

CHURCHILL DOWNS - June 18, 2026 - Race 5

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Weight, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of Two Races On The Turf Since April 18 Allowed 3 lbs. Such A Race Since Then Allowed 5 lbs. Claiming Price \$50,000 (Races Where Entered For \$40,000 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). **Claiming Price: \$50,000**

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

Purse: \$86,000

Includes: \$8,100 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund

Available Money: \$86,000

Value of Race: \$84,832 1st \$48,484, 2nd \$17,200, 3rd \$8,600, 4th \$4,300, 5th \$2,580, 6th \$1,223, 7th \$1,223, 8th \$1,222

Weather: Cloudy, 79° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 6:57 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

[Video Race Replay](#)

[GPS Race Chart](#)

| Last Raced | Pgm | Horse Name (Jockey) | Wgt M/E | PP | Start | 1/4 | 3/8 | Str | Fin | Odds | Comments |
|---------------------------------------|-----|---|---------|----|-------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------|------------------------|
| 26Apr26 ⁶ CD ³ | 7 | Step Forward (Geroux, Florent) | 118 L | 5 | 2 | 3 ^{1/2} | 3 ^{Head} | 2 ^{Head} | 1 ^{Neck} | 1.25* | 2-3wbtw,bid 1/8,dueled |
| 24May26 ³ CD ⁶ | 9 | Mister Mmmmm (Corrales, Gerardo) | 118 L b | 7 | 6 | 6 ^{Head} | 5 ^{1/2} | 1 ^{Head} | 2 ^{1 3/4} | 7.69 | 2wbtw,4w1/4,bid,dueled |
| 28Apr26 ⁹ CD ⁴ | 10 | B D Valeski (Gaffalione, Tyler) | 118 L | 8 | 1 | 5 ^{Head} | 6 ^{1 1/2} | 6 ^{Head} | 3 ^{Neck} | 7.29 | 3w,ran on,up show late |
| 23May26 ⁸ CD ³ | 3 | Otto the Conqueror (Morales, Edgar) | 118 L | 2 | 3 | 1 ^{1/2} | 1 ^{1/2} | 3 ² | 4 ^{3/4} | 5.03 | ins,caught1/8,lost shw |
| 21May26 ⁵ CD ⁴ | 6 | Scat Free (Elliott, Jane) | 118 L f | 4 | 4 | 2 ² | 2 ² | 4 ¹ | 5 ^{Head} | 45.79 | prmp 2w,yield btw upr |
| 24May26 ³ CD ⁵ | 8 | Chiseler (Cedillo, Abel) | 118 -- | 6 | 8 | 7 ² | 7 ^{1/2} | 7 ^{2 1/2} | 6 ^{3/4} | 15.10 | ins,chs 2-3wbtw,no bid |
| 21May26 ⁵ CD ⁷ | 4 | Normandy Coast (Ortiz, Jr., Irad) | 118 L | 3 | 5 | 4 ¹ | 4 ¹ | 5 ^{1/2} | 7 ^{2 1/2} | 3.15 | stalked ins, gave way |
| 21May26 ⁵ CD ¹⁰ | 1 | Coming in Hot (Padron-Barcenas, Javier) | 118 L b | 1 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 21.81 | 1/2 step slow,3p,5w1/4 |

Fractional Times: 21.65 44.29 56.04

Final Time: 1:02.33 **Time from Gate:** 1:04.85

Split Times: (22:64) (11:75) (6:29)

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

Winner: Step Forward, Bay Gelding, by Speightstown out of Stand Back, by Giant's Causeway. Foaled Feb 28, 2019 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Endeavor Farm

Owner: Paradise Farms Corp. and Staudacher, David

Trainer: Maker, Michael

1 Claimed Horse(s): Step Forward

New Trainer: Mark E. Casse

New Owner: Gary Barber

Claiming Prices: 7 - Step Forward: \$50,000; 9 - Mister Mmmmm: \$50,000; 10 - B D Valeski: \$50,000; 3 - Otto the Conqueror: \$50,000; 6 - Scat Free: \$50,000; 8 - Chiseler: \$50,000; 4 - Normandy Coast: \$50,000; 1 - Coming in Hot: \$50,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Dark Vintage (IRE) (Also-Eligible), Exploration (Trainer), Invulnerable (Re-entered), Launch Control (Also-Eligible), Swill (Also-Eligible), The Minkster (Also-Eligible), Three Zero (Also-Eligible)

