

HOLLYWOOD CASINO AT CHARLES TOWN RACES - October 9, 2025 - Race 2



STARTER OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred  
FOR FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF \$5,000 OR LESS SINCE OCTOBER 9, 2024 OR CLAIMING PRICE \$10,000. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since September 9 Allowed 2 lbs.A Race Since August 9 Allowed 4 lbs. Claiming Price \$10,000 (Races Where Entered For \$8,000 Or Less Not Considered In Weight Allowances). ( C ) **Claiming Price:** \$10,000

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

**Purse:** \$22,700

**Available Money:** \$22,700

**Value of Race:** \$22,700 1st \$13,620, 2nd \$4,540, 3rd \$2,270, 4th \$1,135, 5th \$681, 6th \$454

**Weather:** Cloudy, 50° **Track:** Fast

**Off at:** 7:35 **Start:** Good for all except 5 **Timing Method:** Electronic



[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
31Jul25 <sup>4</sup> CT <sup>3</sup>	1	Valid Reason (Mendez, Marshall)	121	L f	1	5	<sup>1</sup> Head	<sup>1</sup> 1/2	<sup>1</sup> 1 1/2	3.20	vie ins1/4,lef-ld,drvn
27Sep25 <sup>3</sup> CT <sup>4</sup>	4	Smalltownsmokeshow (Acosta, J.)	118	L b	4	3	<sup>5</sup> 2	<sup>3</sup> 1/2	<sup>2</sup> 1 3/4	2.40	ins1/4,left-ld,chased
20Sep25 <sup>4</sup> DEL <sup>10</sup>	3	Hot Fudge Warrior (Bocachica, Arnaldo) <span>VA CERTIFIED</span>	120	L b	3	2	<sup>2</sup> Head	<sup>2</sup> 1	<sup>3</sup> 1	1.40*	btw1/4,4w,lef-ld,show
27Sep25 <sup>3</sup> CT <sup>5</sup>	5	Cherokee Castle (Latchman, Reshawn)	120	L f	5	4	6	6	<sup>4</sup> 2 3/4	10.80	bobble st,7w,no kick
19Sep25 <sup>3</sup> CT <sup>4</sup>	6	Love to Eat (Nunez, Juan)	123	L bf	6	1	<sup>3</sup> 1	<sup>4</sup> 1/2	<sup>5</sup> Neck	8.00	chase3w1/4,faded str
1Sep25 <sup>4</sup> MNR <sup>7</sup>	2	Lemorian (Cullum, Walter)	120	L	2	6	<sup>4</sup> Head	<sup>5</sup> 1/2	6	10.70	slow st,press ins,weak

**Fractional Times:** 22.21 46.50

**Final Time:** 53.19

**Split Times:** (24:29) (6:69)

**Run-Up:** 10 feet

**Winner:** Valid Reason, Bay Mare, by Shackleford out of Arctic Indian, by Indian Charlie. Foaled Mar 11, 2019 in Kentucky.

**Breeder:** Oak Leaf Farm TCLP

**Owner:** Dewayne C. Johnson

**Trainer:** Johnson, Dewayne

**Claiming Prices:** 1 - Valid Reason: \$10,000; 5 - Cherokee Castle: \$10,000; 6 - Love to Eat: \$10,000;

**Total WPS Pool:** \$45,454

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Valid Reason	8.40	4.20	2.80	\$1.00 Exacta	1-4	14.80	28,160
4	Smalltownsmokeshow		3.40	2.20	\$1.00 Trifecta	1-4-3	44.10	21,993
3	Hot Fudge Warrior			2.20	\$1.00 Superfecta	1-4-3-5	93.20	16,163
					\$2.00 Daily Double	5-1	12.00	10,150

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	Str	Fin
1	Valid Reason	5	<sup>1</sup> Head	<sup>1</sup> 1/2	<sup>1</sup> 1 1/2
4	Smalltownsmokeshow	3	<sup>5</sup> 1 1/4	<sup>3</sup> 1 1/2	<sup>2</sup> 1 1/2
3	Hot Fudge Warrior	2	<sup>2</sup> Head	<sup>2</sup> 1/2	<sup>3</sup> 3 1/4
5	Cherokee Castle	4	<sup>6</sup> 3 1/4	<sup>6</sup> 3	<sup>4</sup> 4 1/4
6	Love to Eat	1	<sup>3</sup> Head	<sup>4</sup> 2	<sup>5</sup> 7
2	Lemorian	6	<sup>4</sup> 1 1/4	<sup>5</sup> 2 1/2	<sup>6</sup> 7 1/4

**Trainers:** 1 - Johnson, Dewayne; 4 - Knudsen, Kent; 3 - Kravets, Bruce; 5 - Rideoutt II, Anthony; 6 - Butts, Mike; 2 - Jackson, Sherry

**Owners:** 1 -Dewayne C. Johnson; 4 - Fugget About It Racing Stables; 3 - Two Ten Twelve Triple T Racing; 5 -Ernest F. Wills, Jr.; 6 -Mike E. Butts; 2 -Sherry L. Jackson;

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

VALID REASON away in good order, vied inside around the turn, shook free from outside rivals leaving the furlong marker, unable to switch leads through the lane, held sway driving through the wire. SMALLTOWNSMOKESHOW broke a step slow, roused inside off the top trio around the bend, angled off the rail into the lane, chasing on the wrong lead best the rest. HOT FUDGE WARRIOR pressed between around the turn, four deep running on the wrong lead, held clear for the show. CHEROKEE CASTLE bobbled brushed the gate at the start, roused seven deep into the lane, had no late punch. LOVE TO EAT broke sharp, chased the pace three wide around the turn, faded through the stretch. LEMORIAN broke slow, pressed inside into the turn, under pressure weakened through the lane.

VA CERTIFIED Denotes Virginia-Certified Thoroughbred