CHURCHILL DOWNS - October 28, 2026 - Race 8

EQUIBASE

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON $20,000 TWICE OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER, OR STATE BRED OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES OR CLAIMING PRICE $80,000. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Non-winners Of Two Races On The Turf Since August 28 Allowed 2 lbs. Such A Race Since Then Allowed 4 lbs. Claiming Price $80,000 (Races Where Entered For $62,500 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances). (If deemed inadvisable by management to run this race over the turf course, it will be run on the main track at Five and a Half Furlongs.) (Rail at 24 feet). (NW2$ X) **Claiming Price:** $80,000

Distance: Five And One Half Furlongs On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Nobals - 1:00.96 - May 24, 2025)

Purse: $134,000

Includes: $50,100 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund

Plus: $3,775 Other Sources

Available Money: $137,775

Value of Race: $137,345 1st $77,044, 2nd $26,800, 3rd $13,400, 4th $6,700, 5th $4,020, 6th $1,404, 7th $1,404, 8th $1,259, 9th $1,259, 10th $1,399, 11th $1,398, 12th $1,258

Video Race Replay

GPS Race Chart

Weather: Clear, 76° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 4:28 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
4Oct26 ^{5}KEE^{4}	11	Twilight Delight (Ortiz, Jose)	118	L	9	1	3^{Head}	$3^{1/2}$	$2^{1/2}$	1^{Nose}	5.60	2-3w,grind,up at wire
6Sep26 ^{11}KD^{2}	1	Initialize (Curtis, Ben)	120	L	1	2	1^{Head}	$1^{1/2}$	1^{2}	$2^{1/2}$	2.90*	ins,shook free,nailed
9Sep26 ^{3}KD^{3}	10	Ganaas (Morales, Edgar)	118	L f	8	3	5^{1}	5^{2}	3^{Head}	$3^{1/2}$	7.12	trck 2p,5p1/4,slw gain
18Feb26 ^{9}TP^{6}	6	Smokey Smokey (Torres, Jaime)	120	L b	4	7	7^{1}	7^{Head}	$5^{1/2}$	4^{1}	6.35	ins,5-6p1/8,late kick
4Oct26 ^{5}KEE^{9}	9	Moon Sniper (Saez, Luis)	120	L b	7	4	4^{2}	4^{1}	4^{2}	5^{Neck}	13.84	stalked ins, evenly
4Oct26 ^{5}KEE^{2}	8	Our Starry Night (Gutierrez, Mario)	120	L b	6	6	8^{1}	$8^{1\ 1/2}$	6^{1}	$6^{1\ 1/4}$	7.86	4p,7p1/4,willingly
22Aug26 ^{2}ELP^{7}	14	B D Valeski (Ortiz, Jr., Yomar)	110	L	12	8	9^{2}	9^{2}	$8^{1/2}$	$7^{3/4}$	71.00	3p,5p1/4,mildly btwn
29Sep26 ^{5}PID^{3}	13	The Minkster (Graham, James)	120	L	11	10	10^{Head}	$10^{1/2}$	$10^{1\ 1/2}$	8^{2}	79.77	3p, no impact
4Oct26 ^{5}KEE^{7}	12	Mountain Bear (IRE) (Corrales, Gerardo)	120	- -	10	11	$6^{1/2}$	6^{1}	$7^{1/2}$	$9^{3/4}$	21.11	3p,6p1/4,left lead btw
26Sep26 ^{4}CD^{1}	7	Utopian (Beschizza, Adam)	122	L b	5	12	12	12	12	$10^{1/2}$	29.90	ins,4p3/16,no factor
6Sep26 ^{11}KD^{5}	2	Bal a Kazoo (Machado, Luan)	120	L	2	9	11^{2}	11^{2}	11^{Head}	$11^{5\ 1/2}$	67.08	saved ground, no avail
4Oct26 ^{5}KEE^{3}	5	Ortley Avenue (IRE) (Gaffalione, Tyler)	122	L f	3	5	$2^{2\ 1/2}$	2^{2}	$9^{1\ 1/2}$	12	3.05	vied 2w,wknd btw upper

Fractional Times: 21.72 44.32 56.01 **Final Time:** 1:02.18 **Time from Gate:** 1:03.65

Split Times: (22:60) (11:69) (6:17)

Run-Up: 35 feet **Temporary Rail:** 24 feet

Winner: Twilight Delight, Bay Colt, by Twirling Candy out of Midnight Soiree, by Include. Foaled Feb 23, 2023 in Kentucky.

