

CHURCHILL DOWNS - April 26, 2026 - Race 6

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON \$20,000 THREE TIMES OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER, RATING, RESTRICTED, OR STATE BRED OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON FOUR RACES OR CLAIMING PRICE \$100,000. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Non-winners Of Two Races On The Turf Since February 26 Allowed 2 lbs. A Race Since Then Allowed 4 lbs. Claiming Price \$100,000 (Races Where Entered For \$80,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances). (If deemed inadvisable by management to run this race over the turf course, it will be run on the main track at Five and a Half Furlongs.) (Rail at 36 feet). (NW3\$ X) **Claiming Price:** \$100,000

Distance: Five And One Half Furlongs On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Nobals - 1:00.96 - May 24, 2025)

Purse: \$141,000

Includes: \$34,600 KTFD - Kentucky TB Devt Fund

Available Money: \$141,000

Value of Race: \$132,484 1st \$80,344, 2nd \$21,280, 3rd \$14,100, 4th \$7,050, 5th \$4,230, 6th \$1,828, 7th \$1,828, 8th \$1,824

Weather: Clear, 75° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 3:24 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic



[Video Race Replay](#)

| Last Raced | Pgm | Horse Name (Jockey) | Wgt M/E | PP | Start | 1/4 | 3/8 | Str | Fin | Odds | Comments |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|---------|----|-------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------|------------------------|
| 25Oct25 ⁸ KEE ⁶ | 1 | Golden Afternoon (Ortiz, Jr., Irad) | 122 L | 1 | 4 | 3 ^{Head} | 4 ¹ | 3 ¹ | 1 ^{Neck} | 1.21* | stalk 2p,3w upr,edged |
| 21Dec25 ⁹ TP ⁸ | 3 | Run Curtis Run (Gaffalione, Tyler) | 122 L b | 3 | 7 | 7 ^{1 1/2} | 6 ^{Head} | 5 ^{1 1/2} | 2 ^{1/2} | 4.76 | stdy erly,ins,rally 5w |
| 18Dec25 ⁸ TP ⁶ | 8 | Step Forward (Ortiz, Jose) | 122 L | 8 | 1 | 2 ¹ | 2 ¹ | 1 ^{Head} | 3 ^{1 1/2} | 12.63 | vie 2w,duel,outkck lat |
| 25Jul25 ⁹ SAR ⁵ | 6 | T Kraft (Alvarado, Junior) | 122 L b | 6 | 2 | 4 ^{1/2} | 3 ^{1/2} | 4 ^{Head} | 4 ^{1/2} | 15.64 | stalk 3w,4wbw upr,evn |
| 13Mar26 ³ FG ³ | 2 | Autodrive (Hernandez, Jr., Brian) | 122 L | 2 | 3 | 1 ^{1/2} | 1 ^{Head} | 2 ^{1/2} | 5 ^{1/2} | 7.80 | ins foe,duel,yield1/16 |
| 30Oct25 ³ HAW ¹ | 7 | Sine Qua Non (Saez, Luis) | 122 L | 7 | 6 | 6 ^{Head} | 8 | 7 ^{1 1/2} | 6 ^{1/2} | 4.40 | 2wd,btw turn,no factor |
| 18Feb26 ³ TP ⁷ | 5 | Alder (Corrales, Gerardo) | 122 L | 5 | 8 | 8 | 7 ^{1/2} | 6 ^{Head} | 7 ^{4 3/4} | 29.19 | tight early,3-4w,6w1/4 |
| 3Apr26 ³ KEE ¹ | 4 | Amoudi Bay (Graham, James) | 124 L b | 4 | 5 | 5 ^{1 1/2} | 5 ¹ | 8 | 8 | 7.20 | keen 1/2,3p,fade 5wbw |

Fractional Times: 22.21 45.04 56.04

Final Time: 1:01.66 **Time from Gate:** 1:03.75

Split Times: (22:83) (11:00) (5:62)

Run-Up: 70 feet **Temporary Rail:** 36 feet

Winner: Golden Afternoon, Bay Gelding, by [Goldencents](#) out of Afternoon, by Street Cry (IRE). Foaled Mar 20, 2022 in Kentucky.

