

CHURCHILL DOWNS - June 17, 2026 - Race 8

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 NOT WON TWO RACES OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER, RATING, RESTRICTED, OR STATE BRED IN 2025 - 2026 OR CLAIMING PRICE \$100,000. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs. Non-winners Of A Sweepstakes In 2026 Allowed 2 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since April 17 Allowed 4 lbs. Claiming Price \$100,000 (Races Where Entered For \$80,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances). (C)
Claiming Price: \$100,000

Distance: Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Indian Chant - 1:07.55 - July 8, 2007)

Purse: \$141,000

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

Available Money: \$141,000

Value of Race: \$137,367 1st \$80,344, 2nd \$28,200, 3rd \$10,640, 4th \$7,050, 5th \$4,230, 6th \$1,769, 7th \$1,769, 8th \$1,769, 9th \$1,596

Weather: Cloudy, 78° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 4:23 **Start:** Good for all except 7 **Timing Method:** Electronic

[Video Race Replay](#)

[GPS Race Chart](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
22May26 ⁸ CD ³	2	Verifire (Ortiz, Jr., Irad)	121	L b	1	2	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{3/4}	1.59*	vied ins foe,long duel
22May26 ⁸ CD ⁴	4	Tough Catch (Saez, Luis)	121	L	3	1	2 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	2 ³	2 ^{3 3/4}	12.29	vied 2w,3-4p,long duel
21May26 ⁷ CD ⁸	8	Macho Music (Torres, Cristian)	121	L b	6	5	3 ^{Head}	4 ^{1 1/2}	3 ¹	3 ^{1 3/4}	10.64	stlk 2p,no mtch,ran on
30Apr26 ¹⁰ CD ²	5	Bourbon Bash (Asmussen, Keith)	125	L b	4	7	7 ^{1 1/2}	6 ^{1 1/2}	5 ²	4 ^{Neck}	13.54	3p,2p upr,held shw lat
21May26 ⁷ CD ²	7	Track Mate (Concepcion, Axel)	121	L b	5	9	9	8 ³	7 ²	5 ⁴	5.38	off slw,7p upr,mss shw
28Apr26 ⁸ CD ³	9	Furio (Ortiz, Jose)	121	L b	7	4	4 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	4 ^{Head}	6 ^{3 1/2}	5.09	brshd btw,stalk 3p,yld
14Feb26 ³ FG ⁴	10	Champlin (Gaffalione, Tyler)	125	L	8	6	6 ^{1 1/2}	5 ¹	6 ^{Head}	7 ^{3 1/4}	4.59	3-4p,chs 5p1/4,tired
23May26 ⁸ CD ⁴	3	Pinfire (Torres, Jaime)	121	L bf	2	3	5 ^{Head}	7 ^{1/2}	8 ³	8 ¹	17.33	saved ground, gave way
1Nov25 ¹¹ DMR ⁸	11	Touch of Destiny (URU) (Leparoux, Julien)	121	- -	9	8	8 ¹	9	9	9	22.26	4p, no impact

Fractional Times: 21.77 44.37 56.41

Final Time: 1:09.01 **Time from Gate:** 1:10.94

Split Times: (22:60) (12:04) (12:60)

Run-Up: 30 feet

Winner: Verifire, Chestnut Colt, by [Authentic](#) out of Ruby Trust, by Smart Strike. Foaled Apr 10, 2022 in Kentucky.

Authentic THE REAL DEAL ASPENDTHRIFT Winner's sire standing at Spendthrift

Breeder: Gainesway Thoroughbreds LTD.

Owner: Resolute Racing, Delta Squad Racing, LLC and Anderson Stables, LLC

Trainer: Cox, Brad

Scratched Horse(s): Thoughtthatcounts (Trainer), Track Phantom (Trainer)

Total WPS Pool: \$215,565

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
2	Verifire	5.18	3.60	3.16	\$2.00 Exacta	2-4	49.64	155,840
4	Tough Catch		9.42	5.86	\$0.50 Trifecta	2-4-8	165.71	92,006
8	Macho Music			6.22	\$0.10 Superfecta	2-4-8-5	205.63	53,262
					\$1.00 Daily Double	2-2	10.23	40,809
					\$0.50 Pick 3	1-2-2 (3 correct)	20.61	43,969
					\$2.00 Odd or Even	EVEN	2.76	174
					\$0.50 Consolation Pick 3	1-4-2 (3 correct)	4.75	0
					\$1.00 Super High Five	2-4-8-5-7	3,064.93	7,872

Past Performance Running Line Preview


Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
2	Verifire	2	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{3/4}
4	Tough Catch	1	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{3/4}
8	Macho Music	5	3 ²	4 ^{2 1/2}	3 ³	3 ^{4 1/2}
5	Bourbon Bash	7	7 ^{5 1/4}	6 ⁵	5 ^{4 1/4}	4 ^{6 1/4}
7	Track Mate	9	9 ^{7 3/4}	8 ⁷	7 ^{6 1/4}	5 ^{6 1/2}
9	Furio	4	4 ²	3 ²	4 ⁴	6 ^{10 1/2}
10	Champlin	6	6 ^{3 3/4}	5 ⁴	6 ^{6 1/4}	7 ¹⁴
3	Pinfire	3	5 ^{3 1/2}	7 ^{6 1/2}	8 ^{8 1/4}	8 ^{17 1/4}
11	Touch of Destiny (URU)	8	8 ^{6 3/4}	9 ¹⁰	9 ^{11 1/4}	9 ^{18 1/4}

Trainers: 2 - Cox, Brad; 4 - Stewart, Dallas; 8 - Crichton, Rohan; 5 - Asmussen, Steven; 7 - Arnold II, George; 9 - Sharp, Joe; 10 - Foley, Gregory; 3 - Tomlinson, Michael; 11 - Aranha, Jose

Owners: 2 - Resolute Racing, Delta Squad Racing, LLC and Anderson Stables, LLC; 4 - Gervais Racing LLC, On Our Own Stable LLC, Zak Stables and Stewart, Dallas; 8 - Taylor, Mark Fletcher, Crichton, Rohan and Walters, Daniel L.; 5 - BC Stables, LLC; 7 - Calumet Farm; 9 - Dilworth, Scott and Dilworth, Evan; 10 - House, Murray and House, Sherilynn; 3 - Patricia's Hope LLC; 11 - Brownwood Farm, LLC;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

VERIFIRE vied for the lead with an outer rival, got headed by that one entering the lane, fought on to sustain the battle, re-forged an advantage in midstretch then clung to it thereafter. TOUGH CATCH vied for the lead with an inner rival while kept in the three path around the turn, led briefly entering the lane, but moved out to the four path in upper stretch, maintained the long duel after relinquishing an advantage in midstretch but was fended off late. MACHO MUSIC brushed with an outer foe at the start, stalked from the four to two path into the turn, ran on in pursuit of the top pair in the final furlong but proved no match and held show. BOURBON BASH laid off of the pace in the three path, tucked to the two path in upper stretch then stayed on and held show late. TRACK MATE broke slowly, trailed in the two path, swung out six to seven wide in upper stretch and ran on mildly to miss show. FURIO was brushed on both sides at the start, stalked from the five to three path into the turn then gave way through the lane. CHAMPLIN brushed with an inner foe at the start, tucked to the two path while midpack into the turn, moved out to the three to four path shortly after, chased in the five path into the lane and tired. PINFIRE saved ground in midpack then gave way. TOUCH OF DESTINY (URU) lacked speed in the four path and made little impact.

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