

**DELTA DOWNS - January 2, 2026 - Race 4**

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

(INCLUDES UP TO \$1,400 LTBASBF) FOR ACCREDITED LA BRED FILLIES AND MARES FOUR YEARS OLD AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Weight, 124 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since December 2 Allowed 2 lbs. A Race Since November 2 Allowed 4 lbs. Claiming Price \$10,000 (Claiming Races For \$5,000 Or Less Not Considered In Estimating Allowances). (SNW2 L) **Claiming Price:** \$10,000

**Distance:** Five Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Heitai - 56.69 - February 1, 2014)

**Purse:** \$23,000

**Includes:** \$18,400 Other Sources

**Includes:** \$3,200 LAVPF - Louisiana Video Poker Fund

**Available Money:** \$23,000

**Value of Race:** \$23,000 1st \$13,800, 2nd \$4,600, 3rd \$2,530, 4th \$1,380, 5th \$690

**Weather:** Clear, 73° **Track:** Fast

**Off at:** 6:14 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic



[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	3/16	3/8	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
12Dec25	6	DED <sup>2</sup>	7	Exploding Circle (Del-Cid, Vicente)	120	L	5 5	1 1/2	1 1 1/2	1 2	1.10	led, ins turn, drw clr
22Nov25	6	DED <sup>2</sup>	2	Imperial Assault (Vargas, Juan)	120	L b	1 4	2 1/2	2 1 1/2	2 2	0.90*	prsd pc, chsd, no mtch
3Dec25	4	DED <sup>7</sup>	4	Lassie Bee (Perez, Carlos)	120	L f	2 2	4 1 1/2	4 2	3 Head	8.80	trkd, 3wupr, held 3rd
3Dec25	4	DED <sup>5</sup>	6	Molli Way (Arana, Kelvin)	115	f	4 1	5	5	4 3	4 3 1/2	19.60 trld, mild rail bid
11Dec25	7	DED <sup>7</sup>	5	Star of Astrology (Barrera, Elio)	120	L f	3 3	3 3	3 1	5	11.10	vied, gave way

**Fractional Times:** 22.42 46.76

**Final Time:** 1:00.16

**Split Times:** (24:34) (13:40)

**Run-Up:** 26 feet

**Winner:** Exploding Circle, Bay Filly, by Secret Circle out of Arms Race, by Golden Missile. Foaled May 02, 2022 in Louisiana.

**Breeder:** Michele Rodriguez

**Owner:** Elite Thoroughbred Racing LLC

**Trainer:** Thomas, Lee

**1 Claimed Horse(s): Imperial Assault**

New Trainer: Eduardo Ramirez

New Owner: Sandy Badeaux

**Claiming Prices:** 7 - Exploding Circle: \$10,000; 2 - Imperial Assault: \$10,000; 4 - Lassie Bee: \$10,000; 6 - Molli Way: \$10,000; 5 - Star of Astrology: \$10,000;

**Scratched Horse(s):** Graceful Star (Veterinarian), Jazzy Gal (Veterinarian)

**Total WPS Pool:** \$30,120

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
7	Exploding Circle	4.20	2.20	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	7-2	3.50	18,567
2	Imperial Assault		2.20	2.10	\$0.50 Trifecta	7-2-4	4.55	17,649
4	Lassie Bee			2.60	\$0.50 Pick 3	5-6-7 (3 correct)	7.45	2,955
					\$1.00 Daily Double	6-7	5.00	6,192

**Past Performance Running Line Preview**

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	3/16	3/8	Str	Fin	Pool
7	Exploding Circle	5	1 1/2	1 1 1/2	1 1 1/2	1 2	
2	Imperial Assault	4	2 1/2	2 1 1/2	2 1 1/2	2 2	
4	Lassie Bee	2	4 4	4 4	3 3 1/2	3 2 3/4	
6	Molli Way	1	5 5 1/2	5 6	4 3 1/2	4 3 1/4	
5	Star of Astrology	3	3 1	3 3	5 6 1/2	5 6 3/4	

**Trainers:** 7 - Thomas, Lee; 2 - Hoda, Danny; 4 - Ward, Ronnie; 6 - Romero, Sr., John; 5 - Mojica, Edith

**Owners:** 7 - Elite Thoroughbred Racing LLC; 2 - Crosby McDonald; 4 -Ronnie P. Ward; 6 -John J. Romero, Sr.; 5 -Robert Tate;

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

EXPLODING CIRCLE rush to the lead from three wide then two wide, dropped in to save ground around the turn after drawing clear and kept to task in the stretch. IMPERIAL ASSAULT pressed the pace from the inside to the turn then chased the leader but was no match for the winner. LASSIE BEE tracked the leaders from the inside, moved up from two wide on the turn and tipped out to three wide in upper stretch to hold the show. MOLLI WAY trailed the field to the turn then made a mild rail bid to improve positioning. STAR OF ASTROLOGY vied for the lead from between horse in the early going then gave way. JOCKEY OF IMPERIAL ASSAULT CLAIMED FOUL AGAINST EXPLODING CIRCLE FOR ALLEGED INTERFERENCE NEARING THE TURN, AFTER A STEWARDS REVIEW THE CLAIM OF FOUL WAS DISALLOWED AND NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.