

HOLLYWOOD CASINO AT CHARLES TOWN RACES - January 8, 2026 - Race 4



CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR ACCREDITED WEST VIRGINIA-BRED FILLIES AND MARES FOUR YEARS OLD AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Weight, 126 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since December 8 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$5,000, if for \$4,500, allowed 2 lbs. (SNW2 L) **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: \$12,400
Available Money: \$12,400
Value of Race: \$12,400 1st \$7,272, 2nd \$2,424, 3rd \$1,212, 4th \$606, 5th \$364, 6th \$242, 7th \$140, 8th \$140
Weather: Cloudy, 40° **Track:** Fast
Off at: 8:41 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic



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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
19Nov25 ⁷ CT ⁷	1	Aztec Melody (Cruz, Angel)	124	L	1	7	3 ^{Head}	2 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{3 1/2}	1.70*	frac,3w1/4,kick clear
13Nov25 ³ CT ⁵	3	DQ-Count the Flowers (Maldonado, Christian)	124	L h	3	6	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{Nose}	25.90	pace,wandered,trying
5Dec25 ⁸ CT ⁷	8	Saronic Bay (Santaella, Moises) <small>VA CERTIFIED</small>	119	L b	8	1	8	8	3 ^{Head}	2.70	slw st,4w,rallied show
5Dec25 ⁸ CT ³	6	Sparkleinyoureye (Diaz, Jr., Sunday)	124	L gf	6	2	6 ¹	7 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	6.40	bid6w1/8,late interest
28Nov25 ⁵ CT ⁸	4	Verdi's Surprise (Lewis, Justin)	124	L f	4	4	2 ¹	3 ²	5 ^{Head}	11.80	steadied upper,flatten
5Dec25 ⁸ CT ¹⁰	2	Crazy Anita (Larrosa, Gustavo)	124	L b	2	5	4 ¹	4 ¹	6 ^{1/2}	7.90	ins1/4,3w1/8,weakened
5Dec25 ⁸ CT ⁸	7	Palacio (Araujo, Denis)	122	L b	7	3	5 ^{1 1/2}	6 ^{Head}	7 ^{1 1/2}	30.70	press3w1/4,faded str
5Dec25 ⁸ CT ⁵	5	Moon Rox (Nunez, Juan)	124	L b	5	8	7 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	8	4.60	fractious gate,no bid

Fractional Times: 22.99 47.71 **Final Time:** 54.43
Split Times: (24:72) (6:72)
Run-Up: 10 feet

Winner: Aztec Melody, Dark Bay or Brown Filly, by Sharp Azteca out of Starvista, by Maclean's Music. Foaled Mar 22, 2022 in West Virginia.
Breeder: Susan H. Wantz
Owner: Jason DaCosta
Trainer: Wilson, Michelle

Claiming Prices: 1 - Aztec Melody: \$5,000; 3 - Count the Flowers: \$5,000; 8 - Saronic Bay: \$5,000; 6 - Sparkleinyoureye: \$5,000; 4 - Verdi's Surprise: \$5,000; 2 - Crazy Anita: \$5,000; 7 - Palacio: \$4,500; 5 - Moon Rox: \$5,000;

Disqualification(s): # 3 Count the Flowers from 2 to 5

Total WPS Pool: \$46,632

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Aztec Melody	5.40	3.20	2.20	\$1.00 Exacta	1-8	10.00	44,760
8	Saronic Bay		3.80	2.60	\$1.00 Trifecta	1-8-6	28.80	30,370
6	Sparkleinyoureye			2.80	\$1.00 Superfecta	1-8-6-4	200.30	22,650
					\$1.00 Pick 3	2-6-1 (3 correct)	33.50	6,301
					\$2.00 Daily Double	6-1	24.00	8,098

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	Str	Fin
1	Aztec Melody	7	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{3 1/2}
3	Count the Flowers	6	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{3 1/2}
8	Saronic Bay	1	8 ^{5 1/4}	8 ^{5 1/4}	3 ^{3 1/2}
6	Sparkleinyoureye	2	6 ⁴	7 ^{4 3/4}	4 ^{3 3/4}
4	Verdi's Surprise	4	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{5 1/4}
2	Crazy Anita	5	4 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{3 1/2}	6 ^{5 1/4}
7	Palacio	3	5 ^{2 1/2}	6 ^{4 3/4}	7 ^{5 3/4}
5	Moon Rox	8	7 ⁵	5 ^{4 1/2}	8 ^{7 1/4}

Trainers: 1 - Wilson, Michelle; 3 - Atkins, Michael; 8 - Brown, Ronney; 6 - Jones, Jr., Michael; 4 - Barahona, Isaac; 2 - Gomez, Analia; 7 - Tobin, Edwin; 5 - Contreras, Javier
Owners: 1 -Jason DaCosta; 3 -Michael G. Atkins; 8 - Brown, Nicole and Brown, Ronney W.; 6 -Michael E. Jones, Jr.; 4 -Isaac Barahona; 2 -Analia R. Gomez; 7 -Charles D. Welch, Sr.; 5 -Alex Kazdan;

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AZTEC MELODY very fractious in the gate, broke a step slow when the bell rung, quickly recovered cruised into contention three wide approaching the quarter pole, collared the leader turning into the lane, kicked away with good energy through the wire. COUNT THE FLOWERS broke sharp, set the pace along the rail around the turn, under pressure leaving the furlong marker, wandered off stride in upper stretch, straitened up finished willingly to save the place award. SARONIC BAY raced well back three wide around the turn, picked up momentum four wide from the furlong marker, rallied in deep stretch for the show money. SPARKLEINYOUREYE slow into stride, circled six wide into the lane, showed interest late, need more for the final spot on the podium. VERDI'S SURPRISE chased the pace two wide around the turn, slipped inside foe leaving the furlong marker, steadied in upper stretch, flattened out through the final stages. CRAZY ANITA hustled up through the chute, pressed inside from the quarter pole, angled out into the lane, weakened through the final stages. PALACIO pressed off the pace three wide around the turn, faded through the lane. MOON ROX very fractious in the gate, broke slow, never factored. THERE WAS A JOCKEY'S OBJECTION IN THIS RACE, THE RIDER OF VERDI'S SURPRISE CLAIMDE FOUL AGAINST THE RIDER OF COUNT THE FLOWERS FOR INTERFERENCE IN UPPER STRETCH, AFTER THE JUDGE'S REVIEW COUNT THE FLOWERS WAS DISQUALIFIED AND PLACE FIFTH.

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