

D-FENCE PREVAILS IN FOREGO

First Defence (Unbridled's Song) capitalized when favored **Lucky Island (Arg)** (Lucky Roberto) lost all chance at the start, leading gate to wire to take the GI Forego S. by 6 3/4 lengths. With Channing Hill in the irons, the bay led through a half in :44.61 and pulled away late to win handily. "He just cruised around there," Hill said. "What a horse!" **Cont. p3**



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FOREGO S.-GI, \$250,000, SAR, 8-30, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:21 2/5, ft.

- 1--▲**FIRST DEFENCE**, 119, c, 4, by [Unbridled's Song](#)
1st Dam: **Honest Lady** (GISW, \$894,168), by **Seattle Slew**
2nd Dam: **Toussaud**, by **El Gran Senor**
3rd Dam: **Image of Reality**, by **In Reality**
O/B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY); T-R Frankel; J-C Hill; \$150,000. Lifetime Record: 12-6-3-0, \$576,534.
* 1/2 to **Phantom Rose** (Danzig), SW-Fr; and **Honest Quality** (Elusive Quality), SW-Fr. **Werk Nick Rating: B+ . Click for the [eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree](#).**
- 2--**Greeley's Conquest**, 117, c, 4, [Mr. Greeley](#)--Topsy Girl, by **Raise a Cup**. (\$180,000 yrl '05 KEESEP).
O-Millard R Seldin; B-Liberation Farm & Oratis Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Gary A Thomas; \$50,000.
- 3--**Ferocious Fires**, 117, h, 5, **Lite the Fuse**--**Flag On the Gate**, by **Key to the Flag**. O-Sanford Goldfarb, Ira Davis & William Vidro; B-Sanford Goldfarb (NY); T-Anthony W Dutrow; \$25,000.

Margins: 6 3/4, HD, NK. Odds: 7.80, 38.50, 24.00.
Also Ran: **Eternal Star**, **Tasteyville**, **Lucky Island** (Arg), **Premium Wine**, **Bold Start**, **Forefathers**, **Real Estate**.

First Defence showed an affinity for the Saratoga main track when second to **Hard Spun** in last year's GI King's Bishop S. The Juddmonte homebred headed next to the Sept. 30 GI Vosburgh S., but faded after getting bumped at the break and ran seventh. Sidelined after that outing, he returned to take an optional claimer at Churchill May 3. First Defence was fifth after pressing the pace in the May 26 GI Met Mile H., and was coming off a second in the July 26 GII Alfred G. Vanderbilt H. Channing Hill sent the colt up the rail to join **Eternal Star** (Five Star Day) through a rapid opening half. He shook clear at the top of the lane and cruised home as much the best. It was the first Grade I win for Hill, and the fourth Forego score in six years for Bobby Frankel. Odds-on **Lucky Island** (**Lucky Roberto**) trailed after getting taken up sharply at the start. He made a bold move as they came around the bend, but flattened out to be sixth in a blanket finish for second. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#), the [brisnet.com PPs](#) or the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)**