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SARATOGA - August 8, 2020 - Race 7

STAKES Ballerina S. Grade 1 - Thoroughbred

A HANDICAP FOR FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD.

Seven Furlongs On The Dirt **Track Record:** (Darby Creek Road - 1:20.40 - August 8, 1978)

Purse: \$300,000 Guaranteed

Available Money: \$300,000

Value of Race: \$300,000 1st \$165,000, 2nd \$60,000, 3rd \$36,000, 4th \$18,000, 5th \$12,000, 6th \$4,500, 7th \$4,500

Weather: Clear **Track:** Fast

Off at: 3:45 **Start:** Good for all

| Last Raced | Pgm | Horse Name (Jockey) | Wgt M/E | PP | Start | 1/4 | 1/2 | Str | Fin | Odds | Comments |
|----------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|---------|-----|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------|------------------------|
| 27Jun20 ⁹ CD ⁴ | 1 | Serengeti Empress (Saez, Luis) | 122 L | 1 5 | 1 ¹ | 1 ^{1/2} | 1 ^{1 1/2} | 1 ¹ | 1 ¹ | 3.15 | gun gate,ins,2w upper |
| 4Jul20 ⁸ LRC ² | 4 | Bellafina (Ortiz, Jose) | 121 L b | 4 3 | 4 ¹ | 4 ¹ | 2 ¹ | 2 ^{1 1/2} | 2 ^{1 1/2} | 2.70* | 3w1/2,4w upper,rally |
| 27Jun20 ⁷ BEL ¹ | 3 | Victim of Love (Lezcano, Jose) | 120 L b | 3 4 | 5 ¹ | 5 ¹ | 3 ^{1/2} | 3 ^{1/2} | 3 ^{1/2} | 10.90 | ins,clear rail1/4,flat |
| 27Jun20 ⁷ BEL ² | 7 | Come Dancing (Castellano, Javier) | 121 L f | 7 6 | 6 ⁵ | 6 ^{5 1/2} | 5 ⁶ | 4 ^{3 1/2} | 4 ^{3 1/2} | 3.45 | 3w1/2,lug in3/16,5w1/8 |
| 27Jun20 ¹¹ GP ¹ | 5 | Letruska (Santana, Jr., Ricardo) | 119 L b | 5 2 | 2 ^{1 1/2} | 2 ^{1 1/2} | 4 ¹ | 5 ^{5 1/4} | 5 ^{5 1/4} | 5.10 | 2w,spar winner, tired |
| 13Jun20 ⁹ BEL ⁵ | 6 | Pink Sands (Ortiz, Jr., Irad) | 120 L b | 6 7 | 7 | 7 | 6 ¹ | 6 ^{7 1/4} | 6 ^{7 1/4} | 4.90 | sluggish,ins,9w1/8 |
| 18Apr20 ¹⁰ OP ¹⁴ | 2 | Cookie Dough (Velazquez, John) | 120 L | 2 1 | 3 ² | 3 ¹ | 7 | 7 | 7 | 21.60 | 2w turn,6w upr,tired |

Fractional Times: 21.75 43.74 1:08.32

Final Time: 1:21.63

Split Times: (21:99) (24:58) (13:31)

Run-Up: 45 feet

Winner: Serengeti Empress, Dark Bay or Brown Filly, by [Alternation](#) out of Havisham, by Bernardini. Foaled Jan 30, 2016 in Kentucky.

Winner's sire standing at Pin Oak Stud

Breeder: Tri Eques Bloodstock, LLC.

