

CHURCHILL DOWNS - September 28, 2025 - Race 8

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
 FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON \$18,000 THREE TIMES OTHER THAN MAIDEN,
 CLAIMING, STARTER, RESTRICTED, OR STATE BRED OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON FOUR RACES OR CLAIMING PRICE
 \$100,000. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Non-winners Of Two Races At A Mile Or Over Since July 28 Allowed 2 lbs.
 Such A Race Since Then Allowed 4 lbs. Claiming Price \$100,000 (Races Where Entered For \$80,000 Or Less Not Considered In
 Allowances). (NW3\$ X) **Claiming Price:** \$100,000

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

Purse: \$141,000

Includes: \$57,300 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund

Available Money: \$141,000

Value of Race: \$137,234 1st \$81,252, 2nd \$28,200, 3rd \$14,100, 4th \$7,050, 5th \$4,230, 6th \$2,402

Weather: Clear, 84° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 4:24 **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
5Jul25 ⁹ IND ⁵	5	Moonlight (Gaffalione, Tyler)	122	L b	5	5	6	6	6	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{1 1/4}	5.68	2p,4pupr,rally,drv pst
10Aug25 ⁷ ELP ³	6	This Is Uskar (Morales, Edgar)	122	L b	6	3	2 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ²	1 ³	2 ^{2 1/4}	4.71	2w,clear3/8,caught lat
3Aug25 ⁷ MNR ²	4	Not This Boy (Machado, Luan)	122	L	4	2	1 ^{Head}	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{3/4}	0.95*	ins foe,chsdb btw,kpton
5Jul25 ⁹ IND ⁴	2	Kupuna (Concepcion, Axel)	122	L b	2	6	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{Head}	4 ^{1/2}	4 ⁴	4 ^{8 1/4}	7.83	tracked ins,lacked bid
11Aug25 ⁹ ELP ¹	1	King Russell (Torres, Jaime)	124	L b	1	4	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{1 3/4}	29.31	2wbtw,chs 3p,wkn 5pupr
15Feb25 ¹¹ FG ⁷	3	Catching Freedom (Ortiz, Jr., Irad)	122	L b	3	1	5 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{Head}	6	6	3.33	3-4wd, tired

Fractional Times: 23.85 47.72 1:11.74 1:35.79 **Final Time:** 1:41.84

Split Times: (23:87) (24:02) (24:05) (6:05)

Run-Up: 50 feet

Winner: Moonlight, Gray or Roan Colt, by Audible out of Sundown, by Tapit. Foaled Mar 12, 2021 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC

Owner: Town and Country Racing LLC

Trainer: Block, Chris

1 Claimed Horse(s): Kupuna New Trainer: Norm W. Casse New Owner: Flying P Stable

Claiming Prices: 2 - Kupuna: \$100,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$198,733

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Moonlight	13.36	6.02	3.22	\$2.00 Exacta	5-6	64.76	100,671
6	This Is Uskar		5.06	3.24	\$0.50 Trifecta	5-6-4	32.63	51,419
4	Not This Boy			2.12	\$0.10 Superfecta	5-6-4-2	16.94	33,266
					\$1.00 Daily Double	6-5	32.88	21,545
					\$0.50 Pick 3	1-6-5 (3 correct)	255.94	24,322

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
5	Moonlight	5	6 ^{4 3/4}	6 ^{2 3/4}	6 ^{3 1/2}	2 ³	1 ^{1 1/4}
6	This Is Uskar	3	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	1 ²	1 ³	2 ^{1 1/4}
4	Not This Boy	2	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	2 ²	3 ³	3 ^{3 1/2}
2	Kupuna	6	4 ^{1 3/4}	4 ^{1 1/4}	4 ³	4 ^{3 1/4}	4 ^{4 1/4}
1	King Russell	4	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ¹	3 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{7 1/4}	5 ^{12 1/2}
3	Catching Freedom	1	5 ^{2 1/4}	5 ^{1 1/4}	5 ^{3 1/2}	6 ^{8 3/4}	6 ^{14 1/4}

Trainers: 5 - Block, Chris; 6 - Blair, Jordan; 4 - Cowans, William; 2 - Calhoun, W.; 1 - Moquett, Ron; 3 - Cox, Brad

Owners: 5 - Town and Country Racing LLC; 6 - Table 38 Racing LLC and KatieRich Stables LLC; 4 - Zimmer Ridge Ranch; 2 - Sanders, Wayne and Hirsch, Larry; 1 - Estate of Brereton C. Jones and Naber Racing LLC; 3 - Albaugh Family Stables LLC;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

MOONLIGHT trailed in the three to two path around the first turn, moved between horses into the far turn, tipped out to the four path in upper stretch, rallied to bid outside of the leader at the sixteenth pole and drove past. THIS IS USCAR vied two wide, drew clear with three furlongs to go but was caught late. NOT THIS BOY vied for the lead with an outer rival, failed to keep pace with that one at the three furlong pole, chased between rivals into the lane and kept on. KUPUNA tracked along the inside, but only managed to chase through the lane. KING RUSSELL stalked two wide and between horses, chased in the three path around the far turn, but drifted out to the five path in upper stretch and weakened. CATCHING FREEDOM raced off of the pace three to four wide and tired.

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