TWIRLING CANDY Winner's sire standing at Lane's End

Breeder: KatieRich Farms

Owner: Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and KatieRich Stables LLC

Trainer: Leitch, Daniel

1 Claimed Horse(s): Initialize New Trainer: Lacey Gaudet New Owner: Thiele Thoroughbreds LLC

Claiming Prices: 1 - Initialize: $80,000; 14 - B D Valeski: $80,000; 13 - The Minkster: $80,000; 12 - Mountain Bear (IRE): $80,000; 2 - Bal a Kazoo: $80,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Cheval de Guerre (Also-Eligible), Corona de Oro (Trainer), Sprint Out Pass (Trainer)

Total WPS Pool: $214,079

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show
11	Twilight Delight	13.20	6.06	4.90
1	Initialize		4.94	3.82
10	Ganaas			5.52

Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool	Carryover
$2.00 Exacta	11-1	61.10	153,601	
$0.50 Trifecta	11-1-10	131.46	77,998	
$0.10 Superfecta	11-1-10-6	150.46	49,382	
$1.00 Daily Double	5-11	22.44	39,192	
$0.50 Pick 3	2-5-11 (3 correct)	425.78	23,075	
$2.00 Odd or Even	ODD	2.62	374	
$1.00 Z-5 Super Hi-5	11-1-10-6-9		2,535	1,974

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin
11	Twilight Delight	1	$3^{2\ 1/2}$	$3^{2\ 1/2}$	2^{2}	1^{Nose}
1	Initialize	2	1^{Head}	$1^{1/2}$	1^{2}	2^{Nose}
10	Ganaas	3	$5^{4\ 3/4}$	5^{4}	$3^{2\ 1/2}$	$3^{1/2}$
6	Smokey Smokey	7	$7^{6\ 1/4}$	7^{7}	$5^{4\ 1/2}$	4^{1}
9	Moon Sniper	4	$4^{2\ 3/4}$	4^{3}	$4^{2\ 1/2}$	5^{2}
8	Our Starry Night	6	$8^{7\ 1/4}$	8^{7}	6^{5}	$6^{2\ 1/4}$
14	B D Valeski	8	$9^{8\ 1/4}$	$9^{8\ 1/2}$	$8^{6\ 1/2}$	$7^{3\ 1/2}$
13	The Minkster	10	$10^{10\ 1/4}$	$10^{10\ 1/2}$	$10^{8\ 1/2}$	$8^{4\ 1/4}$
12	Mountain Bear (IRE)	11	$6^{5\ 3/4}$	6^{6}	7^{6}	$9^{6\ 1/4}$
7	Utopian	12	$12^{12\ 1/4}$	12^{13}	$12^{10\ 1/4}$	10^{7}
2	Bal a Kazoo	9	$11^{10\ 1/4}$	11^{11}	11^{10}	$11^{7\ 1/2}$
5	Ortley Avenue (IRE)	5	2^{Head}	$2^{1/2}$	9^{7}	12^{13}

Trainers: 11 - Leitch, Daniel; 1 - Maker, Michael; 10 - McKeever, Andrew; 6 - Mott, Riley; 9 - Miller, Darrin; 8 - Bauer, Philip; 14 - Foley, Gregory; 13 - Caramori, Caio; 12 - Sweezey, J.; 7 - Camejo, Jose; 2 - Gorham, Robert; 5 - Weaver, George

Owners: 11 - Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and KatieRich Stables LLC; 1 - Paradise Farms Corp., Staudacher, David and Turman Racing Stable LLC; 10 - Shadwell Stable; 6 - Glencrest Farm LLC; 9 - Silverton Hill LLC; 8 - Rigney Racing LLC; 14 - Andriot, Steve, Vanovich, Steve and Tagg Team Racing; 13 - Sea Glass Stables, LLC; 12 - Starry Night Racing; 7 -Kevin Stedman; 2 - Marion F. Gorham Revocable Trust; 5 - Bona

Venture Stables;

Footnotes | View Glossary Of Terms

TWILIGHT DELIGHT stalked two wide, tipped three wide entering the lane, sustained gradual progress to bid at the sixteenth pole and wrestled an advantage at the wire. INITIALIZE led narrowly while vying with an outer rival into and around the turn, shook free in upper stretch, held sway through midstretch but got collared in the final sixteenth and was nailed at the wire. GANAAS tracked from the two path, swung to the five path while inching closer into the lane, sustained slow progress to bid in the closing stages but needed more. SMOKEY SMOKEY pursued from midpack along the inside, shifted out to the five to six path in midstretch, offered a late kick to close in on the leaders in the final sixteenth but ran out of ground. MOON SNIPER stalked along the inside then chased evenly. OUR STARRY NIGHT pursued from midpack in the four path, fanned out to the seven path entering the lane and ran on willingly. B D VALESKI laid off of the pace in the three path, spun to the five path entering the lane, shifted inwardly then stayed on mildly between horses. THE MINKSTER lacked speed in the three path and made little impact. MOUNTAIN BEAR (IRE) pursued from midpack in the three path, shifted to the six path entering the lane then lacked progress between rivals while hanging on his left lead. UTOPIAN trailed along the inside, shifted to the four path in upper stretch and failed to factor. BAL A KAZOO saved ground well back but to no avail. ORTLEY AVENUE (IRE) vied for the lead with an inner rival into and around the turn but weakened between horses in upper stretch.

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