

CHURCHILL DOWNS - November 8, 2025 - 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 At A Mile Or Over Since October 8 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$50,000. (

C) **Claiming Price:** \$50,000
Distance: One Mile On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Fruit Ludt - 1:33.26 - November 21, 2014)
Purse: \$78,000
Includes: \$10,200 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund
Available Money: \$78,000
Value of Race: \$68,319 1st \$37,968, 2nd \$15,600, 3rd \$7,800, 4th \$3,390, 5th \$2,340, 6th \$1,221
Weather: Cloudy, 61° **Track:** Fast
Off at: 2:32 **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
25Sep25 ⁷ CD ⁸	5	De' Medici (Ortiz, Jr., Irad)	121	L b	4	4	4 ² 1/2	4 ¹ 1/2	2 ¹	1 ¹ /2	1 ² 1/4	6.37	close up, 4wbid, firm
25Sep25 ⁷ CD ⁵	6	First Player (Leparoux, Julien)	121	L	5	6	5 ² 1/2	5 ³	5 ²	3 ²	2 ¹ 1/4	0.66*	gained 5w, kept at bay
24Feb25 ¹⁰ OP ⁷	7	Fireball Birdie (Gaffalione, Tyler)	121	L	6	2	2 ¹	2 ¹ /2	1 ^{Head}	2 ¹ /2	3 ³ 1/2	12.77	stalked, duel, wknd
21Sep25 ⁵ CD ¹	2	Raising Kane (Lanerier, Corey)	118	L b	1	5	6	6	6	5 ¹²	4 ³ 1/2	6.86	trail, swung 6w, empty
5Oct25 ⁵ HAW ⁸	4	Smoken Boy (Loveberry, Jareth)	118	L b	3	3	3 ¹	3 ¹ 1/2	4 ¹ /2	4 ¹	5 ⁸ 1	27.88	2p, split, faded
4Oct25 ⁵ KEE ⁹	3	Deer District (Saez, Luis)	121	L b	2	1	1 ¹ /2	1 ¹	3 ^{Head}	6	6	3.15	brk thru gate,wkn,easd

Fractional Times: 22.72 45.61 1:10.51 1:22.87 **Final Time:** 1:35.53
Split Times: (22:89) (24:90) (12:36) (12:66)
Run-Up: 40 feet

Winner: De' Medici, Chestnut Gelding, by Palace Malice out of Bandora, by Dixieland Band. Foaled Mar 11, 2021 in Kentucky.
Breeder: Premier Thoroughbreds LLC
Owner: Brown, Edward Rusty J., Klein, Alan P. and Lebherz, Philip
Trainer: McCarthy, Michael

2 Claimed Horse(s): **Deer District** New Trainer: Jordan Blair New Owner: Craig Peerenboom
First Player New Trainer: Steven M. Asmussen New Owner: Steven M. Asmussen

Claiming Prices: 5 - De' Medici: \$50,000; 6 - First Player: \$50,000; 7 - Fireball Birdie: \$50,000; 2 - Raising Kane: \$50,000; 4 - Smoken Boy: \$50,000; 3 - Deer District: \$50,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Calycanthus (RegVet-Unsound)

Total WPS Pool: \$279,796

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	De' Medici	14.74	4.64	3.48	\$2.00 Exacta	5-6	28.26	149,192
6	First Player		2.60	2.10	\$0.50 Trifecta	5-6-7	33.72	76,509
7	Fireball Birdie			3.72	\$0.10 Superfecta	5-6-7-2	27.58	42,911
					\$1.00 Daily Double	5-5	17.58	22,242
					\$0.50 Pick 3	3-5-5 (3 correct)	30.20	22,540

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
5	De' Medici	4	4 ² 1/2	4 ³	2 ^{Head}	1 ¹ /2	1 ² 1/4
6	First Player	6	5 ⁵	5 ⁴ 1/2	5 ¹ 3/4	3 ¹	2 ² 1/4
7	Fireball Birdie	2	2 ¹ /2	2 ¹	1 ^{Head}	2 ¹ /2	3 ³ 1/2
2	Raising Kane	5	6 ⁷ 1/2	6 ⁷ 1/2	6 ³ 3/4	5 ⁴	4 ⁷
4	Smoken Boy	3	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ¹ 1/2	4 ¹ 1/4	4 ³	5 ¹⁰ 1/2
3	Deer District	1	1 ¹ /2	1 ¹	3 ¹	6 ¹⁶	6 ⁹ 1 1/2

Trainers: 5 - McCarthy, Michael; 6 - McGee, Paul; 7 - Asmussen, Steven; 2 - Desormeaux, J.; 4 - Winebaugh, Cheryl; 3 - Stewart, Dallas

Owners: 5 - Brown, Edward Rusty J., Klein, Alan P. and Lebherz, Philip; 6 - Bradley, William B. and Hurst, Carl; 7 - L and N Racing LLC and MyRacehorse; 2 - Blazing Saddles Racing Stables LLC; 4 - Lighthouse Racing LLC; 3 - Sport of Kings Racing Partners LLC;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

DE' MEDICI opted to race not too far behind the pace on the inside, angled out four wide in the far turn to move up and press the pace going into the upper stretch, took charge in the final furlong and held firm. FIRST PLAYER settled back to race off the pace, advanced to enter the stretch five wide behind the pace, improved for the place award but could not catch the winner. FIREBALL BIRDIE stalked the early pace three wide, moved up to duel rivals in the upper stretch but weakened in the final sixteenth. RAISING KANE was unhurried at the start to be the early trailer, closed some distance in the far turn before swinging out six wide at the three sixteenths but came up empty. SMOKEN BOY raced behind the pace in the two path, split rivals exiting the turn to press the pace but faded in the final furlong. DEER DISTRICT broke through the gate pre-race, settled along the inside to set the early pace, came under pressure by foes in the far turn to give way at the three sixteenths, retreated and eased across.