

CHURCHILL DOWNS - November 8, 2025 - Race 6

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 122 lbs. Non-winners Of Two Races Since September 8 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$20,000 (Races Where Entered For \$16,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances). **Claiming**

Price: \$20,000
Distance: Seven Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Groupie Doll - 1:20.44 - May 5, 2012)
Purse: \$60,000

Includes: \$7,800 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund

Plus: \$782 Starters Bonus

Available Money: \$60,782

Value of Race: \$60,751 1st \$33,912, 2nd \$12,000, 3rd \$6,000, 4th \$3,000, 5th \$1,800, 6th \$783, 7th \$814, 8th \$814, 9th \$814, 10th \$814

Weather: Cloudy, 61° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 3:28 **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	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
28Sep25 ² CD ³	10	Couperin (Bacon, Tyler)	120	L	b	8 6	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	1 ¹	1 ^{1 3/4}	5.60	4w, duel, kept on
16Aug25 ⁸ ELP ⁵	8	Pike Place (Arrieta, Francisco)	120	L	f	6 1	6 ^{Head}	7 ^{Head}	4 ^{2 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	16.37	btw, loom5w, at bay
11Oct25 ¹⁰ KEE ⁴	5	Air of Defiance (Ortiz, Jr., Irad)	120	L		4 5	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{3 1/2}	1.15*	stalk, duel, out-fin
24Sep25 ⁵ CD ²	3	Ludwig (Saez, Luis)	120	L	bf	2 2	1 ¹	1 ^{Head}	3 ^{1/2}	4 ^{Head}	4.33	pace, duel, yield 1/8
8Oct25 ⁵ KEE ⁷	2	Outlier (Gutierrez, Mario)	120	L	b	1 8	8 ²	5 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	5 ^{Neck}	18.20	ins, 4w, empty
12Oct25 ⁸ KEE ³	11	Background (Ortiz, Jose)	120	L		9 3	9 ^{1 1/2}	8 ²	6 ¹	6 ^{1 1/2}	13.82	off pace, improved
30Oct25 ⁴ BTP ¹	12	Stellar Vino (Barbosa, Carlos)	120	L	bf	10 10	10	9 ^{1/2}	7 ^{1/2}	7 ⁸	19.14	trail, gained position
6Jun25 ⁴ CD ⁶	4	American Blaze (Esquivel, Emmanuel)	120	L		3 4	5 ¹	10	10	8 ¹	31.83	btw, trail, no threat
28Sep25 ² CD ⁷	7	Nabokov (Torres, Cristian)	120	L		5 9	7 ^{Head}	6 ¹	9 ¹	9 ^{1 3/4}	32.49	4w, retreat, no menace
12Oct25 ⁸ KEE ²	9	One Cool Dude (Gaffalione, Tyler)	120	L	b	7 7	3 ^{1/2}	3 ²	8 ³	10	7.15	tracked 3w, retreated

Fractional Times: 22.55 45.35 1:10.27 **Final Time:** 1:23.27

Split Times: (22:80) (24:92) (13:00)

Run-Up: 40 feet

Winner: Couperin, Bay Gelding, by [Into Mischief](#) out of Kundray, by Distorted Humor. Foaled May 07, 2021 in Kentucky.

 Winner's sire standing at Spendthrift Farm

Breeder: George Strawbridge Jr.

Owner: JD Thoroughbreds LLC

Trainer: Hartman, Chris

3 Claimed Horse(s):	Air of Defiance	New Trainer: S. Jade Cunningham	New Owner: Steven Connolly
	Couperin	New Trainer: Jason G. Cook	New Owner: David E. Miller
	Stellar Vino	New Trainer: Abel Ramirez-Rodriguez	New Owner: End Zone Athletics, Inc.

