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CHURCHILL DOWNS - April 25, 2026 - Race 5

STARTER ALLOWANCE - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF \$30,000 OR LESS AND WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since March 25 Allowed 2 lbs. (Races Where Entered For \$30,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances). (NW3 L) **Claiming Price:** \$30,000 - \$0

Distance: Six And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Love At Noon - 1:14.34 - May 5, 2001)

Purse: \$62,000

Includes: \$5,800 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund

Available Money: \$62,000

Value of Race: \$59,297 1st \$34,952, 2nd \$12,400, 3rd \$6,200, 4th \$3,100, 5th \$1,686, 6th \$959

Weather: Clear, 75° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 3:39 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
15Feb26 ³ AQU ³	3	Exploration (Ortiz, Jr., Irad)	124	L b	3	5	6	6	5 ⁵	1 ^{3/4}	2.43	2-4p,6p1/4,rallied
28Mar26 ⁵ GP ¹	1	Wistucky (Saez, Luis)	126	L b	1	6	3 ²	3 ³ 1/2	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Neck}	1.61*	ins,4p1/4,bid,led,cgnt
12Mar26 ⁶ TP ¹	5	Michael's Cove (Morales, Edgar)	124	L b	5	3	5 ²	5 ¹	4 ^{1/2}	3 ³ 1/4	18.04	bmp,rail rally,mss plc
25Mar26 ⁹ TP ⁷	6	Tiger's Legacy (Ortiz, Jose)	124	L	6	2	2 ^{Head}	2 ¹	3 ¹	4 ¹ 3/4	4.18	press 3p,outkck btw1/8
26Feb26 ⁷ FG ¹	4	Bridge Classic (Beschizza, Adam)	118	L b	4	1	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	5 ¹³ 1/2	18.77	bump st,2p-ins,yld btw
7Mar26 ⁸ LRL ¹	2	Baytown Bruiser (Gaffalione, Tyler)	124	L b	2	4	4 ²	4 ^{Head}	6	6	3.10	chsd 2-3p,faded btw1/4

Fractional Times: 22.46 45.18 1:09.38

Final Time: 1:15.71 **Time from Gate:** 1:17.72

Split Times: (22:72) (24:20) (6:33)

Run-Up: 45 feet

Winner: Exploration, Chestnut Gelding, by Curlin out of Tangere, by Malibu Moon. Foaled Mar 13, 2021 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC

Owner: Michael Dubb

Trainer: Dutrow, Jr., Richard

Total WPS Pool: \$385,978

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
3	Exploration	6.86	3.26	2.78	\$2.00 Exacta	3-1	19.02	202,453
1	Wistucky		2.84	2.54	\$0.50 Trifecta	3-1-5	43.59	115,012
5	Michael's Cove			4.64	\$0.10 Superfecta	3-1-5-6	24.57	56,408
					\$1.00 Daily Double	5-3	7.80	38,175
					\$0.50 Pick 3	3-5-3 (3 correct)	9.33	42,035
					\$2.00 Odd or Even	ODD	2.88	869
					\$0.50 Pick 4	1/3-3-5/8-3 (4 correct)	24.47	135,327
					\$0.50 Pick 5	6-1/3-3-5/8-3 (5 correct)	119.44	405,454
					\$0.50 Consolation Pick 3	3-8-3 (3 correct)	3.50	0

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
3	Exploration	5	6 ⁷	6 ⁶	5 ² 1/2	1 ^{3/4}
1	Wistucky	6	3 ¹	3 ¹ 1/2	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{3/4}
5	Michael's Cove	3	5 ⁵	5 ⁵	4 ²	3 ¹
6	Tiger's Legacy	2	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	3 ¹	4 ⁴ 1/4
4	Bridge Classic	1	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	5 ⁶
2	Baytown Bruiser	4	4 ³	4 ⁵	6 ⁷ 1/2	6 ¹⁹ 1/2

Trainers: 3 - Dutrow, Jr., Richard; 1 - Dibona, Bobby; 5 - Newton, Troy; 6 - Davis, Christopher; 4 - Camejo, Jose; 2 - King, Barry

Owners: 3 -Michael Dubb; 1 - Keough and Meaney LLC; 5 - Willow Lake Racing; 6 - Walmac Farm; 4 - Glockenburg LLC; 2 -Barry L. King;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

EXPLORATION trailed in the two to four path, fanned out to the six path entering the lane and rallied to reel in the leader late. WISTUCKY raced close up along the inside, shifted out to the four path to take aim entering the lane, progressed to bid in upper stretch, led into the final furlong but got caught by an outer bidder late and held place. MICHAEL'S COVE bumped with an inner foe at the start, laid off of the pace in the two path then offered a rail rally to miss place. TIGER'S LEGACY pressed from the three path, sustained pressure into the lane but got outkicked by rivals on both sides in midstretch and yielded. BRIDGE CLASSIC bumped with an outer foe at the start, set the pace in the two path before moving to the inside into the turn, but got headed by an outer bidder in midstretch then yielded between horses. BAYTOWN BRUISER chased from the two to three path then faded between horses entering the lane.