

CHURCHILL DOWNS - June 5, 2026 - Race 2

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES OR THREE YEAR OLDS. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since May 5 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$50,000. (C) **Claiming Price:** \$50,000

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

Purse: \$78,000

Includes: \$7,300 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund

Available Money: \$78,000

Value of Race: \$67,372 1st \$43,972, 2nd \$15,600, 3rd \$7,800

Weather: Clear, 82° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 1:17 **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
30Apr26 ¹ CD ⁴	2	Optical (Torres, Cristian)	123	L	2	3	3	3	2 ¹	1 ¹ 1/2	0.55*	4w1/4,led,edged clear
2May26 ³ CD ⁹	4	Special Caliber (Bealmear, Joseph)	123	L f	3	1	2 ¹	2 ¹	3	2 ² 1/2	6.47	press,shifted in 3/16
29Apr26 ⁸ CD ¹⁰	1	Mo Work (Curtis, Ben)	123	L	1	2	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	3	1.29	insd/off rail,weakened

Fractional Times: 23.56 46.26 1:09.68

Final Time: 1:15.94 **Time from Gate:** 1:17.86

Split Times: (22:70) (23:42) (6:26)

Run-Up: 45 feet

Winner: Optical, Bay Gelding, by [City of Light](#) out of Espressoandacheck, by Medaglia d'Oro. Foaled Feb 21, 2022 in Kentucky.

 Winner's sire standing at Lane's End

Breeder: Stoneriggs Farm

Owner: Diodoro, Robertino, Exelby, Randy and Mayo, Tom

Trainer: Diodoro, Robertino

1 Claimed Horse(s): Optical

New Trainer: Michelle Lovell

New Owner: Jerry Romans, Jr.

Claiming Prices: 2 - Optical: \$50,000; 4 - Special Caliber: \$50,000; 1 - Mo Work: \$50,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Banned for Life (PrivVet-Illness), Brodeur (PrivVet-Illness), R Heisman (PrivVet-Illness), Summonyourcourage (RegVet-Unsound)

Total WPS Pool: \$62,112

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
2	Optical	3.10		\$1.00 Daily Double	2-2	3.95	26,624
4	Special Caliber			\$1.00 Consolation	2-7	2.55	0
1	Mo Work			Double			

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
2	Optical	3	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ¹ 1/2	2 ¹ 2	1 ¹ 1/2
4	Special Caliber	1	2 ¹ 2	2 ¹ 2	3 ¹ 1/2	2 ¹ 1/2
1	Mo Work	2	1 ¹ 2	1 ¹ 2	1 ¹ 2	3 ⁴

Trainers: 2 - Diodoro, Robertino; 4 - Douaihy, Michel; 1 - Simms, Jr., Mark

Owners: 2 - Diodoro, Robertino, Exelby, Randy and Mayo, Tom; 4 - Mana Racing; 1 - Dark Knight Racing;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

OPTICAL broke just a half-step slowly, settled into stride at the rear switching outside the leaders, advanced willingly on the turn, came past the quarter pole four wide and niggled along, was asked at the top of the stretch, struck the lead in mid-stretch, edged clear and held under steady handling. SPECIAL CALIBER pressed from outside, shifted in at the three-sixteenths, ran on inside. MO WORK went quickly to the lead, was coaxed along edging just clear while setting the pace and racing off the rail, was challenged by outside foes leaving the turn, came out a bit in upper stretch, weakened.