	1.60*	check btw fin, vanned
23Jul20 ¹ SAR ⁶	2	Pravalaguna (FR) (Dalton, Bernard)	143	-	2	2 ²	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ²	1 ^{1/2}	6	6	9.50	2p, led 2-9, eased

Final Time: 4:34.20

Run-Up: 0 feet

Winner: Rashaan (IRE), Chestnut Gelding, by =Manduro (GER) out of =Rayyana (IRE), by Rainbow Quest. Foaled Mar 20, 2012 in Ireland.

Breeder: His Highness The Aga Khan's Studs S.C..

Winning Owner: Bruton Street-US

Scratched Horse(s): Belisarius (IRE) (Stewards), Zanjabeel (GB) (Trainer)

Total WPS Pool: \$88,319

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Rashaan (IRE)	18.00	7.30	5.30	\$1.00 Exacta	1-3	63.25	64,771
3	Redicean (GB)		8.70	5.00	\$0.50 Trifecta	1-3-5	89.25	35,247
5	Moscato (GB)			2.60	\$0.10 Superfecta	1-3-5-8	58.25	19,992

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	1/2	1m	11/2	2m	Str	Fin
1	Rashaan (IRE)	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ²	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ²
3	Redicean (GB)	4 ^{3 1/2}	4 ^{3 1/2}	4 ³	4 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ²
5	Moscato (GB)	5 ⁴	5 ⁴	6 ^{4 1/2}	5 ⁴	3 ^{4 1/2}	3 ^{5 3/4}
8	Gibralfaro (IRE)	3 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{2 1/2}	3 ³	6 ^{6 1/2}	4 ^{4 1/2}	4 ^{8 1/2}
6	Optimus Prime (FR)	6 ⁵	6 ^{4 1/2}	5 ⁴	3 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{7 1/2}	5 ^{22 1/4}
2	Pravalaguna (FR)	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ²	1 ^{1/2}	6 ^{37 1/2}	6 ^{73 3/4}

Trainers: 1 - Young, Leslie; 3 - Young, Leslie; 5 - Fisher, Jack; 8 - Fisher, Jack; 6 - Hendriks, Richard; 2 - Fisher, Jack

Owners: 1 - Bruton Street-US; 3 - Sharon E. Sheppard; 5 - Bruton Street-US; 8 - Riverdee Stable; 6 - Rosbrian Farm; 2 - Bruton Street-US;

Footnotes

RASHAAN (IRE) led early on before conceding the front to PRAVALAGUNA at fence two, tracked that leader along the inside in the early going jumping well to maintain position before tipping out to the two path as the leader took to the inside after fence five into the third turn, remained patiently handled until put to urging nearing the final flight, took over command after that jump once in the flat, showed the way through the final turn and got put to a drive swinging into upper stretch, dug in under a drive edging away through the final furlong to prevail. REDICEAN (GB) tracked the pace along the inside from mid pack, jumped well to maintain position, jostled with OPTIMUS PRIME midway on the turn as that rival was in a seam between foes and shut down that seam in tandem with MOSCATO to the outside, came under urging at the head of the stretch, dug in under a drive chasing the winner home and running on clear of the rest to secure the place honors. MOSCATO (GB) just off the inside near the rear of the field, jumped well to keep pace with the front, got nudged briefly three wide midway on the third turn by OPTIMUS PRIME as that rival tipped out to the two path, came under coaxing after fence eight for the initial time, cleared the final flight well and was put to coaxing through the final turn being placed to a drive at the head of the stretch, then improved position through to the finish to procure the show honors. GIBRALFARO (IRE) just off the pace three paths off the inside, tucked to the two path dropping back to mid pack and then briefly near the rear, struck fence five when jumping late, tipped back three wide after fence six, came under encouragement after the final fence once in the flat and weakened in the stretch. OPTIMUS PRIME (FR) just off the inside at the tail of the field early on, tucked inside after the second fence, remained inside until tipped to the two path midway on the third turn nudging MOSCATO three wide, jumped well to maintain pace, spied a seam between foes after the final flight placed to light coaxing, had the seam closed down by REDICEAN inside and MOSCATO outside and was pinched out and forced to be taken in hand midway on the final turn, took to the inside into upper stretch, got placed to a brief drive and did not respond, had the rider protect his charge and was eased through the final furlong, then got pulled up after the finish and was subsequently vanned off. PRAVALAGUNA (FR) just off the inside in closest aim of the early leader, took over command at fence two, showed the way rated along on the pace crossing to the inside into the third turn, came under coaxing after flight eight nearing the final fence, jumped that one shying a bit to the off side, yielded command just inside that fence and came under a brief drive put to an off sided stick, tired and was eased through the flat to the wire.