

HOLLYWOOD CASINO AT CHARLES TOWN RACES - January 3, 2026 - Race 3



CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR ACCREDITED WEST VIRGINIA-BRED FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NOT WON TWO RACES SINCE JULY 3, 2025 OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON FOUR RACES. Weight, 126 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since December 3 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$5,000, if for \$4,500, allowed 2 lbs. (Races Where Entered For \$4,000 Or Less Not Considered In Eligibility). (S C) **Claiming Price:** \$5,000 - \$4,500

Distance: Four And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Immortal Eyes - 50.09 - April 16, 2011)
Purse: \$15,800

Available Money: \$15,800

Value of Race: \$15,800 1st \$9,228, 2nd \$3,076, 3rd \$1,538, 4th \$769, 5th \$461, 6th \$308, 7th \$140, 8th \$140, 9th \$140

Weather: Cloudy, 31° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 8:13 **Start:** Good for all except 3 **Timing Method:** Electronic



[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
6Nov25 ⁷ CT ⁵	5	Rocket Appeal (Lewis, Justin)	124	L bf	5	4	2 ¹	2 ²	1 ^{Nose}	2.30	duel2w,determined up
14Nov25 ⁴ CT ²	2	Auburn Mill (Nunez, Juan) VA CERTIFIED	122	L b	2	5	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	2 ³ 1/4	4.80	duel ins,game try nipd
4Dec25 ⁵ CT ⁵	4	Hopping Henry (Araujo, Denis) VA CERTIFIED	124	L b	4	6	5 ²	3 ¹	3 ³ 1/2	1.90*	ins1/4,4w,lef-ld,tryin
28Nov25 ² CT ⁷	3	Park Ave Prince (Hiraldo, Christian)	124	L b	3	9	7 ¹	7 ¹	4 ¹ 3/4	54.20	bobble st,5w,improved
13Dec25 ¹ CT ²	6	Colt Rock (Diaz, Jr., Sunday)	124	L bf	6	1	3 ^{1/2}	4 ¹	5 ^{Neck}	8.30	chase duel3w,faded str
14Nov25 ³ CT ⁷	1	Evanesco (Ebow III, Warren)	117	L bf	1	7	6 ³	6 ¹	6 ^{3/4}	52.50	stp slw,ins1/4,empty
28Nov25 ² CT ⁴	8	Juba's Heart (Santaella, Moises)	119	L b	8	2	4 ^{1/2}	5 ¹	7 ¹ 1/2	4.30	chase duel4w,weakened
4Dec25 ² CT ⁷	7	Juba Bound (Acosta, J.)	122	L	7	8	9	8 ¹	8 ¹ 1/2	50.70	press btw3/8,no gain
12Apr25 ¹ CT ⁵	9	Just a Flirt (Cacha-Padilla, Benjamin)	124	L b	9	3	8 ^{Head}	9	9	20.10	slow start, no threat

Fractional Times: 22.31 46.57 **Final Time:** 53.12

Split Times: (24:26) (6:55)

Run-Up: 10 feet

Winner: Rocket Appeal, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by Officer Rocket (GB) out of Little Miss Kisses, by B L's Appeal. Foaled Mar 22, 2017 in West Virginia.

Breeder: Bybee Road Farm

Owner: Adam King

Trainer: King, Jr., James

Claiming Prices: 5 - Rocket Appeal: \$5,000; 2 - Auburn Mill: \$4,500; 4 - Hopping Henry: \$5,000; 3 - Park Ave Prince: \$5,000; 6 - Colt Rock: \$5,000; 1 - Evanesco: \$5,000; 8 - Juba's Heart: \$5,000; 7 - Juba Bound: \$4,500; 9 - Just a Flirt: \$5,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$51,869

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Rocket Appeal	6.60	3.40	2.20	\$1.00 Exacta	5-2	17.70	50,364
2	Auburn Mill		4.80	3.60	\$1.00 Trifecta	5-2-4	37.20	38,044
4	Hopping Henry			2.40	\$1.00 Superfecta	5-2-4-3	346.10	31,665
					\$1.00 Pick 3	5-4-5 (3 correct)	192.60	19,288
					\$2.00 Daily Double	4-5	15.60	8,253

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	Str	Fin
5	Rocket Appeal	4	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{Nose}
2	Auburn Mill	5	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{Nose}
4	Hopping Henry	6	5 ²	3 ²	3 ³ 1/4
3	Park Ave Prince	9	7 ⁷	7 ⁶	4 ⁶ 3/4
6	Colt Rock	1	3 ¹	4 ³	5 ⁸ 1/2
1	Evanesco	7	6 ⁴	6 ⁵	6 ⁸ 3/4
8	Juba's Heart	2	4 ¹ 1/2	5 ⁴	7 ⁹ 1/2
7	Juba Bound	8	9 ⁸ 1/4	8 ⁷	8 ¹¹
9	Just a Flirt	3	8 ⁸	9 ⁸	9 ¹² 1/2

Trainers: 5 - King, Jr., James; 2 - Adorno, Jean; 4 - Sterling, Michael; 3 - Jones, Jr., Michael; 6 - Shanley, Timothy; 1 - Carlisle, John; 8 - Brown, Ronney; 7 - Knudsen, Kent; 9 - McGill, Sylvester

Owners: 5 -Adam King; 2 - Valls Thoroughbreds LLC; 4 -Roger B. Sterling; 3 - Mr. Amore Stable; 6 -Meagon Shanley; 1 -Roger B. Sterling; 8 - Eastham, Richard and Brown, Ronney W.; 7 -Kent Knudsen; 9 -David L. Taylor;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

ROCKET APPEAL roused on out of the chute, hooked AUBURN MILLS dueled outside that foe around the turn, and through the lane, determined drive won the bob at the wire. AUBURN MILL broke sharp, took up the duel inside, battled on through the final furlong, refused to yield, denied only by the photo. HOPPING HENRY chased the duel inside into the turn, angled out four deep into the lane, running on the wrong lead finished willingly for the show money. PARK AVE PRINCE slight bobble at the break, advanced off the rail around the turn, tipped out five wide through the lane, improved position through the wire. COLT ROCK away in good order, chased the duel three wide around the turn, under pressure from the furlong marker, faded through the final stages. EVANESCO broke a step slow, roused inside off the duel leaving the quarter pole, came up empty. JUBA'S HEART chased the duel four wide into the turn, weakened through the lane. JUBA BOUND slow into stride, pressed off the pace between runners into the turn, never factored. JUST A FLIRT lacked speed out of the chute, never threatened.

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