

CHURCHILL DOWNS - September 25, 2026 - Race 5

STARTER ALLOWANCE - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF \$12,500 OR LESS IN 2025 - 2026. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since August 25 Allowed 2 lbs. (Races Where Entered For \$12,500 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances). (C) **Claiming Price:** \$12,500 - \$0

Distance: Seven Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Groupie Doll - 1:20.44 - May 5, 2012)

Purse: \$60,000

Includes: \$7,000 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund

Available Money: \$60,000

Value of Race: \$56,215 1st \$33,880, 2nd \$10,600, 3rd \$6,000, 4th \$3,000, 5th \$1,800, 6th \$935

Weather: Clear, 68° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 2:46 **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	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
16Aug26 ⁸ ELP ²	4	Air of Defiance (Arrieta, Francisco)	121 L	3 1		1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{2 1/2}	1 ^{Nose}	0.31*	ins foe,headd,fght bck
12Sep26 ¹ CD ⁷	5	Saltwater Cowboy (Saez, Luis)	121 L b	4 3		2 ¹	2 ²	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{4 1/4}	4.97	dueled 2w,led,outfnshd
12Sep26 ¹ CD ⁶	7	Dr. Storm (Pauly, Summer)	121 L b	5 5		5 ^{3 1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	13.93	chs2p,no mtch,left ld
12Sep26 ¹ CD ³	2	Unload (Asmussen, Keith)	121 L	2 6		6	6	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ¹²	7.78	trailed ins, mildly
14Sep26 ⁵ IND ⁷	8	Highly Flammable (De La Cruz, Fernando)	121 L f	6 2		3 ^{1/2}	4 ²	6	5 ^{1 3/4}	16.64	forwrđ 3w-4p,fade turn
22Aug26 ⁴ CNL ⁴	1	Air Invasion (Concepcion, Axel)	121 L	1 4		4 ^{1/2}	5 ³	5 ^{2 1/2}	6	21.64	chased ins,4p1/4,tired

Fractional Times: 23.50 46.40 1:09.86

Split Times: (22:90) (23:46) (12:81)

Run-Up: 40 feet

Final Time: 1:22.67

Time from Gate: 1:24.70

Winner: Air of Defiance, Bay Gelding, by [Quality Road](#) out of Faypien, by Ghostzapper. Foaled Feb 11, 2021 in Kentucky.

 Winner's sire standing at Lane's End

Breeder: Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC
Owner: Crown and Thistle Stable, LLC
Trainer: Cunningham, S.

Scratched Horse(s): Bloodline (Trainer), Prayforpeace (RegVet-Unsound)

Total WPS Pool: \$154,016

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
4	Air of Defiance	2.62	2.20	2.10	\$2.00 Exacta	4-5	9.94	77,796
5	Saltwater Cowboy		3.86	3.38	\$0.50 Trifecta	4-5-7	7.26	45,124
7	Dr. Storm			3.16	\$0.10 Superfecta	4-5-7-2	2.54	29,102
					\$1.00 Daily Double	4-4	13.55	25,412
					\$0.50 Pick 3	4-4-4 (3 correct)	36.69	21,176
					\$2.00 Odd or Even	EVEN	2.66	136
					\$0.50 Pick 4	6-4/6-4-3/4/6 (4 correct)	93.20	41,910
					\$0.50 Pick 5	1/2/6-6-4/6-4-3/4/6 (5 correct)	330.10	199,097

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
4	Air of Defiance	1	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Nose}
5	Saltwater Cowboy	3	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Nose}
7	Dr. Storm	5	5 ^{2 1/2}	3 ²	3 ³	3 ^{4 1/4}
2	Unload	6	6 ⁶	6 ^{7 1/2}	4 ^{5 1/2}	4 ^{4 3/4}
8	Highly Flammable	2	3 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{2 1/2}	6 ^{10 1/2}	5 ^{16 3/4}
1	Air Invasion	4	4 ²	5 ^{4 1/2}	5 ⁸	6 ^{18 1/2}

Trainers: 4 - Cunningham, S.; 5 - David, Carlos; 7 - Bahena, Ismael; 2 - Asmussen, Steven; 8 - Donjuan, Sergio; 1 - Paramo, Martin

Owners: 4 - Crown and Thistle Stable, LLC; 5 -Gokmen Kaya; 7 -Yasmin Cardoso Bahena; 2 -Steven M. Asmussen; 8 -Mark Milliner; 1 -Shannon Colson;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

AIR OF DEFIANCE vied for the lead with an outer rival, dueled with that one around the turn, got headed at the five sixteenths pole, fought on to sustain the battle through the lane and re-forged an advantage at the wire. SALTWATER COWBOY vied for the lead with an inner foe, dueled around the turn, wrestled an advantage with five sixteenths to go, clung that advantage as his inner counterpart persisted through the final furlong but got outfinished and missed at the wire. DR. STORM progressed between horses at the nine sixteenths pole to be right behind the top pair with a half mile to go, chased those embattled leaders from the two path around the turn, proved no match for them while hanging on his left lead through the lane then lasted for show. UNLOAD trailed along the inside then stayed on mildly but needed more to reel in show. HIGHLY FLAMMABLE raced forwardly outside of the top pair and from the four path but faded around the turn. AIR INVASION chased along the inside, shifted to the four path entering the lane and tired.