

CHURCHILL DOWNS - June 24, 2026 - Race 9

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 24 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 turfcourse, it will be run on the main track at One mile.) (Rail at 24 feet). (NW2\$ X) **Claiming Price: \$80,000**

Distance: One Mile On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Classic Q - 1:32.91 - April 30, 2025)

Purse: \$134,000

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

Plus: \$1,502 Other Sources

Available Money: \$135,502

Value of Race: \$135,502 1st \$76,392, 2nd \$26,800, 3rd \$13,400, 4th \$6,700, 5th \$4,020, 6th \$1,638, 7th \$1,638, 8th \$1,638, 9th \$1,638, 10th \$1,638

Weather: Clear, 75° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 4:56 **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	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
4Jun26 ⁸ CD ⁶	1	Johny's Rendezvous (Ortiz, Jose)	122	L b	1	1	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	10.56	ins duo2nd,cleard,held
9May26 ⁸ CD ¹	3	Love'm Or Liam (Torres, Jaime)	124	L b	3	5	6 ^{1 1/2}	6 ^{1/2}	8 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Neck}	1.99*	ins,rally,knife,bid,ms
4Jun26 ⁸ CD ³	8	Tough Little Nut (Hernandez, Jr., Brian)	122	L b	8	8	9 ^{1/2}	8 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{1 1/2}	4 ¹	3 ¹	6.90	closer 4p,5p1/8,ran on
22May26 ⁸ CD ⁶	7	Exact Estimate (Ortiz, Jr., Irad)	122	L	7	4	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	4 ¹	2.51	stalk 3w,bid,outkk btw
8Oct25 ⁸ KEE ⁶	6	Native Runner (Torres, Cristian)	122	L b	6	7	8 ^{1 1/2}	9 ²	9 ^{3 1/2}	7 ¹	5 ^{Nose}	20.73	ins,3p2nd,6p upr,mvdup
12Apr26 ⁹ KEE ⁷	9	Joejoe Go (Geroux, Florent)	122	L	9	9	7 ^{Head}	7 ^{Head}	7 ^{1/2}	6 ¹	6 ^{4 3/4}	9.15	3p,5p1/8,no menace
4Jun26 ⁸ CD ⁵	5	Beyond Stoked (Cannon, Declan)	122	L	5	3	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	7 ^{Nose}	7.56	press 2w,bid btw,faded
13May26 ⁶ IND ¹	4	Sambalover (Concepcion, Axel)	124	L	4	2	5 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	6 ^{Head}	8 ^{Head}	8 ³	50.13	2w,chsds btw1/2,gave wy
20Mar26 ⁵ TP ⁹	10	Special Justice (Leparoux, Julien)	122	L b	10	10	10	10	10	10	9 ^{2 1/4}	41.84	trailed 4-3p, outrun
27Mar26 ⁴ OP ¹	2	Barb (Saez, Luis)	122	L b	2	6	4 ^{1 1/2}	4 ²	4 ^{1/2}	9 ³	10	11.95	stdy into 1st,ins,wknd

Fractional Times: 24.37 48.00 1:11.06 1:22.43

Final Time: 1:34.16 **Time from Gate:** 1:36.00

Split Times: (23:63) (23:06) (11:37) (11:73)

Run-Up: 44 feet **Temporary Rail:** 24 feet

Winner: Johny's Rendezvous, Chestnut Gelding, by Ghostzapper out of Romantic Intention, by Suave. Foaled May 14, 2022 in Kentucky.

