

COLONIAL DOWNS - August 22, 2026 - Race 9

HANDICAP - Thoroughbred
OUTER TURF FOR FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF \$25,000 OR LESS IN 2025-2026 . Free nominations. Weights to be published Wednesday, August 12. Starters and riders to be named through the entry box by the usual time of closing. Nominations closed Monday, August 5, 2026 with 26 nominations. Supplements will be weighted at time of entry. HIGH WEIGHTS PREFERRED then highest 2025-2026 earnings. (1ST AND 2ND PLACE HORSES AUTOMATICALLY QUALIFY FOR THE CLAIMING CROWN TIARA AT CHURCHILL DOWNS ON NOVEMBER 16)Trophy to the winning owner. (Rail at 90 feet).

Distance: One And One Sixteenth Miles On The Outer turf **Current Track Record:** (Public Defender - 1:39.92 - August 9, 2025)

Purse: \$75,000

Available Money: \$75,000

Value of Race: \$74,850 1st \$45,000, 2nd \$15,000, 3rd \$7,500, 4th \$3,750, 5th \$1,200, 6th \$1,200, 7th \$1,200

Weather: Cloudy, 81° Track: Firm

Off at: 4:42 Start: Good for all Timing Method: Electronic

[Video Race Replay](#)

[GPS Race Chart](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
25Jun26 ⁸ CD ⁷	7	Goats On a Tree (Esquivel, Emmanuel) 	123	L	b	5	6	6 ¹	6 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Neck}	7.10 4w move,duel,dug in
6Jun26 ² CD ⁶	2	Goodbetterbest (Loveberry, Jareth)	121	L	b	1	1	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	3 ²	2 ²	7.50 trackd,bid2p,late duel
2Aug26 ⁹ ELP ⁶	5	Smiling Ellie (Marin, Samuel)	123	L		3	2	5 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1/2}	6 ¹	4 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Neck}	0.80* pulled,swung5w,up3rd
22May26 ³ BAQ ³	8	Notable Exchange (Sanchez, Mychel)	120	L		6	5	1 ¹	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1 3/4}	4.40 rail, relented late
6Aug26 ⁸ CNL ²	3	Put a Rock On It (Vargas, Jose)	119	L		2	7	7	7	7	6 ³	5 ^{Nose}	21.40 improvd,no real threat
5Jul26 ⁵ MTH ¹	9	Stillthinkingofyou (Centeno, Daniel)	121	L		7	4	4 ^{1/2}	4 ¹	2 ^{Head}	5 ^{1 1/2}	6 ¹⁰	8.30 forward 3w,little left
18Jul26 ⁶ CNL ²	6	Dynamic Actress (Lopez, Paco)	121	L		4	3	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	5 ¹	7	7	8.00 forward btwn,gave way

Fractional Times: 24.17 48.06 1:11.68 1:35.23 Final Time: 1:41.34 Time from Gate: 1:44.18

Split Times: (23:89) (23:62) (23:55) (6:11)

Run-Up: 95 feet Temporary Rail: 90 feet

Winner: Goats On a Tree, Bay Mare, by [Bolt d'Oro](#) out of The Rahy Angel, by Rahy. Foaled May 14, 2021 in Kentucky.

 Winner's sire standing at Spendthrift

Breeder: Knowles Farm, LLC

Owner: Team Adams Racing LLC

Trainer: LaRose, Kinnon

Scratched Horse(s): Let's Dance Again (Veterinarian), Queen Wilhelmina (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$121,323

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
7	Goats On a Tree	16.20	8.40	3.20	\$1.00 Pick 3	1/5/7/9-2/5/6/7-7 (3 correct)	83.20	12,327
2	Goodbetterbest		7.20	4.00				
5	Smiling Ellie			2.10	\$1.00 Daily Double	6-7	20.00	8,405
					\$1.00 Exacta	7-2	62.10	79,453
					\$0.10 Superfecta	7-2-5-8	95.58	34,434
					\$0.50 Trifecta	7-2-5	96.25	53,641

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
7	Goats On a Tree	6	6 ^{2 1/2}	6 ^{3 1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Neck}
2	Goodbetterbest	1	3 ¹	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ¹	3 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Neck}
5	Smiling Ellie	2	5 ²	5 ³	6 ³	4 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{2 1/4}
8	Notable Exchange	5	1 ¹	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ¹	2 ^{Head}	4 ^{2 1/2}
3	Put a Rock On It	7	7 ^{3 1/2}	7 ⁴	7 ⁴	6 ^{4 1/2}	5 ^{4 1/4}
9	Stillthinkingofyou	4	4 ^{1 1/2}	4 ²	2 ¹	5 ³	6 ^{4 1/4}
6	Dynamic Actress	3	2 ¹	2 ^{1 1/2}	5 ²	7 ^{7 1/2}	7 ^{14 1/4}

Trainers: 7 - LaRose, Kinnon; 2 - Sharp, Joe; 5 - Casse, Mark; 8 - Maker, Michael; 3 - Magee, Kieron; 9 - Ryan, Derek; 6 - Pimental, John

Owners: 7 - Team Adams Racing LLC; 2 -Larry J. Romero; 5 - Bill and Liz Poston Racing Inc. and Smith, Brad; 8 -David Staudacher; 3 -Gokmen Kaya; 9 -Richard D. Schibell; 6 -Steve Hassig;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

GOATS ON A TREE unhurried in the early going, began a four wide move far turn, lost some ground to the leader into the stretch as a result, challenged three deep with a furlong to run, late duel outside the runner up, dug in late to narrowly prevail. GOODBETTERBEST broke alertly, relinquished the advantage to the pacesetter before a quarter, tracked that one inside while a bit keen onto and up the backstretch, covered up while still saving ground into the straight, moved out, challenged in the two path and between horses midstretch, late duel closest to the inside, outkicked in the waning strides. SMILING ELLIE off the pace and the inside under restraint, continued to pull late backstretch, swung five wide when beginning a run late in the final turn, up for the show, too late for the top pair. NOTABLE EXCHANGE in a bit tight at the start, quickly gathered and took over off the inside the opening quarter, showed the way up the backstretch and through the final turn inside, larger lead into the lane, responded when the top two challenged a furlong out, relented late to be caught for the show. PUT A ROCK ON IT last away, trailed while saving ground, picked off a couple of rivals with some belated interest, no real threat. STILLTHINKINGOFYOU in the second flight outside, continued in a forward fashion the middle half mild, crept closer to the pacesetter in the final turn three wide, had little left for the stretch run. DYNAMIC ACTRESS forwardly placed while between horses, gave way in the drive.

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