

CHURCHILL DOWNS - June 4, 2026 - Race 8

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON \$20,000 TWICE OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER, OR STATE BRED OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES OR CLAIMING PRICE \$80,000. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Non-winners Of Two Races At A Mile Or Over On The Turf Since April 4 Allowed 2 lbs. Such A Race Since Then Allowed 4 lbs. Claiming Price \$80,000 (Races Where Entered For \$62,500 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 One and One Sixteenth mile.) (Rail at 36 feet). (NW2\$ X) **Claiming Price: \$80,000**

Distance: One And One Sixteenth Miles On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Green Light - 1:39.82 - June 20, 2025)

Purse: \$134,000

Includes: \$33,800 KTFD - Kentucky TB Devt Fund

Available Money: \$134,000

Value of Race: \$130,994 1st \$76,392, 2nd \$26,800, 3rd \$13,400, 4th \$6,700, 5th \$4,020, 6th \$1,841, 7th \$1,841

Weather: Clear, 86° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 8:24 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

[Video Race Replay](#)

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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
15May26 ⁹ CD ⁸	3	Idratherbeblesed (Morales, Edgar)	122 L	3	1	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ¹ 1/2	6.33	2p,3-4p1/8,hld frm btw
14May26 ⁵ CD ⁵	9	Westside Tide (Bejarano, Rafael)	122 L	6	4	4 1/2	6 ^{Head}	7	3 ¹	2 ^{Neck}	4.88	ins,stdy 3/8,rally 2wd
12Apr26 ⁹ KEE ²	2	Tough Little Nut (Hernandez, Jr., Brian)	122 L b	2	5	7	7	6 ^{Head}	7	3 ^{Nose}	4.58	2-4p,6-7p1/8,late rily
22Nov25 ¹⁰ CD ⁷	10	Plensa (Geroux, Florent)	122 L	7	6	5 1/2	5 ^{Head}	5 ¹	5 ^{Head}	4 1/2	2.28*	2wbtw,5p upr,rally btw
11Sep25 ⁵ CD ²	5	Beyond Stoked (Cannon, Declan)	122 L	5	7	6 ^{Head}	4 ¹	4 ¹	2 ¹ 1/2	5 ¹ 3/4	3.73	trck 4p,bid,drft,yield
29Apr26 ⁹ CD ⁶	1	Johnny's Rendezvous (Concepcion, Axel)	122 L b	1	2	2 ¹	2 ¹ 1/2	2 1/2	4 ^{Head}	6 ³	11.69	ins,3p5/8,mild bid,wkn
11Apr26 ⁶ KEE ⁶	4	Excite (Torres, Jaime)	122 L	4	3	3 ¹	3 ^{Head}	3 1/2	6 ^{Head}	7	6.56	track ins,no bid,tired

Fractional Times: 23.52 48.81 1:12.99 1:35.81

Final Time: 1:41.87 **Time from Gate:** 1:45.63

Split Times: (25:29) (24:18) (22:82) (6:06)

Run-Up: 117 feet **Temporary Rail:** 36 feet

Winner: Idratherbeblesed, Bay Gelding, by Unified out of Celestial Smile, by Tiznow. Foaled Feb 18, 2020 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Narola, LLC

Owner: JD Thoroughbreds LLC and Scherr, Wayne

Trainer: Hartman, Chris

1 Claimed Horse(s): Idratherbeblesed **New Trainer:** Michael J. Maker **New Owner:** Paradise Farms Corp. and Staudacher, David

Claiming Prices: 3 - Idratherbeblesed: \$80,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Esmark (Trainer), Joejoe Go (Trainer), Spoiler (PrivVet-Illness)

Total WPS Pool: \$258,209

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool	Carryover
3	Idratherbeblesed	14.66	6.94	4.82	\$3.00 Pick 3	12-1-3 (3 correct)	652.98	225,212	
9	Westside Tide		5.44	3.06	\$0.50 Pick 4	1-3/10/12/13/14-1-3 (4 correct)	1,776.43	245,226	
2	Tough Little Nut			3.56	\$0.50 Pick 5	4-1-3/10/12/13/14-1-3 (5 correct)	14,924.34	285,591	
					\$0.20 Pick 6 Jackpot	6-4-1-3/10/12/13/14-1-3 (6 correct)	203,833.79	87,860	
					\$1.00 Daily Double	1-3	101.45	113,937	
					\$2.00 Exacta	3-9	77.12	139,832	
					\$1.00 Octafecta Jackpot	REFUNDED		0	123,624
					\$0.10 Superfecta	3-9-2-10	36.72	37,418	
					\$1.00 Super High Five	3-9-2-10-5	2,259.67	82,442	
					\$0.50 Trifecta	3-9-2	54.06	73,624	
					\$2.00 Odd or Even	ODD	3.18	228	

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
3	Idratherbeblesed	1	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ¹ 1/2
9	Westside Tide	4	4 ³ 1/2	6 ² 3/4	7 ⁴	3 ²	2 ¹ 1/2
2	Tough Little Nut	5	7 ⁴ 1/2	7 ² 3/4	6 ⁴	7 ³ 1/4	3 ³ 4
10	Plensa	6	5 ⁴	5 ² 1/2	5 ³	5 ³	4 ³ 4
5	Beyond Stoked	7	6 ⁴ 1/2	4 ¹ 1/2	4 ²	2 ¹ 1/2	5 ¹ 1/4
1	Johnny's Rendezvous	2	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ¹	2 ¹	4 ³	6 ³
4	Excite	3	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ¹ 1/2	6 ³ 1/4	7 ⁶

Trainers: 3 - Hartman, Chris; 9 - Jacobson, David; 2 - Block, Chris; 10 - Arnold II, George; 5 - Lynch, Brian; 1 - Bauer, Philip; 4 - Mott, William

Owners: 3 - JD Thoroughbreds LLC and Scherr, Wayne; 9 - David Jacobson; 2 - Town and Country Racing LLC; 10 - Mill Ridge Farm and FMG Revocable Trust 1; 5 - Flying Dutchmen Breeding and Racing LLC; 1 - Rigney Racing LLC; 4 - Claiborne Farm and Dilschneider, Adele B.;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

IDRATHERBEBLESSED set a clear pace in the two path, repelled a mild challenge entering the lane before being collared by an outer bidder in upper stretch, dug in while moving out to the three to four path in midstretch, inched free briefly into the final sixteenth then held firm between pursuers. WESTSIDE TIDE pursued from midpack along the inside, dropped back around the first turn, steadied behind foes into the far turn, shifted two wide in upper stretch, rallied to duel for place with outer rivals late and prevailed. TOUGH LITTLE NUT trailed in the two to four path into the backstretch, swung six wide in upper stretch, fanned wider into the final furlong yet produced a late rally outside of foes to miss place at the wire. PLENSA pursued from midpack in the three to two path and between horses, shifted out to the five path in upper stretch, floated to the six path while between rivals into the final furlong, rallied among foes but missed in the place photo. BEYOND STOKED advanced in the four path around the first turn, tracked down the backstretch, progressed once more entering the lane to bid outside of the leader in upper stretch, but drifted out subtly in midstretch, got turned away at the sixteenth pole and yielded between horses late. JOHNNY'S RENDEZVOUS stalked along the inside before moving out to the three path entering the backstretch, pressed

outside of the leader before issuing a mild challenge reaching the lane, but was repelled entering upper stretch and weakened between horses. EXCITE stuttered a step at the start, tracked from the two path before moving to the inside into the backstretch, pursued from the pocket turning for home, but lacked a rail rally and flopped back to his left lead while tiring in the final furlong.

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