Total WPS Pool: \$208,534

| Pgm | Horse | Win | Place | Show | Wager Type | Winning Numbers | Payoff | Pool |
|-----|--------------|------|-------|------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|---------|
| 7 | Step Forward | 4.50 | 3.04 | 2.66 | \$0.50 Pick 3 | 5-5-7 (3 correct) | 41.70 | 53,935 |
| 9 | Mister Mmmmm | | 7.42 | 4.56 | \$0.50 Pick 4 | 3-5-5-2/5/7/(11-15) (4 correct) | 244.59 | 152,649 |
| 10 | B D Valeski | | | 3.78 | \$0.50 Pick 5 | 7-3-5-5-2/5/7/(11-15) (5 correct) | 1,185.19 | 373,476 |
| | | | | | \$1.00 Daily Double | 5-7 | 4.98 | 31,193 |
| | | | | | \$2.00 Exacta | 7-9 | 37.70 | 130,749 |
| | | | | | \$0.10 Superfecta | 7-9-10-3 | 37.13 | 42,610 |
| | | | | | \$1.00 Super High Five | 7-9-10-3-6 | 4,905.50 | 4,583 |
| | | | | | \$0.50 Trifecta | 7-9-10 | 32.81 | 66,924 |
| | | | | | \$2.00 Odd or Even | ODD | 2.44 | 200 |

Past Performance Running Line Preview

| Pgm | Horse Name | Start | 1/4 | 3/8 | Str | Fin |
|-----|--------------------|-------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 7 | Step Forward | 2 | 3 ^{2 1/2} | 3 ^{2 1/2} | 2 ^{Head} | 1 ^{Neck} |
| 9 | Mister Mmmmm | 6 | 6 ⁴ | 5 ^{3 1/2} | 1 ^{Head} | 2 ^{Neck} |
| 10 | B D Valeski | 1 | 5 ⁴ | 6 ⁴ | 6 ^{3 3/4} | 3 ² |
| 3 | Otto the Conqueror | 3 | 1 ^{1/2} | 1 ^{1/2} | 3 ^{Head} | 4 ^{2 1/4} |
| 6 | Scat Free | 4 | 2 ^{1/2} | 2 ^{1/2} | 4 ^{2 1/4} | 5 ³ |
| 8 | Chiseler | 8 | 7 ^{4 1/4} | 7 ^{5 1/2} | 7 ^{3 3/4} | 6 ³ |
| 4 | Normandy Coast | 5 | 4 ³ | 4 ^{2 1/2} | 5 ^{3 1/4} | 7 ^{3 3/4} |
| 1 | Coming in Hot | 7 | 8 ^{6 1/4} | 8 ⁶ | 8 ^{6 1/4} | 8 ^{6 1/4} |

Trainers: 7 - Maker, Michael; 9 - Donjuan, Sergio; 10 - Foley, Gregory; 3 - Hartman, Chris; 6 - Warpool, Michael; 8 - Vanden Berg, Brittany; 4 - Sharp, Joe; 1 - Salas, Marcelino

Owners: 7 - Paradise Farms Corp. and Staudacher, David; 9 -Mark Milliner; 10 - Andriot, Steve, Vanovich, Steve and Tagg Team Racing; 3 - Ruis Racing LLC; 6 -Julie E. Warpool; 8 - Marsico Brothers Racing LLC; 4 -Larry J. Romero; 1 - Double R Racing Stables;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

STEP FORWARD tracked two wide, shifted three wide and between horses entering the lane, rallied along with an outer foe to bid in midstretch, duelled with his counterpart through the final furlong and prevailed. MISTER MMMMM broke a beat slow, laid off of the pace two wide and between horse into the turn, shifted out and advanced three to four wide into the lane, rallied to bid along with an inner rival at the furlong grounds, duelled thereafter while hanging on his left lead but missed. B D VALESKI pursued from midpack three wide, chased while being floated four wide in the final furlong then ran on to gain show late. OTTO THE CONQUEROR led as an outer rival applied pressure into and around the turn, shook free in upper stretch, but got caught by an outer pair at the furlong grounds, yielded and lost show late. SCAT FREE prompted two wide then yielded between horses in upper stretch. CHISELER broke a step slow, laid off of the pace along the inside, chased two to three wide and between horses in the final furlong but failed to reach contention before finding trouble after the wire. NORMANDY COAST stalked along the inside, chased in upper stretch and gave way. COMING IN HOT broke half a step slow, trailed in the

three path, fanned five wide into the lane and failed to factor.

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