

ALBUQUERQUE - September 4, 2026 - Race 4



CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs.
Claiming Price \$12,500. New Mexico Bred Claiming Price \$15,000. (NW2 L) **Claiming Price:** \$12,500
Distance: Six And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Marking Canyon - 1:13.92 - June 14, 2026)
Purse: \$23,500
Available Money: \$23,500
Value of Race: \$23,500 1st \$14,100, 2nd \$4,700, 3rd \$2,585, 4th \$1,410, 5th \$705
Weather: Cloudy, 80° **Track:** Fast
Off at: 7:24 **Start:** Good for all except 4 **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
23Aug26 ⁴ ALB ¹	4	Carl Erskine (Juarez, Jr., Alfredo)	122	L b	3 3		1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ²	0.70*	bobbld st,ins spd,drv
19Jul26 ² ALB ¹	6	Solo Me (Andrade, Jr., Oscar)	124	L b	5 2		5	5	5	2 ^{1/2}	4.50	5-w turn,shift in,game
12Jul26 ⁶ ALB ⁵	2	El Chino Vaca (Perez, Miguel)	124	L	1 4		3 ^{1/2}	4 ^{4 1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{3 1/4}	4.30	swung wide,willingly
2Aug26 ³ ALB ⁶	5	Forward Observer (Amparan, Francisco)	124	L bk	4 1		2 ²	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	4 ^{2 3/4}	12.70	prompt outs,gave way
12Jul26 ⁶ ALB ³	3	West Is West (Arboleda, Aldo)	124	L bf	2 5		4 ¹	3 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	5	3.40	4-w 1/4, faded

Fractional Times: 24.59 46.79 1:11.95 **Final Time:** 1:17.96 **Time from Gate:** 1:18.04
Split Times: (22:20) (25:16) (6:01)
Run-Up: 25 feet

Winner: Carl Erskine, Chestnut Gelding, by Grazen out of An Unusual Group, by Unusual Heat. Foaled Feb 17, 2023 in California.
Breeder: Nick Alexander
Owner: Alfredo Alvarado
Trainer: Valdez-Cabral, Martin

Claiming Prices: 4 - Carl Erskine: \$12,500; 6 - Solo Me: \$12,500; 2 - El Chino Vaca: \$12,500; 5 - Forward Observer: \$15,000; 3 - West Is West: \$12,500;

Scratched Horse(s): Ferrari Money (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$8,567

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
4	Carl Erskine	3.40	2.20	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	4-6	5.80	4,486
6	Solo Me		3.60	2.60	\$0.50 Trifecta	4-6-2	8.35	2,677
2	El Chino Vaca			2.80	\$1.00 Superfecta	4-6-2-5	76.50	1,864

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
4	Carl Erskine	3	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ²
6	Solo Me	2	5 ⁴	5 ^{7 1/4}	5 ⁴	2 ²
2	El Chino Vaca	4	3 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{2 3/4}	4 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{2 1/2}
5	Forward Observer	1	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{5 3/4}
3	West Is West	5	4 ³	3 ^{Head}	3 ²	5 ^{8 1/2}

Trainers: 4 - Valdez-Cabral, Martin; 6 - Hudson, Jeff; 2 - Hernandez, Daniel; 5 - Amparan, Alberto; 3 - Trujillo, Jeffrey

Owners: 4 -Alfredo Alvarado; 6 -Taunya Hammond; 2 -Ruben Ramirez; 5 - UKUSA Stables; 3 -Enrique Gomez;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

CARL ERSKINE bobbled at the break, showed good early speed from the inside and held game under steady handling. SOLO ME raced five wide through the far turn, shifted in and finished gamely to the wire. EL CHINO VACA dropped back early, swung wide into the lane and finished willingly to the wire. FORWARD OBSERVER prompt the early leader from the outside and gave way. WEST IS WEST dropped back early, made a four wide bid near the quarter pole and faded through the drive.