

**DELTA DOWNS - January 30, 2026 - Race 5**

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NOT WON A RACE SINCE JULY 30, 2025. Weight, 124 lbs. Non-winners  
Of A Race Since December 30 Allowed 2 lbs. A Race Since November 30 Allowed 4 lbs. Claiming Price \$5,000. (NW1 6M)**Claiming Price:** \$5,000**Distance:** Seven Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Touchuponastar - 1:24.27 - October 11, 2025)**Purse:** \$14,500**Includes:** \$8,000 Other Sources**Plus:** \$6,000 ALBSS-Accredited LA Bred Slot Supplement**Available Money:** \$20,500**Value of Race:** \$14,500 1st \$8,700, 2nd \$2,900, 3rd \$1,595, 4th \$870, 5th \$435**Weather:** Cloudy, 47° **Track:** Fast**Off at:** 6:47 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
21Jan26	8	Knicks Story (Roman, Kevin)	120	L b	6	6	1 1/2	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>4</sup>	1 7 1/4	2.00*	led, setpc, drew off
5Dec25	9	Emerald Express (Thornton, Timothy)	120	L bf	3	3	8	8	4 1/2	2 <sup>1</sup>	5.00	railbid, laterun, clr2nd
18Jan26	2	HOU <sup>5</sup> (Stans Home Run (Vargas, Juan))	120	L b	4	5	7 <sup>2</sup>	6Head	3 <sup>2</sup>	3 1/2	3.60	rail bid, outfinished
17May25	6	Tiwanaku (Dominguez, Joel)	120	L bf	5	4	3Head	3 <sup>2</sup>	2 1/2	4 2 1/2	4.20	4w1st, mildbid, outkickd
21Jan26	8	DED <sup>4</sup> (Sam's Promise (Hernandez, Javier))	117	L b	7	7	6Head	7 <sup>1</sup>	6 <sup>1</sup>	5 2 3/4	3.70	pass tired ones
29Dec25	3	SPDED <sup>9</sup> (Sparra (Castillo, Alexander))	120	L b	2	1	5 <sup>1</sup>	5Head	7 <sup>5</sup>	6Neck	115.70	prsd, midpack, faded
23Oct25	2	DED <sup>4</sup> (Castille (Birzer, Alex))	120	L	1	2	2 <sup>1</sup>	2Head	5 <sup>1</sup>	7 18 1/4	11.30	early lead, 3wupr, tired
10Jan26	10	4DED <sup>9</sup> (Heartthrob Halo (Ramirez, Paulina))	117	L	8	8	4Head	4 <sup>1</sup>	8	8	106.60	5w1st, widetrip, tired

**Fractional Times:** 23.85 47.87 1:13.50**Final Time:** 1:26.69**Split Times:** (24:02) (25:63) (13:19)**Run-Up:** 15 feet**Winner:** Knicks Story, Bay Horse, by Bernardini out of Story Untold, by Old Fashioned. Foaled Jan 31, 2020 in Kentucky.**Breeder:** Machmer Hall**Owner:** End Zone Athletics, Inc.**Trainer:** Ramirez-Rodriguez, Abel**Claiming Prices:** 8 - Knicks Story: \$5,000; 4 - Emerald Express: \$5,000; 5 - Stans Home Run: \$5,000; 6 - Tiwanaku: \$5,000; 9 - Sam's Promise: \$5,000; 3 - Sparra: \$5,000; 2 - Castille: \$5,000; 10 - Heartthrob Halo: \$5,000;**Scratched Horse(s):** Julia's Warrior (Veterinarian), Life Is a Banquet (Veterinarian)**Total WPS Pool:** \$114,833

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
8	Knicks Story	6.00	3.60	2.40	\$1.00 Exacta	8-4	14.10	90,871
4	Emerald Express		6.60	3.20	\$0.50 Trifecta	8-4-5	18.80	64,690
5	Stans Home Run			2.40	\$0.10 Superfecta	8-4-5-6	16.99	48,745
					\$0.50 Pick 3	6-2-8 (3 correct)	171.10	16,222
					\$0.50 Pick 4	1/4/7-6-2-1/7/8 (4 correct)	266.70	36,446
					\$0.50 Pick 5	6/7-1/4/7-6-2-1/7/8 (5 correct)	686.55	66,794
					\$1.00 Daily Double	2-8	78.30	10,143

**Past Performance Running Line Preview**

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
8	Knicks Story	6	1 1/2	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>4</sup>	1 7 1/4
4	Emerald Express	3	8 <sup>4</sup> 3/4	8 <sup>5</sup> 1/4	4 <sup>6</sup> 1/2	2 7 1/4
5	Stans Home Run	5	7 <sup>2</sup> 3/4	6 <sup>4</sup> 1/4	3 <sup>4</sup> 1/2	3 8 1/4
6	Tiwanaku	4	3 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	3 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>4</sup>	4 8 3/4
9	Sam's Promise	7	6 <sup>2</sup> 3/4	7 <sup>4</sup> 1/4	6 <sup>8</sup>	5 11 1/4
3	Sparra	1	5 <sup>1</sup> 3/4	5 <sup>4</sup>	7 <sup>9</sup>	6 14
2	Castille	2	2 <sup>1</sup> /2	2 <sup>1</sup>	5 <sup>7</sup>	7 14 1/4
10	Heartthrob Halo	8	4 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	4 <sup>3</sup>	8 <sup>14</sup>	8 32 1/2

**Trainers:** 8 - Ramirez-Rodriguez, Abel; 4 - Ramirez, Eduardo; 5 - Jacks, Karen; 6 - Cano, Juan; 9 - Ramaekers, Eric; 3 - Bryant, George; 2 - Nelson, Jr., Eric; 10 - West, Jr., Henry**Owners:** 8 - End Zone Athletics, Inc.; 4 - Tony Breaux; 5 - Karen E. Jacks; 6 - Juan Munoz Cano; 9 - Eric Ramaekers; 3 - George R. Bryant; 2 - Eric D. Nelson, Jr.; 10 - John R. Golden;**Footnotes** | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

KNICKS STORY raced in the middle of the pack from three wide heading to the first turn, shifted in to cut the corner going into the first turn to take a clear lead to set the pace and drew off in the stretch. EMERALD EXPRESS was allowed to settle at the back down the backstretch then made a rail bid on the final turn, shifted out to three wide in upper stretch to make the late run and was a clear second. STANS HOME RUN raced in the middle of the pack while saving ground down the backstretch then made a rail bid on the final turn and down the stretch but was outfinished late. TIWANAKU was roused to be forwardly placed going four wide into the first turn, moved up from three wide on the final turn to make a late run at the leaders but was outkicked late. SAM'S PROMISE raced in the middle of the pack down the backstretch then made a mild bid on the final turn and passed tired ones. SPARRA broke sharply to press the pace to the first turn then settled in the middle of the pack while racing two wide down the backstretch then steadily faded. CASTILLE rushed up to take the early lead to the first turn but floated out entering the turn and settled off the pace from two wide to the top of the stretch, shifted out to three wide but tired. HEARTTHROB HALO raced five wide into the first turn and continued to race wide throughout, dropped back midway down the backstretch and tired.

