

CHURCHILL DOWNS - November 29, 2025 - Race 11

STAKES Golden Rod S. Grade 2 - Thoroughbred
FOR FILLIES, TWO YEARS OLD.

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

Purse: \$400,000 Guaranteed

Includes: \$75,000 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund

Available Money: \$400,000

Value of Race: \$397,375 1st \$238,440, 2nd \$77,400, 3rd \$38,700, 4th \$19,350, 5th \$9,360, 6th \$3,250, 7th \$3,625, 8th \$3,625, 9th \$3,625

Weather: Cloudy, 36° Track: Fast

Off at: 5:56 Start: Good for all except 2,7 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
5Oct25 ⁵ KEE ¹	11	Bella Ballerina (Gaffalione, Tyler)	122 b	10	1	2 ¹	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ²	1 ^{3 1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	4.14	3p,bid,cleared,lasted
9Oct25 ⁷ KEE ¹	9	Atropa (Ortiz, Jose)	122 - -	8	4	5 ^{2 1/2}	5 ¹	5 ¹	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	4.17	4-3p,5p upr,rally,mss
26Oct25 ¹ CD ¹	3	Just Singing (Machado, Luan)	122 - -	3	6	8 ^{1 1/2}	8 ^{2 1/2}	7 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{Head}	3 ²	6.36	2-3p,8p upr,good kick
26Oct25 ⁸ CD ¹	6	Life of Joy (Ortiz, Jr., Irad)	122 - -	6	7	9	9	6 ^{1/2}	4 ¹	4 ^{4 1/2}	2.93*	7p upr,shft in,wllngly
25Oct25 ⁴ BAQ ¹	5	Letmecounttheways (Rosario, Joel)	122 b	5	9	1 ⁴	1 ⁵	1 ^{1 1/2}	2 ¹	5 ^{4 1/4}	3.13	ran off, faltered btwn
25Oct25 ⁹ GP ²	4	Vita Mia (Alvarado, Junior)	122 - -	4	2	6 ^{1/2}	7 ²	9	7 ^{1 1/2}	6 ²	22.62	stdy btw 1M,ins,tired
31Oct25 ⁴ CD ¹	1	Baracca (Concepcion, Axel)	122 - -	1	3	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	6 ⁴	7 ^{4 3/4}	9.07	stalk ins,chased,tired
22Oct25 ⁵ KEE ¹	10	Coco Connect (Beschizza, Adam)	122 - -	9	8	7 ^{1 1/2}	6 ^{Head}	8 ²	8 ^{1 1/2}	8 ^{10 1/4}	87.70	3-2p,urged 2nd,tired
31Oct25 ⁷ CD ²	7	Raspberry (Saez, Luis)	122 b	7	5	4 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{3 1/2}	4 ^{3 1/2}	9	9	39.32	stmbld/bmp st,3-4p,wkn
15Oct25 ⁷ KEE ¹	2	Essential Coffee (Lanerier, Corey)	122 - -	2	10	---	---	---	---	---	65.16	stumbled st,lost rider

Fractional Times: 23.45 46.31 1:11.19 1:36.67

Final Time: 1:43.50

Split Times: (22:86) (24:88) (25:48) (6:83)

Run-Up: 50 feet

Winner: Bella Ballerina, Bay Filly, by Street Sense out of Pretty City Dancer, by Tapit. Foaled Mar 28, 2023 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Godolphin

Owner: Godolphin, LLC

Trainer: Walsh, Brendan

Scratched Horse(s): Explora (Stakes Scratch), The Grumpy Rabbit (RegVet-Unsound), Wonzee Weather (Stakes Scratch)

Total WPS Pool: \$482,928

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
11	Bella Ballerina	10.28	6.12	4.76	\$2.00 Exacta	11-9	58.50	302,915
9	Atropa		4.92	3.66	\$0.50 Trifecta	11-9-3	68.02	166,295
3	Just Singing			3.86	\$0.10 Superfecta	11-9-3-6	32.56	104,331
					\$1.00 Daily Double	6-11	11.85	84,396
					\$0.50 Pick 3	3-6-11 (3 correct)	88.79	55,860
					\$1.00 Super High Five	11-9-3-6-5	1,993.31	12,804

