

BELTERRA PARK - July 29, 2026 - Race 1



CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs.
Non-winners Of A Race Since June 29, 2026 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$7,500 (Races Where Entered For \$5,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances) (Ohio Registered Foals Preferred). (NW2 L) **Claiming Price:** \$7,500
Distance: Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Woodland Walk - 1:08.10 - July 14, 2017)
Purse: \$9,600
Plus: \$1,600 OTF - Ohio Thoroughbred Fund
Available Money: \$11,200
Value of Race: \$9,600 1st \$5,952, 2nd \$1,920, 3rd \$960, 4th \$480, 5th \$288
Weather: Cloudy, 79° **Track:** Fast
Off at: 12:38 **Start:** Good for all except 3 **Timing Method:** Video Review

[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
12Jul26 ³ HAW ¹	5	Freedom Empire (Reyes, Frank)	125	L	bf	5 1	¹ Head	¹ Head	¹ Head	¹ Neck	3.80	pace 2w,held gamely
30Aug25 ⁷ BTP ⁵	4	Paired Exchange (Hernandez, Jann)	123	L	bf	4 3	³ 2	² Head	² ¹ 1/2	² 2	2.20	loomed 3w,kept at bay
9Jul26 ⁴ BTP ¹	3	Big Rog (Machado, Dylan)	125	L	b	3 5	5	⁴ ³ 1/2	⁴ 3	³ ³ 1/2	0.60*	jostled st,4w,closed
26Jun26 ² BTP ⁶	2	Hey Batter Batter (Gonzalez, Santiago)	119	L	b	2 2	² ¹ 1/2	³ ² 1/2	³ ¹ 1/2	⁴ 7	11.70	press inside,weakened
18Jun26 ¹ BTP ⁶	1	Strike Price (Bays, Brooke)	123	L	b	1 4	⁴ ¹ 1/2	5	5	5	40.20	settled,no factor

Fractional Times: 23.11 46.71 59.24 **Final Time:** 1:11.49 **Time from Gate:** 1:16.04
Split Times: (23:60) (12:53) (12:25)
Run-Up: 111 feet

Winner: Freedom Empire, Bay Gelding, by Classic Empire out of Lady Aphrodite, by Giant's Causeway. Foaled Apr 28, 2022 in Arizona.
Breeder: Fleming Thoroughbred Farm LLC
Owner: Heriberto Villalobos
Trainer: Villalobos, Heriberto

Claiming Prices: 5 - Freedom Empire: \$7,500; 4 - Paired Exchange: \$7,500; 3 - Big Rog: \$7,500; 2 - Hey Batter Batter: \$7,500; 1 - Strike Price: \$7,500;

Total WPS Pool: \$14,444

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Freedom Empire	9.60	5.20	2.20	\$1.00 Exacta	5-4	17.80	7,373
4	Paired Exchange		3.00	2.10	\$0.10 Superfecta	5-4-3-2	6.06	2,801
3	Big Rog			2.10	\$0.50 Trifecta	5-4-3	10.05	7,110

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
5	Freedom Empire	1	¹ Head	¹ Head	¹ Head	¹ Neck
4	Paired Exchange	3	³ ¹ 1/2	² Head	² Head	² Neck
3	Big Rog	5	⁵ 5	⁴ ² 3/4	⁴ 3	³ ² 1/4
2	Hey Batter Batter	2	² Head	³ Head	³ ¹ 1/2	⁴ ⁵ 3/4
1	Strike Price	4	⁴ ³ 1/2	⁵ ⁶ 1/4	⁵ 6	⁵ ¹² 3/4

Trainers: 5 - Villalobos, Heriberto; 4 - Albright, Raquel; 3 - King, Barry; 2 - Chain, Pearl; 1 - Schuette, Sheryl

Owners: 5 -Heriberto Villalobos; 4 -Raquel Albright; 3 -Barry L. King; 2 -Pearl Chain; 1 -Sheryl Schuette;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

FREEDOM EMPIRE broke in at the start and crowded inner rivals, took early command and set a contested pace from the two path heading into the turn, met the bid of PAIRED EXCHANGE to upper stretch, dug in while holding that rival at bay into the final sixteenth, determinedly held late for the win. PAIRED EXCHANGE broke in at the start and crowded inner rivals, went up to stalk the early leaders then was well placed approaching the turn, loomed three wide along the bend, vied for the lead to upper stretch, couldn't get by the determined winner in the lane and was a clear second. BIG ROG pinballed and pinched back at the start, trailed in the early stages, advanced to the turn, coaxed two wide to the quarter marker, swung four wide to upper stretch, couldn't impact the leading pair into the final sixteenth, closed to be a clear third. HEY BATTER BATTER went up to contest the early pace from the inside, pressed into the turn and battled to upper stretch, couldn't keep pace into the final furlong and weakened in the late stages. STRIKE PRICE settled off of the early pace, trailed to the quarter marker, lacked a response to upper stretch, no factor. THE RIDER OF PAIRED EXCHANGE LOGED AN OBJECTION AGAINST FREEDOM EMPIRE, CLAIMING INTERFERENCE AT THE START. THE STEWARDS DISALLOWED THAT OBJECTION, AND RULED THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGE. This race had a timing discrepancy or malfunction and was re-timed using video technology to arrive at the most accurate time.