

ALBUQUERQUE - September 4, 2026 - Race 6
STARTER OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF \$6,250 OR LESS IN 2025 - 2026 OR CLAIMING PRICE \$10,000. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Claiming Price \$10,000. (C) **Claiming Price:** \$10,000
Distance: Five And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Yulla Yulla - 1:01.68 - September 23, 2000)
Purse: \$22,800
Available Money: \$22,800
Value of Race: \$22,800 1st \$13,452, 2nd \$4,560, 3rd \$2,280, 4th \$1,140, 5th \$684, 6th \$228, 7th \$228, 8th \$228
Weather: Cloudy, 77° **Track:** Fast
Off at: 8:13 **Start:** Good for all except 6 **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
5Jul26 ⁸ LS ¹	7	Mystification (Juarez, Jr., Alfredo)	124	L	bf	7 3	3 ^{1 1/2}	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ^{Neck}	0.70*	4-w upper,dug in,drvng
18Apr26 ⁹ SRP ¹	2	Best Choice Baby (Sigala, Alfredo)	125	L	b	2 7	6 ³	6 ^{2 1/2}	5 ¹	2 ^{2 1/2}	16.20	4-5w turn,game rally
26Jul26 ⁸ ALB ¹¹	8	Magical Mark (Perez, Miguel)	124	L		8 5	7 ⁵	7 ⁵	7 ³	3 ^{Nose}	7.20	swung widest,moved up
14Aug26 ³ ALB ⁶	3	Blazing to Gold (Gomez, Enrique)	124	L	b	3 6	4 ^{1/2}	5 ¹	6 ²	4 ¹	7.50	3-w turn, not enough
8Aug26 ⁶ WYO ²	1	Blocked (Valenzuela, Luis)	124	L	b	1 4	1 ^{1/2}	3 ¹	2 ^{Head}	5 ^{Neck}	6.40	inside speed,weakened
21Jun26 ⁹ ALB ¹⁰	4	Aztec Sun (Ramos, Christian)	124	L		4 1	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	3 ^{1/2}	6 ⁴	8.30	up close,3-w 1/4,wknd
17May26 ¹⁰ SRP ⁴	6	John John (Arboleda, Aldo)	124	L	b	6 8	8	8	8	7 ^{2 1/4}	16.90	off slowly, no factor
2Aug26 ⁴ ALB ¹	5	One Mark (Medellin, Erick)	124	L	b	5 2	5 ²	4 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	8	13.30	4-w turn,no response

Fractional Times: 23.61 47.12 58.39 **Final Time:** 1:04.18 **Time from Gate:** 1:04.61
Split Times: (23:51) (11:27) (5:79)
Run-Up: 25 feet

Winner: Mystification, Bay Gelding, by Good Magic out of Sweet Nina, by Tiznow. Foaled Jan 18, 2020 in Kentucky.
Breeder: Fred W. Hertrich III, John D. Fielding& Robert L. Tribbett
Owner: Alvarado, Alfredo and Valdez-Cabral, Martin Manuel
Trainer: Valdez-Cabral, Martin

Claiming Prices: 7 - Mystification: \$10,000; 8 - Magical Mark: \$10,000; 4 - Aztec Sun: \$10,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$11,816

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
7	Mystification	3.40	2.80	2.20	\$1.00 Exacta	7-2	13.70	5,377
2	Best Choice Baby		8.40	6.40	\$0.50 Trifecta	7-2-8	45.35	4,055
8	Magical Mark			5.40	\$1.00 Superfecta	7-2-8-3	368.00	3,092

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin
7	Mystification	3	3 ^{1/2}	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ^{Neck}
2	Best Choice Baby	7	6 ^{4 1/2}	6 ^{4 1/2}	5 ²	2 ^{Neck}
8	Magical Mark	5	7 ^{7 1/2}	7 ⁷	7 ⁵	3 ^{2 3/4}
3	Blazing to Gold	6	4 ²	5 ^{3 1/2}	6 ³	4 ^{2 3/4}
1	Blocked	4	1 ^{1/2}	3 ¹	2 ¹	5 ^{3 3/4}
4	Aztec Sun	1	2 ^{1/2}	2 ¹	3 ¹	6 ⁴
6	John John	8	8 ^{12 1/2}	8 ¹²	8 ⁸	7 ⁸
5	One Mark	2	5 ^{2 1/2}	4 ²	4 ^{1 1/2}	8 ^{10 1/4}

Trainers: 7 - Valdez-Cabral, Martin; 2 - Wolf, Ashlee; 8 - Hernandez, Daniel; 3 - Trujillo, Jeffrey; 1 - Crotts, James; 4 - Gonzalez, Andres; 6 - Rodriguez-Flores, Victor; 5 - Cadena, Jr., Emilio

Owners: 7 - Alvarado, Alfredo and Valdez-Cabral, Martin Manuel; 2 -Ashlee Wolf; 8 -Yesika Fuentes; 3 -Bedelio Trujillo; 1 -James E. Crotts; 4 -Amanda Sweeten; 6 -Irving Arias; 5 -Janet Chavez;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

MYSTIFICATION stalked the pace, raced four wide into the upper stretch, dug in and held in a game effort under strong pressure. BEST CHOICE BABY dropped back early, raced four to five wide through the far turn and had a game rally to just miss. MAGICAL MARK raced near the back early, swung widest through the lane and moved up late to improve position. BLAZING TO GOLD dropped back to race mid pack, three wide through the far turn, kept on but had not enough. BLOCKED showed good early speed along the inside and weakened through the drive. AZTEC SUN up close early, raced three wide between near the quarter pole and weakened. JOHN JOHN was off slowly and never was a factor. ONE MARK dropped back to race mid pack early, was four wide through the far turn and had no response.