

CHURCHILL DOWNS - September 20, 2026 - Race 5

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 20 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: \$4,200 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund

Available Money: \$36,000

Value of Race: \$35,523 1st \$20,328, 2nd \$7,200, 3rd \$3,600, 4th \$1,800, 5th \$1,080, 6th \$505, 7th \$505, 8th \$505

Weather: Clear, 88° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 2:46 **Start:** Good for all except 2 **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	
29Aug26 ⁹ CNL ²	9	East Village (Esquivel, Emmanuel)	118	L	b	8	5	2 ¹	2 ¹	2 ²	1 ²	1 ^{1 1/4}	2.43*	prompt outs,all out
18Aug26 ⁵ IND ¹	6	Final Thoughts (Saez, Luis)	118	L		5	3	3 ^{1/2}	4 ¹	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{4 1/4}	2.47	track ins,angl 5w,game	
7Aug26 ² ELP ⁵	4	Bagg O Time (Murrill, Mitchell)	118	L	bf	4	2	5 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1/2}	4 ¹	4 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{5 1/4}	7.25	ins 5/16,6w 1/8,mvd up
20Aug26 ⁴ IND ⁹	2	Dewy's Denali (Espinoza, Assael)	120	L	bf	2	8	8	7 ¹	6 ^{Head}	5 ²	4 ^{3/4}	31.55	in tight brk,6-w upper
17Aug26 ¹ ELP ³	8	Fast Joker (Bejarano, Rafael)	122	L	b	7	4	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	3 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{9 1/4}	6.66	set pace,weakened 1/8
17Aug26 ¹ ELP ⁴	1	Fitzgerald (Asmussen, Keith)	118	L	b	1	6	6 ¹	6 ¹	7 ^{1 1/2}	6 ^{1 1/2}	6 ³	4.69	ins,tight early,no bid
4Sep26 ³ BTP ³	3	Malevaje (Hazlewood, Yedsit)	122	L		3	1	7 ^{1/2}	8	8	7 ^{1 1/2}	7 ^{4 3/4}	9.63	2p,angld 3/16,no bid
17Aug26 ¹ ELP ⁵	7	Refined Design (Graham, James)	118	L		6	7	4 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	8	8	11.27	failed to sustain bid,

Fractional Times: 24.63 49.80 1:14.08 1:38.52

Final Time: 1:44.99 **Time from Gate:** 1:47.18

Split Times: (25:17) (24:28) (24:44) (6:47)

Run-Up: 50 feet

Winner: East Village, Bay Gelding, by [Twirling Candy](#) out of Bourbonesque, by Dynaformer. Foaled May 12, 2023 in Kentucky.

 Winner's sire standing at Lane's End

Breeder: SF Bloodstock LLC

Owner: Baccari Racing Stable LLC and SF Racing LLC

Trainer: McPeek, Kenneth

2 Claimed Horse(s): **Fast Joker**

New Trainer: Robertino Diodoro

New Owner: Brent J. Malmstrom

Final Thoughts

New Trainer: Thomas L. Van Berg

New Owner: Jay A. Lieberman

Claiming Prices: 9 - East Village: \$16,000; 6 - Final Thoughts: \$16,000; 4 - Bagg O Time: \$16,000; 2 - Dewy's Denali: \$16,000; 8 - Fast Joker: \$16,000; 1 - Fitzgerald: \$16,000; 3 - Malevaje: \$16,000; 7 - Refined Design: \$16,000;

Scratched Horse(s): T V Channel (RegVet-Unsound)

Total WPS Pool: \$131,944

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
9	East Village	6.86	3.70	2.92	\$2.00 Exacta	9-6	26.02	81,424
6	Final Thoughts		3.88	2.66	\$0.50 Trifecta	9-6-4	35.86	48,540
4	Bagg O Time			3.78	\$0.10 Superfecta	9-6-4-2	60.50	33,003
					\$1.00 Daily Double	4-9	28.31	15,451
					\$0.50 Pick 3	3-4-9 (3 correct)	68.84	42,029
					\$2.00 Odd or Even	ODD	2.90	126
					\$0.50 Pick 4	7-3/5-4-5/9 (4 correct)	1,276.33	75,286
					\$0.50 Pick 5	5-7-3/5-4-5/9 (5 correct)	10,958.84	283,693
					\$1.00 Super High Five	9-6-4-2-8	4,955.02	19,589

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
9	East Village	5	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	1 ²	1 ^{1 1/4}
6	Final Thoughts	3	3 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	3 ²	2 ²	2 ^{1 1/4}
4	Bagg O Time	2	5 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{2 1/2}	4 ⁴	4 ^{4 1/2}	3 ^{5 1/2}
2	Dewy's Denali	8	8 ^{4 1/2}	7 ⁴	6 ^{5 1/4}	5 ⁷	4 ^{10 3/4}
8	Fast Joker	4	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	3 ²	5 ^{11 1/2}
1	Fitzgerald	6	6 ³	6 ³	7 ^{5 1/4}	6 ⁹	6 ^{20 3/4}
3	Malevaje	1	7 ⁴	8 ⁵	8 ^{6 3/4}	7 ^{10 1/2}	7 ^{23 3/4}
7	Refined Design	7	4 ²	3 ^{1 1/2}	5 ⁵	8 ¹²	8 ^{28 1/2}

Trainers: 9 - McPeek, Kenneth; 6 - Cox, Brad; 4 - Vance, Thomas; 2 - Gonzalez, Reina; 8 - Esquivel, Gustavo; 1 - Moquett, Ron; 3 - Carpio, Rilardo; 7 - Nickel, Felipe

Owners: 9 - Baccari Racing Stable LLC and SF Racing LLC; 6 - Gary and Mary West; 4 - Windy Spa Racing Stable LLC; 2 - Spar Hawk Farm and True Faith Farm; 8 -Gustavo Esquivel; 1 - Southern Springs Stables (Ron Moquett), Load Clear, LLC and Simple Dreams, LLC; 3 - Carpio Milano Racing Stable, Inc.; 7 -Bruno Schickedanz;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

EAST VILLAGE prompt the early leader from the outside, dug in mid stretch and proved best under all out pressure. FINAL THOUGHTS tracked the early pair from the inside racing in hand, angled out five wide through the stretch run and finished gamely to the wire. BAGG O TIME was allowed to settle early to race mid pack, saved ground past the five sixteenths pole, tipped out through the drive, raced six wide near the eighth pole and moved up mildly late to improve position. DEWEY'S DENALI raced in a bit tight at the break, trailed early after the poor start, moved up six wide into the upper stretch and needed more in the drive. FAST JOKER set all the pace from the outside and weakened the final eighth of a mile. FITZGERALD raced from the inside around the first turn, raced in tight quarters early down the backstretch, saved ground and had no late bid. MALEVAJE was allowed to settle early, raced two wide through far turn, angled out near the three sixteenths pole and never threatened. REFINED DESIGN stalked the pace, raced four wide near the quarter pole and tired.

