

CHURCHILL DOWNS - September 11, 2025 - Race 2

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs.
Non-winners Of A Race At A Mile Or Over Since August 11 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$16,000. (NW2 L) **Claiming Price:**
\$16,000

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

Purse: \$36,000

Includes: \$4,700 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund

Available Money: \$36,000

Value of Race: \$34,592 1st \$20,348, 2nd \$7,200, 3rd \$3,600, 4th \$1,800, 5th \$1,080, 6th \$564

Weather: Clear, 83° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 5:31 **Start:** Good for all except 5 **Timing Method:** Electronic

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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
14Aug25 ⁵ SAR ⁵	8	Ultimate Strike (Saez, Luis)	122	L b	5	5	6	6	6	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ⁶	0.89*	2-3w,5p1/4,drove clear
17Aug25 ³ ELP ⁶	3	Johnson (Gaffalione, Tyler)	122	L	3	4	4 ^{Head}	4 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	2 ¹	2 ³	2.95	brk out,bid 4w,outkckd
21Aug25 ¹ IND ²	5	Romantic Lead (Elliott, Jane)	122	L bf	4	6	5 ¹	5 ¹	5 1/2	4 1/2	3 ^{Nose}	22.54	shut off st,ins,chased
3Jul25 ¹ ELP ²	2	Tis Charming (Asmussen, Keith)	122	L	2	2	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ¹	2 ^{Head}	5 ¹	4 1/2	6.13	vied 2wbtw,yielded 1/4
18Aug25 ² ELP ⁴	1	Shortstop (Morales, Edgar)	122	L bf	1	1	1 1/2	1 ^{Head}	1 1/2	3 ²	5 ⁶ 1/2	5.09	ins pair,ins trio,tire
30Jul25 ⁴ CNL ⁴	9	Dancing Noah (Gutierrez, Mario)	122	L b	6	3	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	4 1/2	6	6	10.77	vied 4-3w1st,btw,wknd

Fractional Times: 24.13 48.77 1:13.41 1:37.82 **Final Time:** 1:44.09

Split Times: (24:64) (24:64) (24:41) (6:27)

Run-Up: 50 feet

Winner: Ultimate Strike, Bay Gelding, by Mineshaft out of Southern Gem, by Smart Strike. Foaled Apr 26, 2021 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Eureka Thoroughbred Farm

Owner: Turman Racing Stable LLC and AJ Suited Racing Stable LLC

Trainer: Casse, Norm

Claiming Prices: 8 - Ultimate Strike: \$16,000; 3 - Johnson: \$16,000; 5 - Romantic Lead: \$16,000; 2 - Tis Charming: \$16,000; 1 - Shortstop: \$16,000; 9 - Dancing Noah: \$16,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Enough Already (RegVet-Unsound), Publicity (PrivVet-Illness), Scuba (PrivVet-Illness)

Total WPS Pool: \$126,528

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
8	Ultimate Strike	3.78	2.52	2.34	\$1.00 Daily Double	6-8	4.25	36,083
3	Johnson		3.66	2.86	\$2.00 Exacta	8-3	9.40	79,237
5	Romantic Lead			4.04	\$0.10 Superfecta	8-3-5-2	7.32	19,079
					\$0.50 Trifecta	8-3-5	19.14	35,578

Past Performance Running Line Preview

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8	Ultimate Strike	5	6 ³ 1/4	6 ² 1/4	6 ¹ 3/4	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ⁶
3	Johnson	4	4 ²	4 ¹ 1/4	3 1/2	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ⁶
5	Romantic Lead	6	5 ² 1/4	5 ¹ 1/4	5 ¹ 1/4	4 ⁴ 1/2	3 ⁹
2	Tis Charming	2	3 1/2	3 ^{Head}	2 1/2	5 ⁵	4 ⁹
1	Shortstop	1	1 1/2	1 ^{Head}	1 1/2	3 ² 1/2	5 ⁹ 1/2
9	Dancing Noah	3	2 1/2	2 ^{Head}	4 ³ 4	6 ⁶	6 ¹⁶

Trainers: 8 - Casse, Norm; 3 - Jacobson, David; 5 - Wittek, Karyn; 2 - Asmussen, Steven; 1 - Cook, David; 9 - Taylor, Alvin

Owners: 8 - Turman Racing Stable LLC and AJ Suited Racing Stable LLC; 3 -David Jacobson; 5 - Coulardot, Monica, Coulardot, Neal and Wittek Racing Stables, LLC; 2 -Steven M. Asmussen; 1 -David K. Cook; 9 -Alvin Brent Taylor;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

ULTIMATE STRIKE laid at the rear in the two to three path, shifted out to the five path to take aim on the leaders entering the lane, bid in upper stretch and drove clear. JOHNSON broke outwardly, stalked the leading trio from the three path, ranged up outside of them to bid four deep around the far turn, vied into the lane, but got outkicked by an outer challenger in upper stretch and was second best. ROMANTIC LEAD broke a step slow and was shut off when an inner rival veered across his path at the start, tracked along the inside, awaited racing room close up behind the leaders around the far turn, chased into upper stretch and stayed on to reach show between rivals late. TIS CHARMING vied two wide and between horses, gave way entering the lane, yet kept on mildly to re-bid for show in the final sixteenth but missed. SHORTSTOP led narrowly inside of pair of rivals into the backstretch, then inside of a trio of foes turning for home, dug in to cling to an advantage entering the lane, but got headed in upper stretch and tired through the final furlong. DANCING NOAH vied four to three wide around the first turn, then between horses around the far turn and weakened entering the lane.