

CHURCHILL DOWNS - June 24, 2026 - Race 1

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Weight, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of Two Races Over A Mile Since April 24 Allowed 3 lbs. Such A Race Since Then Allowed 5 lbs. Claiming Price \$20,000 (Races Where Entered For \$16,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances). **Claiming Price:** \$20,000

Distance: One And One Sixteenth Miles On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Fierceness - 1:40.66 - May 2, 2025)

Purse: \$60,000

Includes: \$5,600 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund

Available Money: \$60,000

Value of Race: \$58,368 1st \$33,824, 2nd \$12,000, 3rd \$6,000, 4th \$3,000, 5th \$1,800, 6th \$872, 7th \$872

Weather: Clear, 75° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 12:46 **Start:** Good for all except 4 **Timing Method:** Electronic

[Video Race Replay](#)

[GPS Race Chart](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
9May26 ⁴ CD ⁴	5	Bestfriend Rocket (Morales, Edgar)	118	L b	4	4	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ⁴	1 ⁴	4.00	ins,rl bid5/16,drw off
28May26 ⁵ CD ⁴	3	Excel Calculator (Esquivel, Emmanuel)	118	L b	2	5	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{Head}	5 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	5.46	3pbtw,tip in1/4,ran on
27Mar26 ⁷ OP ⁷	6	Quality Chic (Asmussen, Keith)	118	L	5	6	5 ¹	6 ³	6 ²	7	3 ^{1 3/4}	11.04	4p,stayed on,left lead
7May26 ² CD ³	1	Time for Trouble (Torres, Jaime)	118	L b	1	3	7	7	7	5 ^{1/2}	4 ^{Neck}	5.83	ins,ran on,edg 4th lat
22May26 ³ CD ⁶	7	Great Escape (Ortiz, Jr., Irad)	118	L	6	1	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	3 ¹	3 ²	5 ^{9 1/4}	1.77*	pressed 4p, gave way
3Jun26 ¹ CD ²	4	King of Hollywood (Bendezu, Alexander)	118	L	3	7	6 ^{1/2}	5 ^{Head}	4 ^{1/2}	4 ¹	6 ^{2 1/4}	12.14	off slw,closer 5p,tire
31May26 ⁴ CD ⁴	9	Top Gun Tommy (Torres, Cristian)	118	L	7	2	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	6 ¹	7	4.20	2p,headed btw5/16,wknd

Fractional Times: 25.16 50.29 1:14.95 1:38.67

Final Time: 1:45.00

Time from Gate: 1:46.43

Split Times: (25:13) (24:66) (23:72) (6:33)

Run-Up: 50 feet

Winner: Bestfriend Rocket, Chestnut Gelding, by Curlin out of Noble and a Beauty, by Noble Causeway. Foaled Apr 18, 2022 in Kentucky.

Breeder: My Meadowview LLC

Owner: Craig Peerenboom

Trainer: Blair, Jordan

3 Claimed Horse(s): **Excel Calculator**

New Trainer: Joe Sharp

New Owner: Epona Racing Stable, Toga Party Racing Stable and Bogey's Bets, LLC

King of Hollywood Quality Chic

New Trainer: Aaron Shorter
New Trainer: David K. Cook

New Owner: Amaty Racing Stables
New Owner: David K. Cook

Voided Claims: Time for Trouble(Vet)

Claiming Prices: 5 - Bestfriend Rocket: \$20,000; 3 - Excel Calculator: \$20,000; 6 - Quality Chic: \$20,000; 1 - Time for Trouble: \$20,000; 7 - Great Escape: \$20,000; 4 - King of Hollywood: \$20,000; 9 - Top Gun Tommy: \$20,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Bloodline (Trainer), Yellow Brick (RegVet-Unsound)

Total WPS Pool: \$83,760

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Bestfriend Rocket	10.00	4.84	3.54	\$2.00 Exacta	5-3	36.28	60,850
3	Excel Calculator		5.50	3.54	\$0.50 Trifecta	5-3-6	60.16	28,492
6	Quality Chic			6.24	\$0.10 Superfecta	5-3-6-1	40.91	18,446
					\$1.00 Super High Five	5-3-6-1-7	1,469.89	47,341

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
5	Bestfriend Rocket	4	3 ¹	3 ¹	1 ^{Head}	1 ⁴	1 ⁴
3	Excel Calculator	5	4 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{1 3/4}	2 ⁴	2 ⁴
6	Quality Chic	6	5 ²	6 ^{1 3/4}	6 ^{2 3/4}	7 ⁹	3 ^{5 1/2}
1	Time for Trouble	3	7 ^{3 1/2}	7 ^{4 3/4}	7 ^{4 3/4}	5 ^{7 1/2}	4 ^{7 1/4}
7	Great Escape	1	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{4 1/2}	5 ^{7 1/2}
4	King of Hollywood	7	6 ³	5 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{1 1/4}	4 ^{6 1/2}	6 ^{16 3/4}
9	Top Gun Tommy	2	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	6 ⁸	7 ¹⁹

Trainers: 5 - Blair, Jordan; 3 - Shaffer, Sarah; 6 - Asmussen, Steven; 1 - Foster, Eric; 7 - Sharp, Joe; 4 - Martinez, Ralph; 9 - Hess, Jr., Robert

Owners: 5 -Craig Peerenboom; 3 -Rory Zweifel; 6 -Steven M. Asmussen; 1 - Wargel, William J., Maxis Stable and Foster Family Racing; 7 - TEC Racing (Elliott S. Logan); 4 - Dive Bar Dreamers LLC; 9 -Jeffrey Lambert;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

BESTFRIEND ROCKET stalked close up along the inside, slipped through to issue a rail bid turning for home then drew off in upper stretch. EXCEL CALCULATOR tracked from the three path and between horses, tipped inwardly reaching the lane, ran on to gain place in upper stretch then held that position late. QUALITY CHIC broke a beat slow, pursued from midpack in the four path, then between horses down the backstretch, yielded around the far turn, yet moved out to the five path in upper stretch and stayed for show while hanging on his left lead. TIME FOR TROUBLE raced at the rear along the inside then ran on to edge fourth late. GREAT ESCAPE pressed the leader form the four path, vied into the far turn before getting outkicked by a rail bidder at the five sixteenths pole, lost place in upper stretch then yielded between horses. KING OF HOLLYWOOD fidgeted as the gates sprung and was off slow, raced off of the pace in the three to five path into the backstretch, progressed into and around the far turn, but flattened out while entering the lane in the six path and tired thereafter. TOP GUN TOMMY set the pace in the two path, got headed between horses turning for home then weakened.