Claiming Prices: 10 - Couperin: \$20,000; 8 - Pike Place: \$20,000; 5 - Air of Defiance: \$20,000; 3 - Ludwig: \$20,000; 2 - Outlier: \$20,000; 11 - Background: \$20,000; 12 - Stellar Vino: \$20,000; 4 - American Blaze: \$20,000; 7 - Nabokov: \$20,000; 9 - One Cool Dude: \$20,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Born Flawless (Re-entered), J J's Joker (Trainer), Slip Mahoney (Trainer)

Total WPS Pool: \$260,077

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool	Carryover
10	Couperin	13.20	7.60	4.26	\$2.00 Exacta	10-8	138.08	188,825	
8	Pike Place		13.14	5.98	\$0.50 Trifecta	10-8-5	139.53	95,678	
5	Air of Defiance			2.48	\$0.10 Superfecta	10-8-5-3	184.02	56,164	
					\$1.00 Daily Double	6-10	56.28	26,565	
					\$0.50 Pick 3	5-6-10 (3 correct)	130.99	35,938	
					\$1.00 Super High Five	10-8-5-3-2		2,478	1,909

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
10	Couperin	6	4 ²	4 ^{2 1/2}	1 ¹	1 ^{1 3/4}
8	Pike Place	1	6 ^{3 1/2}	7 ^{5 1/4}	4 ²	2 ^{1 3/4}
5	Air of Defiance	5	2 ¹	2 ^{Head}	2 ¹	3 ^{2 1/4}
3	Ludwig	2	1 ¹	1 ^{Head}	3 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{5 3/4}
2	Outlier	8	8 ^{3 3/4}	5 ⁴	5 ^{4 1/2}	5 ^{5 3/4}
11	Background	3	9 ^{5 3/4}	8 ^{5 1/4}	6 ^{4 1/2}	6 ⁶
12	Stellar Vino	10	10 ^{7 1/4}	9 ^{7 1/4}	7 ^{5 1/2}	7 ^{7 1/2}
4	American Blaze	4	5 ^{2 1/2}	10 ^{7 3/4}	10 ¹⁰	8 ^{15 1/2}
7	Nabokov	9	7 ^{3 1/2}	6 ^{4 1/4}	9 ⁹	9 ^{16 1/2}
9	One Cool Dude	7	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	8 ⁶	10 ^{18 1/4}

Trainers: 10 - Hartman, Chris; 8 - Van Berg, Thomas; 5 - Simms, Jr., Mark; 3 - Casse, Norm; 2 - Hiles, Rick; 11 - Asmussen, Steven; 12 - Cunningham, S.; 4 - Garcia, Genaro; 7 - Foster, Eric; 9 - Blair, Jordan

Owners: 10 - JD Thoroughbreds LLC; 8 - Scott, Jeff and Scott, Penny; 5 - Cubbedge, W. D. and Simms Jr. Racing; 3 - Turman Racing Stable, LLC, Eskind, Seth and Blieden, Mark; 2 - Gamble, John, and Sparks, R. Townsend; 11 -Steven M. Asmussen; 12 -Charles Jennings; 4 - House, Murray and House, Sherilyn; 7 - Foster Family Racing, Wargel, William J., Dant, John and Campbell, Donald H.; 9 -Todd Grantham;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

COUPERIN tracked the early pace four wide, moved up through the far turn to duel with rivals after entering the stretch, took sole command in the final furlong and kept on. PIKE PLACE opted to race in the middle of the pack between rivals, dropped back off the pace down the backstretch, loomed five wide through the far turn to enter the stretch just behind the pace but was kept at bay. AIR OF DEFIANCE stalked the early pace from the two path, moved up to

duel with rivals in the stretch but was out-finished. LUDWIG quickly claimed the lead to set a pressured pace along the inside, challenged to duel in the upper stretch but gave way in the final furlong. OUTLIER settled off the pace at the start, steadily advanced along the inside of the backstretch, angled out four wide in the stretch but came up empty. BACKGROUND settled to race off the pace four wide, took to the seven path of the stretch and passed tired rivals. STELLAR VINO trailed after exiting the chute, began to make progress in the far turn, angled towards the outside of the stretch to pass tired rivals. AMERICAN BLAZE raced in the middle of the pack between foes, dropped back to trail at the five sixteenths, passed retreating foes along the inside of the stretch. NABOKOV opted to race in the middle of the pack four wide, retreated in the stretch, failed to menace. ONE COOL DUDE tracked the early pace three wide, retreated after entering the stretch.