Past Performance Running Line Preview

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11	Bella Ballerina	1	2 ⁴	2 ⁵	2 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{3 1/2}	1 ^{1/2}
9	Atropa	4	5 ⁷	5 ^{11 1/2}	5 ^{7 1/2}	3 ^{4 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}
3	Just Singing	6	8 ^{11 1/2}	8 ^{14 1/2}	7 ⁹	5 ⁷	3 ¹
6	Life of Joy	7	9 ¹³	9 ¹⁷	6 ^{8 1/2}	4 ⁶	4 ³
5	Letmecounttheways	9	1 ⁴	1 ⁵	1 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{3 1/2}	5 ^{7 1/2}
4	Vita Mia	2	6 ^{9 1/2}	7 ^{12 1/2}	9 ^{12 1/2}	7 ¹¹	6 ^{11 3/4}
1	Baracca	3	3 ⁵	3 ^{6 1/2}	3 ^{3 1/2}	6 ⁷	7 ^{13 3/4}
10	Coco Connect	8	7 ¹⁰	6 ^{12 1/2}	8 ^{10 1/2}	8 ^{12 1/2}	8 ^{18 1/2}
7	Raspberry	5	4 ^{5 1/2}	4 ⁸	4 ⁴	9 ¹⁴	9 ^{28 3/4}
2	Essential Coffee	10	---	---	---	---	---

Trainers: 11 - Walsh, Brendan; 9 - DeVaux, Cherie; 3 - Sweezey, J.; 6 - Cox, Brad; 5 - Maker, Michael; 4 - De La Cerda, Armando; 1 - Walsh, Brendan; 10 - Ennis, John; 7 - Beckman, D. Whitworth; 2 - Asmussen, Steven

Owners: 11 - Godolphin, LLC; 9 - Belladonna Racing LLC, Twin Brook Stables, Woodford Racing LLC and B.C.W.T. Ltd.; 3 - Whisper Hill Farm LLC; 6 - Stroud, Will, Andrew Farm, Mountmellick Farm and For the People Racing Stable LLC; 5 - Paradise Farms Corp., JP Racing Stable, Staudacher, David and Zilla Racing Stables; 4 -Stephen Screnci; 1 - Heider Family Stables LLC; 10 - BSF Equine Athlete LLC; 7 - Springhouse Farm, Pick View, LLC, Knuckley, Kevin, Lollypop Racing, LLC, Quinn's Ride, LLC, Shanahan, Mrs. Paul and Ribble Farms; 2 - Robison, J. Kirk and Robison, Judy;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

BELLA BALLERINA broke a bit outwardly, stalked the run-away leader from the three path, closed in to bid outside of that one leaving the five sixteenths pole, gained command in upper stretch, drove clear shortly after, but flopped back to her left lead while tiring in the final sixteenth and lasted from outer bidders at the wire. ATROPA bumped with an inner foe at the start, pursued from midpack in the four to five path into the backstretch, progressed in the three path around the far turn before shifting to the five path in upper stretch, changed to, then from, her left lead in the final furlong, rallied to bid outside of the leader and along with an outer rival approaching the wire but missed between horses. JUST SINGING laid off of the pace in the two to three path, swung out to the eight path in upper stretch, rallied with a good kick to quickly close in outside of the top pair approaching the wire but ran out of ground. LIFE OF JOY brushed with an inner foe leaving the gate, trailed in the two path, advanced in the four path around the far turn before swinging out to the seven path into the lane, then shifted in while rallying willingly. LETMECOUNTTHEWAYS brushed with an outer foe while breaking half a beat slow, yet pulled to advance between horses early on, ran off and opened up a wide advantage around the first turn, met an outer challenge nearing the lane, got headed in upper stretch and faltered between horses. VITA MIA steadied between horses passing the wire for the first time, raced off of the pace along the inside and was done early. BARACCA stalked along the inside, saved ground in pursuit around the far turn, chased into the lane and tired. COCO CONNECT raced off of the pace in the three path, lacked a response to urging in the two path around the far turn and tired. RASPBERRY stumbled and bumped an outer foe at the start, tracked in the three to four path and weakened. ESSENTIAL COFFEE stumbled at the start and dislodged her rider. A

STEWARDS INQUIRY REVIEWING THE START RESULTED IN NO CHANGE TO THE ORIGINAL ORDER OF FINISH

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