

**HOLLYWOOD CASINO AT CHARLES TOWN RACES - May 29, 2026 - Race 2**

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs.

Non-winners Of Three Races Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$5,000, if for \$4,500, allowed 2 lbs. (W V A Races Not Considered In Eligibility). (NW3 L X) **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:** \$14,600

**Available Money:** \$14,600

[Video Race Replay](#)

**Value of Race:** \$14,600 1st \$8,592, 2nd \$2,864, 3rd \$1,432, 4th \$716, 5th \$430, 6th \$286, 7th \$140, 8th \$140

**Weather:** Cloudy, 69° **Track:** Fast

**Off at:** 7:48 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
15May26 <sup>2</sup> CT <sup>3</sup>	1	Hardly Ever Better (Stokes, Joe) <small>VA CERTIFIED</small>	126	L f	1	5	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>1 3/4</sup>	3.70	vied ins 1/4, clr drivin
11Apr26 <sup>1</sup> CT <sup>1</sup>	8	Big Mo Gee (Santaella, Moises)	124	L b	7	1	5 <sup>2</sup>	5 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>Neck</sup>	16.90	split, 1/16, game try
7May26 <sup>3</sup> CT <sup>6</sup>	7	Tun Tavern (Davis, Jacqueline)	124	L bf	6	3	8	8	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	8.00	trail 1/8, 6w1/16, rally
14May26 <sup>9</sup> CT <sup>9</sup>	6	Fiber Strong (Cullum, Walter)	126	L bf	5	8	7 <sup>3</sup>	7 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	4 <sup>Neck</sup>	3.90	6w1/8, left-ld, evenly
3May26 <sup>1</sup> LRL <sup>8</sup>	9	D Hopper (Maldonado, Christian)	124	L b	8	2	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	5 <sup>1 1/4</sup>	2.40*	hard chase 4w, flatten
3Apr26 <sup>3</sup> PEN <sup>2</sup>	5	Happyflyer (Diaz, Jr., Sunday)	124	L b	4	4	6 <sup>1/2</sup>	6 <sup>Head</sup>	6 <sup>2 1/4</sup>	3.90	bid btw 1/8, empty str
14May26 <sup>9</sup> CT <sup>10</sup>	4	Estrella Fugaz (Peltroche, Fredy)	126	L bf	3	7	4 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	4 <sup>1/2</sup>	7 <sup>1</sup>	9.50	cut corner, weakened
14May26 <sup>9</sup> CT <sup>7</sup>	2	Fungo Fungo (Chilo, Maximo)	126	L bf	2	6	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>Head</sup>	8	23.70	vied 2w 1/4, gave way

**Fractional Times:** 22.07 46.13

**Final Time:** 52.86 **Time from Gate:** 53.47

**Split Times:** (24:06) (6:73)

**Run-Up:** 10 feet

**Winner:** Hardly Ever Better, Bay Gelding, by Bullsbay out of Thorn of Plenty, by Thorn Song. Foaled May 07, 2019 in West Virginia.

**Breeder:** Carlisle Horse Company

**Owner:** Richard Burnsworth

**Trainer:** Boykins, Kevin

**Claiming Prices:** 1 - Hardly Ever Better: \$5,000; 8 - Big Mo Gee: \$5,000; 7 - Tun Tavern: \$5,000; 6 - Fiber Strong: \$5,000; 9 - D Hopper: \$5,000; 5 - Happyflyer: \$5,000; 4 - Estrella Fugaz: \$5,000; 2 - Fungo Fungo: \$5,000;

**Scratched Horse(s):** Wildhunch (Veterinarian)

**Total WPS Pool:** \$54,811

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Hardly Ever Better	9.40	5.40	3.40	\$1.00 Exacta	1-8	54.70	48,977
8	Big Mo Gee		12.20	5.80	\$1.00 Trifecta	1-8-7	200.80	32,112
7	Tun Tavern			5.20	\$1.00 Superfecta	1-8-7-6	730.00	20,116
					\$2.00 Daily Double	7-1	30.60	9,735

**Past Performance Running Line Preview**

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	Str	Fin
1	Hardly Ever Better	5	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>1 3/4</sup>
8	Big Mo Gee	1	5 <sup>3 1/2</sup>	5 <sup>3</sup>	2 <sup>1 3/4</sup>
7	Tun Tavern	3	8 <sup>9</sup>	8 <sup>5 1/4</sup>	3 <sup>2</sup>
6	Fiber Strong	8	7 <sup>6</sup>	7 <sup>3 3/4</sup>	4 <sup>2 1/2</sup>
9	D Hopper	2	3 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	3 <sup>2</sup>	5 <sup>2 3/4</sup>
5	Happyflyer	4	6 <sup>5 1/2</sup>	6 <sup>3 1/2</sup>	6 <sup>4</sup>
4	Estrella Fugaz	7	4 <sup>2</sup>	4 <sup>2 1/2</sup>	7 <sup>6 1/4</sup>
2	Fungo Fungo	6	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup>	8 <sup>7 1/4</sup>

**Trainers:** 1 - Boykins, Kevin; 8 - Shanley, Timothy; 7 - Perez, Ernesto; 6 - Runco, Jeff; 9 - Maldonado, Jonathan; 5 - Mangual, Manolo; 4 - Peltroche, Vanessa; 2 - Peltroche, Vanessa

**Owners:** 1 - Richard Burnsworth; 8 - Rodrigue Racing Stables; 7 - Cahill, Kirt and Cahill, Sarah; 6 - Pascal, Lawrence J. and Harding, Sr., Philip Arthur; 9 - Gabriella Wilhelm; 5 - Manolo Mangual; 4 - JAS Racing Stable LLC; 2 - JAS Racing Stable LLC;

**Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)**

HARDLY EVER BETTER sent through the chute, vied along the rail around the turn, inched clear leaving the furlong marker, held sway under strong handling. BIG MO GEE chased the pace off the rail around the turn, found best stride split rivals approaching the sixteenth post, dug in gamely for the place. TUN TAVERN lacked speed out of the chute, trailer into the lane, angled out six wide through the stretch, rallied in time to claim the show money. FIBER STRONG broke very slow, tipped out six deep into the lane, running on the wrong lead, evened out missed the show at the line. D HOPPER hard chase four wide into the, under pressure between rivals through the final stages flattened out to the wire. HAPPYFLYER slow into stride, hustled bid between runners into the lane, slipped inside nearing the sixteenth marker, came up empty late. ESTRELLA FUGAZ rated along the rail into the turn, roused on cut the corner into the lane, weakened through the final sixteenth. FUNGO FUNGO roused hard out of the chute, vied two wide around the turn, no match from the furlong marker, gave way through the lane.

VA CERTIFIED Denotes Virginia-Certified Thoroughbred