

DELTA DOWNS - January 9, 2026 - Race 4

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON FOUR RACES OR WHICH HAVE NOT WON TWO RACES

SINCE JANUARY 9, 2025. Weight, 124 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since December 9 Allowed 2 lbs. A Race Since November 9

Allowed 4 lbs. Claiming Price \$10,000 (Claiming Races For \$7,500 Or Less Not Considered In Estimating Allowances). (C)

Claiming Price: \$10,000**Distance:** Five Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Heitai - 56.69 - February 1, 2014)**Purse:** \$20,500**Includes:** \$14,000 Other Sources**Plus:** \$6,000 ALBSS-Accredited LA Bred Slot Supplement**Available Money:** \$26,500**Value of Race:** \$20,500 1st \$12,300, 2nd \$4,100, 3rd \$2,255, 4th \$1,230, 5th \$615**Weather:** Cloudy, 74° **Track:** Muddy (Sealed)**Off at:** 6:17 **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	
13Dec25	8	DED ⁴	1	McLaren Vale (Thornton, Timothy)	120	L b	1 5	5 1/2	5 ¹	4 ¹	1 Neck	2.20*	trck,4wupr,randwnldr
28Dec25	5	OP ¹	4	Rocketeightyeight (Del-Cid, Vicente)	124	L b	3 4	3 Head	2 1/2	1 Head	2 3/4	3.10	stlkd,led1/8, denied
22Nov25	7	DED ³	2	Chief Brady (Roman, Kevin)	120	L	2 3	4 1/2	4 Head	5 ¹	3 3/4	3.20	5wupr, late kick
13Nov25	7	DED ³	6	Straight Luck (Melancon, Jansen)	120	L	5 1	2 ¹	3 ¹	2 1/2	4 ¹	5.10	shr cmd, vied, outfnsh
11Dec25	5	DED ⁶	5	Classic Rick (Castillo, Alexander)	120	L	4 6	6	6	6	5 1/2	11.40	passed tiring rival
20Dec25	3	DED ²	7	Copter (Birzer, Alex)	118	L bf	6 2	1 Head	1 Head	3 1/2	6	4.70	shr cmd, tired

Fractional Times: 22.28 45.83**Final Time:** 58.30**Split Times:** (23:55) (12:47)**Run-Up:** 26 feet

Winner: McLaren Vale, Bay Gelding, by Gun Runner out of Magical Weekend, by Any Given Saturday. Foaled May 14, 2019 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Austramore Pty. Ltd

Owner: Gaudet, Paul M. and Kingma, Gregg

Trainer: Courville, Ricky

2 Claimed Horse(s): McLaren Vale
RocketeightyeightNew Trainer: Juan A. Larrosa
New Trainer: Sarah MartinezNew Owner: L and G Racing Stables
New Owner: BMS Racing Stable (Sarah Martinez) and D and F Horse Farms**Claiming Prices:** 1 - McLaren Vale: \$10,000; 4 - Rocketeightyeight: \$10,000; 2 - Chief Brady: \$10,000; 6 - Straight Luck: \$10,000; 5 - Classic Rick: \$10,000; 7 - Copter: \$10,000;**Scratched Horse(s):** Only a Dream (Veterinarian)**Total WPS Pool:** \$44,260

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	McLaren Vale	6.40	3.80	2.40	\$1.00 Exacta	1-4	12.90	27,946
4	Rocketeightyeight		3.80	3.20	\$0.50 Trifecta	1-4-2	16.75	22,920
2	Chief Brady			3.00	\$0.50 Pick 3	4-2-1 (3 correct)	13.35	4,142
					\$1.00 Daily Double	2-1	7.70	6,198
					\$0.10 Superfecta	1-4-2-6	7.69	16,009

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	3/16	3/8	Str	Fin
1	McLaren Vale	5	5 1/4	5 1/4	4 ¹	1 Neck
4	Rocketeightyeight	4	3 ¹	2 Head	1 Head	2 Neck
2	Chief Brady	3	4 1/4	4 1/2	5 ²	3 ³
6	Straight Luck	1	2 Head	3 1/2	2 Head	4 3/4
5	Classic Rick	6	6 1/4	6 2 3/4	6 ³	5 4 3/4
7	Copter	2	1 Head	1 Head	3 1/2	6 5 1/4

Trainers: 1 - Courville, Ricky; 4 - Ramirez-Rodriguez, Abel; 2 - Ramirez-Rodriguez, Abel; 6 - Pish, Danny; 5 - Bryant, George; 7 - Robbins, Jr., Hance**Owners:** 1 - Gaudet, Paul M. and Kingma, Gregg; 4 -Mark David Hixson; 2 - End Zone Athletics, Inc.; 6 - Duffy's Racing Stable LLC; 5 - Blick Stables; 7 -Geral Dewitt;**Footnotes |** [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

MCLAREN VALE tracked the leaders from the inside to the top then angled out to four wide in upper stretch to run down the leader and was just up. ROCKETEIGHTYEIGHT stalked the pace from three wide then moved to engage the leaders near the quarter pole and battled around the turn, took the lead entering the stretch, edged away but was denied. CHIEF BRADY raced off the pace from two wide around the turn then tipped out to five wide in upper stretch and gave a late kick to be up for the show. STRAIGHT LUCK shared the command from the inside to the quarter pole then vied for the lead around the turn but was outfinished late. CLASSIC RICK trailed the field to the top of the stretch and passed tiring rival. COPTER shared the command from two wide to the eighth pole and tired.