

CHURCHILL DOWNS - September 23, 2026 - Race 4



CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES OR THREE YEAR OLDS. Three Year
Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since August 23 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$16,000. (C) **Claiming Price:**
\$16,000
Distance: Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Indian Chant - 1:07.55 - July 8, 2007)
Purse: \$37,000
Includes: \$4,300 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund
Available Money: \$37,000
Value of Race: \$35,761 1st \$20,892, 2nd \$7,400, 3rd \$3,700, 4th \$1,635, 5th \$1,110, 6th \$491, 7th \$533
Weather: Showery, 65° **Track:** Fast
Off at: 2:14 **Start:** Good for all **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	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
16Aug26 ¹ ELP ⁵	3	Halfway Joking (Bejarano, Rafael)	121	L	2	3	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	2.89	ins,shk free,repel foe
16Aug26 ¹ ELP ²	6	Tiger's Legacy (Asmussen, Keith)	121	L	5	4	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{1/2}	2 ²	2 ^{2 3/4}	2.98	stalk 3-4p,turned away
16Aug26 ³ ELP ¹	5	Mister Positivity (Pauly, Summer)	118	L	4	2	4 ²	4 ³	4 ^{4 1/2}	3 ³	17.19	ins,left ld to1/8,mild
29Aug26 ⁴ FP ³	8	Good to Be Prince (Loveberry, Jareth)	121	L b	7	1	2 ²	2 ¹	3 ^{1/2}	4 ^{3 1/2}	14.42	outs wnnr,fade btw upr
10Jul26 ⁴ ELP ⁸	4	Dr Fenn (Sheehy, Danny)	118	L bf	3	6	5 ^{Head}	5 ²	5 ²	5 ^{4 1/2}	21.65	3-4p, no menace
11Jul26 ¹ ELP ⁶	7	Hesper (Gaffalione, Tyler)	121	L	6	7	6 ^{1/2}	6 ⁶	6 ¹⁵	6 ^{65 3/4}	3.13	4-3p, no factor
19Feb26 ⁵ FG ⁴	1	Proctor Phantom (Saez, Luis)	121	L b	1	5	7	7	7	7	2.35*	inside, eased, bled

Fractional Times: 22.83 45.84 57.71 **Final Time:** 1:10.05 **Time from Gate:** 1:11.88
Split Times: (23:01) (11:87) (12:34)
Run-Up: 40 feet

Winner: Halfway Joking, Chestnut Gelding, by Practical Joke out of Halfway, by Tapit. Foaled Mar 21, 2021 in Kentucky.
Breeder: Willow Lake Racing (Todd and Mary Crow)
Owner: David Jacobson
Trainer: Jacobson, David

2 Claimed Horse(s): Hesper New Trainer: Shelbi A. Kurtz New Owner: Hayden Thoroughbreds, Howard, Forrest, Rutledge, Emily, Bennett, Adam and Campbell, Michael
Tiger's Legacy New Trainer: Chris A. Hartman New Owner: JD Thoroughbreds LLC and Casey, Roger

Claiming Prices: 3 - Halfway Joking: \$16,000; 6 - Tiger's Legacy: \$16,000; 5 - Mister Positivity: \$16,000; 8 - Good to Be Prince: \$16,000;
4 - Dr Fenn: \$16,000; 7 - Hesper: \$16,000; 1 - Proctor Phantom: \$16,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Redacted (Trainer)

Total WPS Pool: \$119,294

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool	Carryover
3	Halfway Joking	7.78	4.02	3.20	\$2.00 Exacta	3-6	31.10	80,565	
6	Tiger's Legacy		3.68	3.30	\$0.50 Trifecta	3-6-5	49.74	42,841	
5	Mister Positivity			5.86	\$0.10 Superfecta	3-6-5-8	43.01	24,307	
					\$1.00 Daily Double	1-3	18.62	20,914	
					\$0.50 Pick 3	3-1-3 (3 correct)	20.32	26,518	
					\$2.00 Odd or Even	ODD	2.48	82	
					\$1.00 Z-5 Super Hi-5	3-6-5-8-4		3,572	2,784

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
3	Halfway Joking	3	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}
6	Tiger's Legacy	4	3 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}
5	Mister Positivity	2	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ²	4 ³	3 ^{4 1/4}
8	Good to Be Prince	1	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{7 1/4}
4	Dr Fenn	6	5 ^{4 1/2}	5 ⁵	5 ^{7 1/2}	5 ^{10 3/4}
7	Hesper	7	6 ^{4 3/4}	6 ⁷	6 ^{9 1/2}	6 ^{15 1/4}
1	Proctor Phantom	5	7 ^{5 1/4}	7 ¹³	7 ^{24 1/2}	7 ⁸¹

Trainers: 3 - Jacobson, David; 6 - Asmussen, Steven; 5 - Foster, Eric; 8 - Rodriguez, Eduardo; 4 - Vance, Thomas; 7 - Foley, Gregory; 1 - Casse, Norm

Owners: 3 -David Jacobson; 6 -Steven M. Asmussen; 5 - Foster Family Racing, Wargel, William J., Campbell, Donald H. and R.K. Eckrich Racing, LLC; 8 -David Dory; 4 - Vance Stables LLC; 7 - Blue Tarp La Racing LLC and Tagg Team Racing; 1 - Team Valor International LLC and Rose Petal Stable LLC;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

HALFWAY JOKING brushed with an inner foe at the start, set the pace along the inside, shook free in the two path in upper stretch, got collared by an outer foe in midstretch yet repelled that bidder in the final furlong. TIGER'S LEGACY stalked from the three path, took aim from the four path entering the lane, bid in midstretch but was turned away. MISTER POSITIVITY brushed with an inner foe at the start, tracked along the inside, hung on his left lead while chasing in upper stretch, changed at the furlong grounds, leaned out and stayed on mildly. GOOD TO BE PRINCE prompted outside of the eventual winner but faded in the three path and between horses in upper stretch. DR FENN rushed with an outer foe at the start, pursued from the three path, chased in the four path at the five sixteenths pole and failed to menace. HESPER raced off of the pace in the four to three path and failed to factor. PROCTOR PHANTOM brushed with an outer foe at teh start, raced at the rear along the inside, was done early, eased through the lane and found to have bled.