

Saturday, Woodbine

DANCE SMARTLY S.-GII, \$333,205, WOX, 7-12, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:50, gd.

1--**@THE NIAGARA QUEEN**, 115, m, 5, by [Langfuhr](#)

1st Dam: Inspirational, by Lord At War (Arg)

2nd Dam: Warna Corna, by Fappiano

3rd Dam: Morna (GB), by Blakeney

(\$110,000 2yo '05 ADNMAR; \$280,000 HRA '07 FTKNOV). O-Elite Racing Company; B-Adena Springs Farm (ON); T-Steven M Asmussen; J-James McAleney; \$208,068. Lifetime Record: 24-5-6-2, \$576,695. **Werk Nick Rating: C.**

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2--**Sprung**, 118, f, 4, Grand Slam--Springhurst, by Lord At War (Arg). (\$55,000 yrl '05 KEESEP). O-Woodford Racing LLC; B-WinStar Farm LLC (KY); T-Mark E Casse; \$59,448.

3--**Quiet Jungle**, 113, f, 4, Forest Wildcat--Split the Arrow, by Smart Strike. O/B-Sam Son Farm (ON); T-Mark R Frostad; \$38,146.

Margins: 1HF, NK, HF. Odds: 5.35, 7.70, 1.45.

Also Ran: Tell It as It Is, Callwood Dancer (Ire), May Night, Sans Souci Island.

The Niagara Queen captured the Flaming Page S. over 1 1/2 miles of this turf course last September before ending her 2007 campaign with a fourth-place effort in the Oct. 21 E P Taylor S. The chestnut mare



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returned this term with a third-place effort in a May 9 allowance and was coming off a fifth-place finish in the May 31 GII Nassau S. Making her third start off the layoff, The Niagara Queen chased the early pacesetter before tugging her way to the lead midway on the backstretch and setting pedestrian splits. Challenged by Sprung at midstretch, she re-rallied and kicked clear again for a determined win.

"Around the bottom of the turn, I had a ton of horse," explained winning rider Jim McAleney. "I thought it was going to take a real horse to outsprint us. Steve [Flint, assistant to trainer Steve Asmussen] had told me that this filly was doing better than ever. I knew I could ride her with a ton of confidence." Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#), the [brisnet.com PPs](#) or the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)