Breeder: John Elder & Ghostzapper Syndicate

Owner: Rigney Racing LLC

Trainer: Bauer, Philip

Claiming Prices: 7 - Exact Estimate: \$80,000; 10 - Special Justice: \$80,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$254,492

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool	Carryover
1	Johny's Rendezvous	23.12	7.74	4.98	\$2.00 Exacta	1-3	71.40	196,203	
3	Love'm Or Liam		3.46	2.72	\$0.50 Trifecta	1-3-8	123.06	109,893	
8	Tough Little Nut			3.72	\$0.10 Superfecta	1-3-8-7	97.21	66,908	
					\$1.00 Daily Double	5-1	16.11	107,633	
					\$3.00 Pick 3	9-5-1 (3 correct)	375.57	181,023	
					\$0.50 Pick 4	5-9-5-1 (4 correct)	998.39	239,426	
					\$2.00 Odd or Even	ODD	2.48	265	
					\$0.50 Pick 5	3-5-9-5-1 (5 correct)	7,359.73	277,424	
					\$0.20 Pick 6 Jackpot	1/8-3-5-9-5-1 (6 correct)	12,929.14	101,431	134,980
					\$1.00 Octafecta Jackpot	1-3-8-7-ALL-ALL-ALL	394.79	10,123	212,323
					\$1.00 Super High Five	1-3-8-7-6		8,271	6,451

Past Performance Running Line Preview

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1	Johny's Rendezvous	1	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1/2}
3	Love'm Or Liam	5	6 ^{3 1/4}	6 ⁴	8 ^{4 3/4}	5 ^{3 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}
8	Tough Little Nut	8	9 ^{6 1/4}	8 ^{4 3/4}	5 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{3/4}
7	Exact Estimate	4	3 ¹	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{1 3/4}
6	Native Runner	7	8 ^{4 3/4}	9 ^{6 1/4}	9 ^{5 1/4}	7 ⁵	5 ^{2 3/4}
9	Joejoe Go	9	7 ^{4 3/4}	7 ^{4 1/2}	7 ^{4 1/4}	6 ⁴	6 ^{2 3/4}
5	Beyond Stoked	3	2 ¹	2 ¹	2 ^{Head}	3 ²	7 ^{7 1/2}
4	Sambalover	2	5 ³	5 ⁴	6 ⁴	8 ⁶	8 ^{7 1/2}
10	Special Justice	10	10 ^{6 3/4}	10 ^{8 1/4}	10 ^{8 3/4}	10 ⁹	9 ^{10 1/2}
2	Barb	6	4 ^{1 1/2}	4 ²	4 ²	9 ⁶	10 ^{12 3/4}

Trainers: 1 - Bauer, Philip; 3 - Mott, William; 8 - Block, Chris; 7 - Sharp, Joe; 6 - Arnold II, George; 9 - Davis, Christopher; 5 - Lynch, Brian; 4 - Lobo, Paulo; 10 - Molloy, Thomas; 2 - Maker, Michael

Owners: 1 - Rigney Racing LLC; 3 - Cheyenne Stables LLC; 8 - Town and Country Racing LLC; 7 - TEC Racing (Elliott S. Logan); 6 - Calumet Farm; 9 - David A. Williams; 5 - Flying Dutchmen Breeding and Racing LLC; 4 - P. H. Lobo, Inc.; 10 - McCarthy, Shaun and Heitz, Jerome P.; 2 - Flying P Stable;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

JOHNY'S RENDEZVOUS set the pace along the inside, met a pair of outer challenges turning for home, yet shook free in midstretch then held late. LOVE'M OR LIAM pursued from midpack along the inside, rallied two wide and between horses into the final furlong, tipped inwardly before knifing back out to offer a late bid outside of the leader at the wire, but missed. TOUGH LITTLE NUT settled well back in the two path, moved out to the four path into the backstretch, progressed into an around the far turn, shifted out to the five path in midstretch and ran on to miss place. EXACT ESTIMATE stalked three wide, bid turning for home, chased an inner counterpart from the four path into the final furlong then got outkicked between horses. NATIVE RUNNER settled along the inside,

then in the three path around the far turn, fanned out to the six path in upper stretch then moved up. JOEJOE GO laid off of the pace in the three path, chased while moving out to the five path coming to midstretch and failed to menace. BEYOND STOKED pressed outside of the eventual winner early on, bid between horses turning for home but yielded in midstretch and faded. SAMBALOVER pursued from midpack two wide, chased between horses approaching the far turn then gave way. SPECIAL JUSTICE trailed in the four to three path and got outrun. BARB steadied entering the first turn, tracked along the inside, chased around the far turn then weakened.

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