

**BELTERRA PARK - May 29, 2026 - Race 9**

STAKES Best of Ohio Sydney Gendelman S. - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD, REGISTERED OHIO FOALS. By subscription of \$50 each, which shall accompany the nomination \$350 due at time of entry and \$650 additional to start, which shall be due at noon, day of the race. \$100,000 Guaranteed (Includes \$35,000 OTF), of which 60% to the winner; 20% to second; 10% to third; 5% to fourth; 3% to fifth; 2% to sixth. Equal Weights Three Years-Old 119 lbs Older 124 lbs. Starters and riders must be named through the entry box by the usual time of closing. This race will be limited to twelve (12) horses with preference to start given to those with the highest total earnings in 2025-2026. Should this race be determined to run on the dirt the distance will remain the same. Failure to draw in cancels all fees. Lasixis not permitted in this race. Trophy presented to the winning owner. Nominations closed Wednesday, May 20, 2026 with 21 nominations. (If transferred to the Main Track, this race will be run at One Mile and a Sixteenth.). (S)

**Distance:** One And One Sixteenth Miles On The Dirt - Originally Scheduled For 1 1/16 Miles On Turf **Current Track Record:** (Fuzzy Dee Jay - 1:43.25 - June 15, 2014)

**Purse:** \$100,000 Guaranteed

**Includes:** \$35,000 OTF - Ohio Thoroughbred Fund

**Available Money:** \$100,000

**Value of Race:** \$100,000 1st \$60,000, 2nd \$20,000, 3rd \$10,000, 4th \$5,000, 5th \$3,000, 6th \$2,000

**Weather:** Clear, 76° **Track:** Fast

**Off at:** 4:45 **Start:** Good for all except 7 **Timing Method:** Electronic

[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
2May26 <sup>7</sup> TDN <sup>3</sup>	13	Ekati's Way (Fernandez, Victor)	124	b	8	5	<sup>3</sup> Head	<sup>3</sup> 2 1/2	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	2.30	3w,bid71/6,determined
2May26 <sup>6</sup> TDN <sup>1</sup>	5	Villian (Diaz, Jr., Hector)	124	f	2	3	5 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	5 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	5 <sup>4</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	2 <sup>2</sup> 3/4	2.30	cued5w, held off
15May26 <sup>8</sup> BTP <sup>4</sup>	7	Obi Kenobi (McKee, John)	124	-	4	6	7 <sup>4</sup>	7 <sup>4</sup>	8	5 <sup>4</sup> 1/2	3 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	28.50	pinch st,no threat
29Apr26 <sup>4</sup> TDN <sup>4</sup>	9	Onirico (Bracho, Jose)	124	f	6	2	4 <sup>2</sup>	4 <sup>2</sup>	4 <sup>1</sup>	4 <sup>Head</sup>	4 <sup>3</sup> 4	6.30	chsd,cued4p-2p,empty
31Jan26 <sup>7</sup> TAM <sup>6</sup>	6	Spellcast (Bowen, Rocco)	124	b	3	4	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	3 <sup>Head</sup>	5 <sup>Neck</sup>	2.00*	yield7/16,4p,no close
5May26 <sup>7</sup> TDN <sup>4</sup>	3	Silence (Skerrett, Jefferson)	124	b	1	7	8	8	7 <sup>2</sup>	6 <sup>1</sup>	6 <sup>1</sup> 3/4	16.20	best stride late
15May26 <sup>8</sup> BTP <sup>1</sup>	8	Just Like Rambo (Rodriguez, Guillermo)	124	f	5	1	2 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	2 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	2 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	7 <sup>8</sup>	7 <sup>18</sup> 1/2	20.20	alert,chsd,brief,wknd
15May26 <sup>8</sup> BTP <sup>6</sup>	12	Big Truck (Correa, Yarmarie)	124	f	7	8	6 <sup>5</sup>	6 <sup>5</sup>	6 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	8	8	57.80	failed to menace

**Fractional Times:** 23.38 47.20 1:11.74 1:38.75

**Final Time:** 1:45.74 **Time from Gate:** 1:47.03

**Split Times:** (23:82) (24:54) (27:01) (6:99)

**Run-Up:** 30 feet

**Winner:** Ekati's Way, Chestnut Gelding, by Tale of Ekati out of Sharon's Way, by Proud Citizen. Foaled Apr 08, 2021 in Ohio.

