

CHURCHILL DOWNS - September 26, 2025 - Race 8



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 26 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$80,000. (NW2 L) **Claiming Price:**
\$80,000

Distance: One Mile On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Fruit Ludt - 1:33.26 - November 21, 2014)

Purse: \$82,000

Includes: \$10,800 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund

Available Money: \$82,000

Value of Race: \$72,844 1st \$39,872, 2nd \$16,400, 3rd \$8,200, 4th \$3,560, 5th \$2,460, 6th \$1,176, 7th \$1,176

Weather: Clear, 77° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 4:23 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic



[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
12Oct24 ⁹ BAQ ²	1	Escalation Clause (Arrieta, Francisco)	122	L	1	7	7	7	4 ^{1/2}	2 ¹	1 ^{2 1/4}	8.31	ins,4w5/16,bid,cleared
14Sep25 ⁵ CD ²	7	Baytown Bruiser (Rodriguez, Walter)	122	L b	7	2	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	1 ¹	1 ¹	2 ^{4 1/2}	4.70	vied 2w,led,caught1/16
31Aug25 ⁸ SAR ¹⁰	5	Mega Magic (Saez, Luis)	118	L b	5	3	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	3 ¹	3 ^{Head}	6.76	3w,chsd,outkk,held shw
14Sep25 ⁶ LRL ¹	2	Fielding (Ortiz, Jr., Irad)	120	L b	2	6	4 ¹	4 ^{1/2}	6 ⁴	5 ⁶	4 ^{3/4}	4.95	ins,shift out upr,mild
30Aug25 ⁴ KD ⁵	4	The Warden (Gaffalione, Tyler)	118	L	4	4	6 ¹	5 ²	3 ^{Head}	4 ²	5 ²⁴	3.83	2wbwtw,rail chase,nobid
4Sep25 ³ KD ⁵	3	Nudge (Ortiz, Jose)	118	L	3	1	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	5 ¹	6 ¹	6 ^{4 1/2}	1.67*	vied ins,caved,eased
16Aug25 ⁶ ELP ⁵	6	Express Line (Lanerie, Corey)	122	L b	6	5	5 ^{Head}	6 ^{1/2}	7	7	7	18.10	tight early,5-4p,faded

Fractional Times: 22.81 45.89 1:10.86 1:23.65 **Final Time:** 1:36.69

Split Times: (23:08) (24:97) (12:79) (13:04)

Run-Up: 40 feet

Winner: Escalation Clause, Bay Gelding, by Awesome Slew out of Genau, by Into Mischief. Foaled Apr 28, 2020 in Florida.

Breeder: Ocala Stud

Owner: Brown, Danny, Brown, Charis and Compton Racing LLC

Trainer: Compton, Greg

3 Claimed Horse(s):	Fielding	New Trainer: David Jacobson	New Owner: David Jacobson
	Nudge	New Trainer: Norm W. Casse	New Owner: Flying P Stable
	The Warden	New Trainer: Philip D'Amato	New Owner: Agave Racing Stable

Claiming Prices: 1 - Escalation Clause: \$80,000; 7 - Baytown Bruiser: \$80,000; 5 - Mega Magic: \$80,000; 2 - Fielding: \$80,000; 4 - The Warden: \$80,000; 3 - Nudge: \$80,000; 6 - Express Line: \$80,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Lou's Legacy (PrivVet-Illness)

Total WPS Pool: \$202,965

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Escalation Clause	18.62	7.14	4.22	\$2.00 Exacta	1-7	64.18	123,205
7	Baytown Bruiser		4.80	3.32	\$0.50 Trifecta	1-7-5	73.07	68,842
5	Mega Magic			4.22	\$0.10 Superfecta	1-7-5-2	81.10	40,092
					\$1.00 Daily Double	12-1	52.14	21,713
					\$0.50 Pick 3	3-12-1 (3 correct)	544.88	28,686
					\$1.00 Super High Five	1-7-5-2-4	3,299.07	13,426

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
1	Escalation Clause	7	7 ^{4 1/4}	7 ⁴	4 ^{2 1/2}	2 ¹	1 ^{2 1/4}
7	Baytown Bruiser	2	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	1 ¹	1 ¹	2 ^{2 1/4}
5	Mega Magic	3	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	2 ¹	3 ²	3 ^{6 3/4}
2	Fielding	6	4 ²	4 ¹	6 ⁴	5 ⁵	4 ^{6 3/4}
4	The Warden	4	6 ^{3 1/4}	5 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{2 1/2}	4 ³	5 ^{7 1/2}
3	Nudge	1	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	5 ³	6 ¹¹	6 ^{31 1/2}
6	Express Line	5	5 ³	6 ^{3 1/2}	7 ⁸	7 ¹²	7 ³⁶

Trainers: 1 - Compton, Greg; 7 - King, Barry; 5 - Stall, Jr., Albert; 2 - Maldonado, Jonathan; 4 - Moquett, Ron; 3 - Sharp, Joe; 6 - Forster, Grant

Owners: 1 - Brown, Danny, Brown, Charis and Compton Racing LLC; 7 -Barry L. King; 5 - Columbine Stable LLC; 2 -Gokmen Kaya; 4 - Parthemore, Jeffrey W. and Spinazzola, Anthony; 3 - Repole Stable; 6 - Three Peaks Racing;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

ESCALATION CLAUSE raced at the rear along the inside, tipped out around the turn, progressed four deep turning for home, rallied to bid at the furlong grounds, leaned inwardly while forging an advantage at the sixteenth pole and kicked clear. BAYTOWN BRUISER vied two wide, led turning for home, maintained an advantage through midstretch, but was caught at the sixteenth pole and was second best. MEGA MAGIC stalked three wide, held aim outside of the leader turning for home, but chased while hanging on his left lead in upper stretch got outkicked for place at the furlong grounds then held show. FIELDING tracked along the inside, chased in the two to three path into the lane, tipped wider in midstretch and stayed on mildly to be miss show. THE WARDEN pursued from midpack two wide and between horses, chased along the inside in upper stretch and lacked a bid. NUDGE vied along the inside, but weakened turning for home, caved in upper stretch and was eased thereafter. EXPRESS LINE was subtly put to tight quarters between horses soon after the start, raced off of the pace in the five to four path and was through early.