

CHURCHILL DOWNS - September 10, 2026 - Race 7

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, 122 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Non-winners Of Two Races At A Mile Or Over Since July 10 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). (NW2\$ X)

Claiming Price: \$80,000
Distance: One Mile On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Fruit Ludt - 1:33.26 - November 21, 2014)
Purse: \$134,000
Includes: \$50,100 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund
Available Money: \$134,000
Value of Race: \$130,225 1st \$77,044, 2nd \$26,800, 3rd \$13,400, 4th \$6,700, 5th \$4,020, 6th \$2,261
Weather: Cloudy, 76° **Track:** Good
Off at: 8:01 **Start:** Good for all except 2 **Timing Method:** Electronic



[Video Race Replay](#)
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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
25Jul26 ⁸ ELP ¹	1	Gearing Up (Torres, Cristian)	122 L	1	1	¹ Head	² ¹ / ₂	¹ Head	¹ ²	¹ ² ³ / ₄	8.17	stalked, led,held sway
14Aug26 ⁸ SAR ³	2	Bold Strength (Prat, Flavien)	122 L	2	5	⁵ ¹	⁴ Head	³ ¹ / ₂	³ ¹ / ₂	² ¹ ¹ / ₂	0.94*	sqz'd st, 5wd bid
28Mar26 MEY ⁵	5	Hypnus (Hernandez, Jr., Brian)	122 L b	5	3	⁴ Head	⁵ ⁴	⁴ ¹ ¹ / ₂	⁴ ⁴	³ ³ ¹ / ₂	2.36	carried 6wd, gaining
1Aug26 ⁸ ELP ³	3	Kalahari Dreams (Rosario, Joel)	122 L b	3	4	² ¹ / ₂	¹ ¹ / ₂	² ² ¹ / ₂	² ¹	⁴ ³	7.12	pace,pushed,gave way
8Aug26 ⁷ ELP ⁴	4	Master Controller (Emigh, Christopher)	122 L b	4	2	³ ³ ¹ / ₂	³ ²	⁵ ⁵	⁵ ³ ¹ / ₂	⁵ ² ¹ / ₂	10.45	5wd bid, flattened out
26Jul26 ⁸ ELP ⁶	7	Systemic Change (Gaffalione, Tyler)	122 L bf	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	11.20	rail trip, no factor

Fractional Times: 23.16 45.80 1:09.99 1:22.77 **Final Time:** 1:36.11 **Time from Gate:** 1:38.00
Split Times: (22:64) (24:19) (12:78) (13:34)
Run-Up: 40 feet

Winner: Gearing Up, Dark Bay or Brown Colt, by Bravazo out of Switching Gears, by Tapit. Foaled Jan 31, 2022 in Kentucky.
Breeder: Calumet Farm
Owner: Calumet Farm
Trainer: Arnold II, George

Claiming Prices: 7 - Systemic Change: \$80,000;

Scratched Horse(s): First Resort (Trainer), Show of Force (PrivVet-Illness), Special Session (PrivVet-Illness)

Total WPS Pool: \$226,655

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Gearing Up	18.34	5.72	3.06	\$0.50 Pick 3	1-12-1 (3 correct)	45.79	44,068
2	Bold Strength		3.00	2.10	\$1.00 Daily Double	12-1	25.96	36,324
5	Hypnus			2.70	\$2.00 Exacta	1-2	28.76	127,392
					\$0.10 Superfecta	1-2-5-3	10.62	42,170
					\$0.50 Trifecta	1-2-5	22.96	70,361

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
1	Gearing Up	1	¹ Head	² ¹ / ₂	¹ Head	¹ ²	¹ ² ³ / ₄
2	Bold Strength	5	⁵ ⁴ ¹ / ₄	⁴ ³	³ ² ¹ / ₂	³ ³	² ² ³ / ₄
5	Hypnus	3	⁴ ⁴	⁵ ³	⁴ ³	⁴ ³ ¹ / ₂	³ ⁴ ¹ / ₄
3	Kalahari Dreams	4	² Head	¹ ¹ / ₂	² Head	² ²	⁴ ⁷ ³ / ₄
4	Master Controller	2	³ ¹ / ₂	³ ¹	⁵ ⁴ ¹ / ₂	⁵ ⁷ ¹ / ₂	⁵ ¹⁰ ³ / ₄
7	Systemic Change	6	⁶ ⁵ ¹ / ₄	⁶ ⁷	⁶ ⁹ ¹ / ₂	⁶ ¹¹	⁶ ¹³ ¹ / ₄

Trainers: 1 - Arnold II, George; 2 - Cox, Brad; 5 - McPeek, Kenneth; 3 - Bauer, Philip; 4 - Vanden Berg, Brittany; 7 - Rice, Linda

Owners: 1 - Calumet Farm; 2 - Juddmonte; 5 - Wathnan Racing; 3 - Rigney Racing LLC; 4 - AJMAC and Family Thoroughbreds, LLC; 7 -Linda Rice;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

GEARING UP broke sharply then settled and stalked the early pace before looming up to challenge the leader at the 3/8 pole then took over into the stretch and held sway on the wire. BOLD STRENGTH got squeezed at the start then rated in the second flight while racing along the rail through the turn then altered five wide into the stretch and closed to be second best. HYPNUS rated in the second flight early then made a steady advance while four wide on the turn before being carried six wide at the 1/4 pole by BOLD STRENGTH then was gaining late. KALAHARI DREAMS tucked in early and assumed command while pushed along on the front end then contended into the stretch but gave way late. MASTER CONTROLLER raced close up early and chased the pace then angled five wide and made a bid into the stretch but flattened out. SYSTEMIC CHANGE was void of early speed and saved ground but was no factor.