

SARATOGA - July 31, 2026 - Race 9

STAKES Amsterdam S. Grade 2 - Thoroughbred
FOR THREE YEAR OLDS. Lasix not allowed within 48 hours of post time pursuant to HISA Rule 4212. By subscription of \$250 each which should accompany the nomination; \$1,250 to pass the entry box and an additional \$1,250 to start. For horses not originally nominated, a supplemental payment of \$1,250 in addition to the entry and starting fees may be made at any time prior to the closing of entries. 124 lbs. Non-winners of a Graded Sweepstakes in 2025-26 allowed 2 lbs.; of a Sweepstakes in 2026 allowed 4 lbs.A trophy will be presented to the winning owner. Closed Saturday, July 18, 2026 with 13 Nominations.

Distance: Six And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt Current Track Record: (Quality Road - 1:13.74 - August 3, 2009)

Purse: \$250,000 Guaranteed

Available Money: \$250,000

Value of Race: \$250,000 1st \$137,500, 2nd \$50,000, 3rd \$30,000, 4th \$15,000, 5th \$10,000, 6th \$3,750, 7th \$3,750

Weather: Cloudy, 78° Track: Good

Off at: 5:50 Start: Good for all Timing Method: Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
6Jun26 ⁶ SAR ³	2	Local Knowledge (Velazquez, John) 	120 --	2 4		2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ² 1/2	1 ^{Head}	4.17	bid1/2,2p turn,dueled
6Jun26 ¹⁰ SAR ⁷	3	Solitude Dude (Ortiz, Jr., Irad) 	122 --	3 1		3 ¹ 1/2	3 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	2 ³ 1/2	6.45	out,3p,bid1/4,dueled
6Jun26 ¹⁰ SAR ³	7	Obliteration (Ortiz, Jose) 	124 b	6 2		4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Head}	3 ² 1/4	0.80*	swerved in5-1/2,ins-3p
28Jun26 ⁹ CD ²	1	American Man (Prat, Flavien) 	120 --	1 3		1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	4 ¹	4 ^{Neck}	8.50	ins,headed3/16,tired
3Jul26 ⁷ SAR ¹	5	White Smoke Rising (Santana, Jr., Ricardo) 	120 f	5 7		7	7	6 ³	5 ³ 1/4	21.65	bmp brk,step slw,5p1/4
6Jun26 ¹⁰ SAR ⁴	4	Gilded Bandit (Alvarado, Junior)	120 b	4 6		6 ⁴	6 ³ 1/2	5 ^{1/2}	6 ⁵ 1/2	6.18	bmp brk,forced in5-1/2
19Jul26 ⁹ SAR ⁷	8	Rockies Balboa (Franco, Manuel) 	120 --	7 5		5 ^{1/2}	5 ^{Head}	7	7	47.40	bmp brk,4p turn,empty

Fractional Times: 21.77 44.64 1:08.66 Final Time: 1:14.89 Time from Gate: 1:18.49

Split Times: (22:87) (24:02) (6:23)

Run-Up: 100 feet

Winner: Local Knowledge, Bay Colt, by [Yaupon](#) out of Chestnut Street, by Scat Daddy. Foaled May 01, 2023 in Kentucky.

 Winner's sire standing at Spendthrift Farm

Breeder: Stoneriggs Farm

Owner: Spendthrift Farm LLC 

Trainer: Pletcher, Todd

Scratched Horse(s): Lincoln's Law (Stakes Scratch)

Total WPS Pool: \$908,313

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
2	Local Knowledge	10.34	5.02	3.10	\$1.00 Exacta	2-3	28.60	576,512
3	Solitude Dude		6.08	3.24	\$0.50 Trifecta	2-3-7	31.70	244,441
7	Obliteration			2.16	\$1.00 Grand Slam	1/8/9-1/2/6-4/5/7-2 (4 correct)	33.00	63,123
					\$1.00 Pick 3	1-7-2 (3 correct)	322.31	102,100
					\$0.50 Pick 5	(X-COUNTRY P5)	10,927.74	25,721
						1/2/7-1-10-7-2 (5 correct)		
					\$1.00 Daily Double	7-2	33.65	154,116
					\$0.10 Superfecta	2-3-7-1	21.37	140,005

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
2	Local Knowledge	4	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}
3	Solitude Dude	1	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ¹	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}
7	Obliteration	2	4 ³	4 ¹ 1/2	3 ² 1/2	3 ³ 1/2
1	American Man	3	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	4 ² 3/4	4 ⁵ 3/4
5	White Smoke Rising	7	7 ⁸	7 ⁵ 1/2	6 ⁴ 1/4	5 ⁶
4	Gilded Bandit	6	6 ⁴	6 ²	5 ³ 3/4	6 ⁹ 1/4
8	Rockies Balboa	5	5 ³ 1/2	5 ²	7 ⁷ 1/4	7 ¹⁴ 3/4

Trainers: 2 - Pletcher, Todd; 3 - Joseph, Jr., Saffie; 7 - Asmussen, Steven; 1 - Stewart, Dallas; 5 - Baker, Charlton; 4 - Mott, William; 8 - Romans, Dale

Owners: 2 - Spendthrift Farm LLC; 3 -Chris Fountoukis; 7 - Leland Ackerley Racing, Sherwood, James, Shupe, Jode and Cilia, John; 1 - Gervais Racing LLC; 5 -Albert Fried, Jr.; 4 - Pin Oak Stud LLC; 8 - Monfort, Charles, America's Pastime Stables, Bloom Racing Stable LLC (Jeffrey Bloom) and Barker, Edwin S.;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE tracked the pace on the inside of SOLITUDE DUDE, vied in the two path while asked on the turn, dueled inside of the aforementioned foe in the stretch, battled under a left-handed crop to the finish and gamely prevailed under strong urging. SOLITUDE DUDE came outward just after the start, stalked the pace on the outside, was given his cue in the three path on the turn, made a bid late on that bend, dueled outside of the winner in the stretch, fought gamely under a right-handed crop to the finish and was denied while clear for the place. OBLITERATION broke out and bumped with ROCKIES BALBOA, settled off the pace, swerved in near the eleven-sixteenths pole, moved closer late on the backstretch, drafted inside to the two path on the turn, brushed with a foe while nudging his way out a path in upper stretch, pursued the top two to the finish and lacked the needed kick while clear for the show. AMERICAN MAN brushed the outside of the gate at the start, moved up to get the lead then showed the way, was asked while inside on the turn, lost the advantage in upper stretch, dropped back into the final furlong and tired. WHITE SMOKE RISING bumped with a rival and was off a step slow, angled in at the rear with about six furlongs to run, moved from the two path to the five path while getting closer on the turn, turned into upper stretch under a drive and lacked the needed response then just missed the superfecta. GILDED BANDIT bumped with a foe at the start, settled off the pace after being urged early, was forced in sharply by OBLITERATION near the eleven-sixteenths pole, raced in hand late on the backstretch, shifted from the rail to the three path while roused on the far turn, turned into the stretch under a right-handed crop, was brushed and nudged out a path near the three-sixteenths pole then came up empty. ROCKIES BALBOA was bumped by OBLITERATION at the start, settled on the outside, moved closer while urged along in the four path on the turn, chased into the stretch and had nothing left.

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