Winner's sire standing at Spendthrift Farm

Breeder: Alexander-Groves Thoroughbreds

Owner: Greco, Eddie, Greco, Pat, Jaffe, Scott, Cloonan, Michael P. and Vaccarezza Racing LLC

Trainer: Vaccarezza, Nicholas

Claiming Prices: 8 - Step Forward: \$100,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$373,183

| Pgm | Horse | Win | Place | Show | Wager Type | Winning Numbers | Payoff | Pool |
|-----|------------------|------|-------|------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------|---------|
| 1 | Golden Afternoon | 4.42 | 3.00 | 2.60 | \$2.00 Exacta | 1-3 | 19.52 | 238,245 |
| 3 | Run Curtis Run | | 4.56 | 3.08 | \$0.50 Trifecta | 1-3-8 | 29.62 | 116,837 |
| 8 | Step Forward | | | 4.84 | \$0.10 Superfecta | 1-3-8-6 | 39.37 | 60,589 |
| | | | | | \$1.00 Daily Double | 6-1 | 6.63 | 34,303 |
| | | | | | \$0.50 Pick 3 | 4-6-1 (3 correct) | 24.54 | 44,754 |
| | | | | | \$2.00 Odd or Even | ODD | 3.30 | 1,057 |
| | | | | | \$0.50 Consolation Pick 3 | 4-3-1 (3 correct) | 4.26 | 0 |
| | | | | | \$1.00 Super High Five | 1-3-8-6-2 | 659.77 | 5,078 |

Past Performance Running Line Preview

| Pgm | Horse Name | Start | 1/4 | 3/8 | Str | Fin |
|-----|------------------|-------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Golden Afternoon | 4 | 3 ^{1 1/2} | 4 ^{1 1/2} | 3 ^{1/2} | 1 ^{Neck} |
| 3 | Run Curtis Run | 7 | 7 ^{3 3/4} | 6 ^{3 1/2} | 5 ^{1 3/4} | 2 ^{Neck} |
| 8 | Step Forward | 1 | 2 ^{1/2} | 2 ^{Head} | 1 ^{Head} | 3 ^{3/4} |
| 6 | T Kraft | 2 | 4 ^{1 1/2} | 3 ¹ | 4 ^{1 1/2} | 4 ^{2 1/4} |
| 2 | Autodrive | 3 | 1 ^{1/2} | 1 ^{Head} | 2 ^{Head} | 5 ^{2 3/4} |
| 7 | Sine Qua Non | 6 | 6 ^{3 1/2} | 8 ^{4 1/4} | 7 ^{3 1/4} | 6 ^{3 1/4} |
| 5 | Alder | 8 | 8 ^{5 1/4} | 7 ^{3 3/4} | 6 ^{3 1/4} | 7 ^{3 3/4} |
| 4 | Amoudi Bay | 5 | 5 ² | 5 ^{2 1/2} | 8 ^{4 3/4} | 8 ^{8 1/2} |

Trainers: 1 - Vaccarezza, Nicholas; 3 - Maker, Michael; 8 - Maker, Michael; 6 - Mott, William; 2 - Calhoun, W.; 7 - DiVito, James; 5 - Jacobson, David; 4 - Schultz, Lindsay

Owners: 1 - Greco, Eddie, Greco, Pat, Jaffe, Scott, Cloonan, Michael P. and Vaccarezza Racing LLC; 3 - Caruso, Michael J. and Dubb, Michael; 8 - Paradise Farms Corp. and Staudacher, David; 6 - LRE Racing LLC; 2 - Kirk, Kat and Sanders, Wayne R.; 7 - Doubledown Stables, Inc.; 5 -David Jacobson; 4 - Ten Strike Racing;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

GOLDEN AFTERNOON stalked from the two path, shifted outside of the embattled leading pair in upper stretch, ranged up to bid at the furlong grounds, edged an advantage as an outer foe challenge in the final sixteenth and held. RUN CURTIS RUN was brushed between horses and steadied out of cramped quarters between foes soon after the start, laid off of the pace along the inside, shifted out five wide in upper stretch, rallied to bid outside of the new leader in the final sixteenth but was denied. STEP FORWARD vied two wide, dueled into the lane, led in the final furlong but got outkicked by an outer pair late. T KRAFT stalked three wide, chased four wide and between horses in upper stretch then ran on evenly. AUTODRIVE brushed with an outer foe soon after the start, set the pace along the inside, vied with an outer rival around the turn, dueled with that one through midstretch but yielded with a sixteenth to go. SINE QUA NON settled two wide, then between horses around the turn and failed to factor. ALDER was subtly put to tight quarters between foes early on, trailed, took the turn three to four wide before fanning six wide into the lane and failed to factor. AMOUDI BAY was brushed on both sides soon after the start, got keen between rivals passing the half mile pole, tracked from midpack in the htree path around the turn, floated out five wide into upper stretch and faded between horses shortly after.