Winning Owner: Joel Politi

Total WPS Pool: \$1,141,894

| Pgm | Horse | Win | Place | Show | Wager Type | Winning Numbers | Payoff | Pool |
|-----|-------------------|------|-------|------|---------------------|---------------------|--------|---------|
| 1 | Serengeti Empress | 8.30 | 4.70 | 3.80 | \$1.00 Exacta | 1-4 | 13.80 | 809,563 |
| 4 | Bellafina | | 4.30 | 3.10 | \$0.50 Trifecta | 1-4-3 | 36.87 | 384,749 |
| 3 | Victim of Love | | | 5.50 | \$1.00 Daily Double | 3-1 | 40.25 | 140,066 |
| | | | | | \$1.00 Pick 3 | 7-3-1 (3 correct) | 67.75 | 193,825 |
| | | | | | \$0.50 Pick 4 | 5-7-3-1 (4 correct) | 71.50 | 408,696 |
| | | | | | \$0.10 Superfecta | 1-4-3-7 | 19.00 | 179,338 |

Past Performance Running Line Preview

| Pgm | Horse Name | Start | 1/4 | 1/2 | Str | Fin |
|-----|-------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Serengeti Empress | 5 | 1 ¹ | 1 ^{1/2} | 1 ^{1 1/2} | 1 ¹ |
| 4 | Bellafina | 3 | 4 ^{4 1/2} | 4 ³ | 2 ^{1 1/2} | 2 ¹ |
| 3 | Victim of Love | 4 | 5 ^{5 1/2} | 5 ⁴ | 3 ^{2 1/2} | 3 ^{2 1/2} |
| 7 | Come Dancing | 6 | 6 ^{6 1/2} | 6 ⁵ | 5 ⁴ | 4 ³ |
| 5 | Letruska | 2 | 2 ¹ | 2 ^{1/2} | 4 ³ | 5 ^{6 1/2} |
| 6 | Pink Sands | 7 | 7 ^{11 1/2} | 7 ^{10 1/2} | 6 ¹⁰ | 6 ^{11 3/4} |
| 2 | Cookie Dough | 1 | 3 ^{2 1/2} | 3 ² | 7 ¹¹ | 7 ¹⁹ |

Trainers: 1 - Amoss, Thomas; 4 - Callaghan, Simon; 3 - Beattie, Todd; 7 - Martin, Carlos; 5 - Gutierrez, Fausto; 6 - McGaughy III, Claude; 2 - Alvarado, Juan

Owners: 1 - Joel Politi; 4 - Kaleem Shah, Inc., Magnier, Mrs. John, Tabor, Michael B. and Smith, Derrick; 3 - Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC; 7 - Blue Devil Racing Stable (Holliday); 5 - St. George Stable LLC; 6 - Gainesway Stable (Antony Beck) and Rosen, Andrew; 2 - Arindel;

Footnotes

SERENGETI EMPRESS was gunned to the top, saw the pilot resort to much milder hand encouragement after achieving the goal, led the way by a narrow margin, tailed by LETRUSKA from path two, was the first of that pairing to have its rider commit to a drive, this occurring several strides shy of the quarter pole, shifted into the two path stepping onto the head of the stretch, thus leaving the rail unattended, withstood heavy pressure during the ensuing furlong, drifted an additional path towards the outside with approximately a sixteenth remaining, dug in with good determination to preserve the decision. BELLAFINA off the inside throughout, underwent a three wide pursuit on the turn, angled one path wider for the drive home, gained ground in a steadfast manner rallying for the place. VICTIM OF LOVE was gradually worked onto the inside proceeding along the backstretch, closed the gap after the half had been rattled off, paused coming up to the end of the bend, cut the corner with ample room with which to launch a rally of her from along the open rail corridor, was given her cue, wasn't up to the task at hand, flattening out instead. COME DANCING brushed with PINK SANDS springing from the starting gate, took up position towards the back of the pack, departed the backstretch from path three, angled into the fourth one for entrance into the lane, had the rider take hold lugging in right around the three-sixteenths marker, altered course into the five path shortly afterwards, mustered up a mild response for the final significant slice of the pot. LETRUSKA left the post parade early, proceeded to break in good order, sparred for command matched up with the winner from the two path, kept at it until upper stretch before backing away. PINK SANDS raced sluggishly after making light contact with COME DANCING in the shadow of the starting gate, cut over to the inside, loped along as the trailer, completed the run around the bend, wandered out approximately nine wide from upper to midstretch, never made her presence felt. COOKIE DOUGH took up the chase two wide, got sent out six wide entering the turn, had little left soon afterwards, then after being switched over to a light hand ride, was allowed to fade away.

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