**Breeder:** Richard Wilkinson

**Owner:** Cline, Robert C., Stapleton, William, Wilkinson, Richard M. and Lucas, Robert A.

**Trainer:** Cline, Robert

**Scratched Horse(s):** Bigpiclittlep (Stakes Scratch), General Mathis (Stakes Scratch), Music Jewel (Stakes Scratch), That's the Way (Stakes Scratch), Who Dey (Stakes Scratch)

**Total WPS Pool:** \$108,969

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
13	Ekati's Way	6.60	3.00	2.40	\$1.00 Exacta	13-5	10.40	75,507
5	Villian		3.80	2.60	\$0.50 Trifecta	13-5-7	69.20	46,581
7	Obi Kenobi			7.60	\$0.10 Superfecta	13-5-7-9	71.52	31,091
					\$1.00 Daily Double	2-13	60.60	14,958
					\$0.20 Super High Five	13-5-7-9-6	231.70	2,999

**Past Performance Running Line Preview**

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
13	Ekati's Way	5	<sup>3</sup> 3 1/2	<sup>3</sup> 1 1/2	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup> 1/2
5	Villian	3	5 <sup>5</sup> 1/2	5 <sup>6</sup>	5 <sup>5</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup> 1/2
7	Obi Kenobi	6	7 <sup>12</sup>	7 <sup>12</sup> 1/2	8 <sup>13</sup> 1/2	5 <sup>1</sup> 3/4	3 <sup>4</sup> 1/4
9	Onirico	2	4 <sup>3</sup> 1/2	4 <sup>4</sup>	4 <sup>4</sup>	4 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	4 <sup>4</sup> 3/4
6	Spellcast	4	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	3 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	5 <sup>5</sup> 1/2
3	Silence	7	8 <sup>16</sup>	8 <sup>16</sup> 1/2	7 <sup>11</sup> 1/2	6 <sup>6</sup> 1/4	6 <sup>5</sup> 3/4
8	Just Like Rambo	1	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	7 <sup>7</sup> 1/4	7 <sup>7</sup> 1/2
12	Big Truck	8	6 <sup>7</sup>	6 <sup>7</sup> 1/2	6 <sup>9</sup>	8 <sup>15</sup> 1/4	8 <sup>26</sup>

**Trainers:** 13 - Cline, Robert; 5 - Hamm, Timothy; 7 - Barker, Scott; 9 - Estvanko, Richard; 6 - Hamm, Timothy; 3 - Skerrett, Jeffrey; 8 - Smith, Larry; 12 - Smith, Larry

**Owners:** 13 - Cline, Robert C., Stapleton, William, Wilkinson, Richard M. and Lucas, Robert A.; 5 - Blazing Meadows Farm, LLC and Hamm, Shane; 7 - Barker, Carol, Barker, Scott W., J and K Stables and Vari, James M.; 9 - JBD Stables, LLC (Michael Scardina), Vincent, Dustin, Weis, Raymond, Kempf, Jan and Walz, Brent; 6 - Blazing Meadows Farm LLC and America's Thoroughbred Investors; 3 - Danielle Agnello; 8 - Smith Red Gate Farm LLC; 12 - Smith Red Gate Farm LLC;

**Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)**

EKATI'S WAY tracked the early pace setter three wide, bid for command just after the seven sixteenths, fought hard down the lane to repel the opposition for a determined victory. VILLIAN was allowed to settle after the start, was cued five wide through the far turn, rallied into reaching distance by the sixteenth but was repelled by the winner. OBI KENOBI was reluctant to load the gate, got squeezed back at the start, never threatened. ONIRICO chased the pace in the early stages, was roused four wide in the far turn, angled in towards the two path of the stretch but came up empty. SPELLCAST was sent to the lead before the first turn just off the rail, continued up the backstretch until relinquishing command to a couple of bidders at the seven sixteenths, repositioned into the four path rounding the far turn but lacked a closing bid. SILENCE trailed distantly for most, found best stride late. JUST LIKE RAMBO broke alertly but opted to concede the early command to an inside foe before the first turn, chased that foe up the backstretch form the two path, reclaimed the lead at the seven sixteenths but was overtaken by EKATI'S WAY just a moment after, pressed that rival until weakening in the final furlong. BIG TRUCK settled, failed to menace.

**Total Attendance:** 0

**Handle:** \$1,422,100

