

CHURCHILL DOWNS - May 23, 2026 - Race 9

STAKES Keertana S. Listed - Thoroughbred
FOR FILLIES AND MARES FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD.

Distance: One And One Half Miles On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Tikkanen - 2:26.50 - November 5, 1994)

Purse: \$250,000 Added

Includes: \$50,000 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund

Available Money: \$250,000


Value of Race: \$209,000 1st \$121,520, 2nd \$39,200, 3rd \$24,600, 4th \$12,300, 5th \$7,380, 6th \$2,000, 7th \$2,000

Weather: Showery, 68° **Track:** Good

Off at: 4:57 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	1/4	1/2	1m	11/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
28Mar26 ⁸ GP ²	3	Ayra Stark (ARG) (Ortiz, Jose)	118	--	2	1 ^{1/2}	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{2 3/4}	1.12*	in hand ins,cleard upr
24Apr26 ⁸ KEE ⁶	8	Venencia (FR) (Cheminaud, Vincent)	118	--	7	4 ¹	4 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{Head}	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Neck}	11.46	2w,4p btw upr,duel plc
24Apr26 ⁸ KEE ³	5	Way to Be Marie (Saez, Luis) 	118	--	4	5 ^{1/2}	5 ^{Head}	6 ¹	4 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Neck}	4.66	ins,3-5w3rd,duel place
24Apr26 ⁸ KEE ²	4	Golden Sunshine (Torres, Jaime)	118	b	3	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Head}	3 ¹	5 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{3 1/2}	2.73	ins,btw upr,needd more
24Apr26 ⁸ KEE ⁸	6	Virgin Colada (Gaffalione, Tyler)	118	--	5	2 ¹	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	2 ¹	5 ²	5 ^{1 1/2}	16.42	press winner 2w,faded
24Apr26 ¹⁰ KEE ⁵	2	Awesomesauce (Ortiz, Jr., Irad)	118	--	1	7	7	5 ^{1/2}	6 ^{1 1/2}	6 ²	6 ^{3 3/4}	6.63	ins,6p upr,no menace
1May26 ¹⁰ CD ⁵	7	Queens Command (IRE) (Curtis, Ben)	118	--	6	6 ^{4 1/2}	6 ^{4 1/2}	7	7	7	7	33.15	2wd,3p2nd,4p3rd,tired

Fractional Times: 24.79 49.94 1:15.04 1:40.50 2:04.55 **Final Time:** 2:27.89 **Time from Gate:** 2:32.34

Split Times: (25:15) (25:10) (25:46) (24:05) (23:34)

Run-Up: 148 feet **Temporary Rail:** 12 feet

Winner: Ayra Stark (ARG), Chestnut Mare, by =Cosmic Trigger (ARG) out of =Delfia (ARG), by Exchange Rate. Foaled Jul 23, 2020 in Argentina.

Breeder: Marovi S.A.

Owner: Haymarket Farm LLC

Trainer: De Paz, Horacio

Scratched Horse(s): Sultana (RegVet-Unsound)

Total WPS Pool: \$440,472

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
3	Ayra Stark (ARG)	4.24	2.98	2.42	\$2.00 Exacta	3-8	45.92	225,395
8	Venencia (FR)		10.24	5.04	\$0.50 Trifecta	3-8-5	47.15	116,304
5	Way to Be Marie			2.84	\$0.10 Superfecta	3-8-5-4	14.98	58,952
					\$1.00 Daily Double	6-3	9.90	45,173
					\$0.50 Pick 3	3-6-3 (3 correct)	49.30	57,992
					\$0.50 Pick 5	1-3-3-6-1/3 (5 correct)	1,240.94	180,159
					\$1.00 Super High Five	3-8-5-4-6	688.53	22,068
					\$2.00 Odd or Even	ODD	2.64	402

Past Performance Running Line Preview


Pgm	Horse Name	1/4	1/2	1m	11/4	Str	Fin
3	Ayra Stark (ARG)	1 ^{1/2}	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{2 3/4}
8	Venencia (FR)	4 ²	4 ²	4 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ²	2 ^{2 3/4}
5	Way to Be Marie	5 ³	5 ^{3 1/2}	6 ³	4 ²	2 ^{1 1/2}	3 ³
4	Golden Sunshine	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ²	3 ^{1 1/2}	5 ²	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{3 1/4}
6	Virgin Colada	2 ^{1/2}	2 ¹	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	5 ³	5 ^{6 3/4}
2	Awesomesauce	7 ⁸	7 ^{8 1/4}	5 ^{2 1/2}	6 ^{3 1/2}	6 ⁵	6 ^{8 1/4}
7	Queens Command (IRE)	6 ^{3 1/2}	6 ^{3 3/4}	7 ⁴	7 ⁵	7 ⁷	7 ¹²

Trainers: 3 - De Paz, Horacio; 8 - Joseph, Jr., Saffie; 5 - Kenneally, Eddie; 4 - Harty, Eoin; 6 - Maker, Michael; 2 - Sharp, Joe; 7 - Sharp, Joe

Owners: 3 - Haymarket Farm LLC; 8 - Miller Racing LLC; 5 - Twin Oaks Bloodstock LLC; 4 - Godolphin, LLC; 6 - Resolute Racing; 2 - Joseph M. Engelhart; 7 - TEC Racing (Elliott S. Logan);

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AYRA STARK (ARG) showed the way along the inside, remained in hand while vying with an outer presser rounding the final turn, shook clear in upper stretch then held sway well. VENENCIA (FR) tracked two wide, shifted four wide and between horses into upper stretch, ran on among foes through midstretch, battled for place with her outer counterpart through the late stages and prevailed. WAY TO BE MARIE settled along the inside, pursued two wide and between horses down the backstretch, progressed swinging three to five wide into the lane, ran on to duel for place with an inner rival late but got outfinished. GOLDEN SUNSHINE stalked along the inside, moved to the three path to chase between rivals in upper stretch, stayed on but needed more for show. VIRGIN COLADA pressed outside of the eventual winner, vied rounding the final turn, but was turned away in upper stretch and faded. AWESOMESAUCE trailed along the inside, shifted out to the six path in upper stretch and failed to menace. QUEENS COMMAND (IRE) laid off of the pace two wide, then in the three path around the second turn, four path around the final turn then tired.

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