

DELA WARE PARK - May 23, 2026 - Race 6

STARTER OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

(PLUS UP TO 50% Other Sources) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF \$5,000 OR LESS IN 2025 - 2026 OR CLAIMING PRICE \$8,000. Three Year Olds, 119 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race At A Mile Or Over Since March 23, 2026 Allowed 3 lbs. Claiming Price \$8,000 (Races Where Entered For \$6,250 Or Less Not Considered In Estimating Allowances). (C) **Claiming Price:** \$8,000

Distance: One Mile And Seventy Yards On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Afleet Willy - 1:38.58 - September 30, 2017)

Purse: \$20,000

Plus: \$500 Starters Bonus

Available Money: \$20,500

Value of Race: \$20,500 1st \$12,000, 2nd \$4,000, 3rd \$2,000, 4th \$1,000, 5th \$500, 6th \$500, 7th \$500

Weather: Rainy, 61° **Track:** Sloppy (Sealed)

Off at: 3:07 **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	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
16May26 ¹ DEL ³	3	Striking Sparks (Batista, Jose)	121 L b	3	2	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ⁴	1 ^{6 1/2}	0.90*	drew off, easy winner
8May26 ⁹ CT ⁶	1	Ascendance (Mauricio, Jose) <small>VA CERTIFIED</small>	121 L b	1	3	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{2 1/2}	3 ⁴	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{3 1/4}	9.00	kept on, 2nd best
17Apr26 ¹ PEN ⁵	2	Styner (Chiappe, Ricardo)	121 L bf	2	1	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	3 ⁷	3 ^{5 1/2}	4.80	clear pace, 3rd best
26Apr26 ⁸ TAM ²	6	Good as He Gets (Gil, Cipriano)	124 L b	5	5	6 ²	6 ²	5 ³	5 ¹	4 ^{2 1/4}	4.20	6-w 2nd, no rally
8Apr26 ⁴ TAM ⁸	7	Secret Treasure (Ho, Wesley)	121 L b	6	6	7	7	6 ⁴	6 ¹⁰	5 ^{3/4}	7.10	3-w 2nd, never fired
11Apr26 ⁶ CT ³	5	Hawkstone (Luna, Paul)	121 L b	4	4	4 ^{Head}	4 ²	4 ²	4 ¹	6 ²⁰	16.30	4-w 2nd, empty
22Apr26 ⁸ TAM ⁴	8	Anchises (Cedeno, Carol)	121 L b	7	7	5 ²	5 ²	7	7	7	23.10	4-w 2nd, finished earl

Fractional Times: 23.45 47.64 1:13.39 1:39.51

Final Time: 1:43.71

Time from Gate: 1:45.98

Split Times: (24:19) (25:75) (26:12) (4:20)

Run-Up: 72 feet

Winner: Striking Sparks, Chestnut Gelding, by Accelerate out of Gas Total (BRZ), by Sulamani (IRE). Foaled Apr 17, 2021 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Brownwood Farm

Owner: Victor J. Gutierrez

Trainer: Rodriguez, Jose

1 Claimed Horse(s): Styner

New Trainer: Michael V. Simone

New Owner: Wayne LaMarche

Claiming Prices: 2 - Styner: \$8,000; 8 - Anchises: \$8,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Catatumbo (Trainer)

Total WPS Pool: \$68,558

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
3	Striking Sparks	3.80	2.80	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	3-1	9.80	52,150
1	Ascendance		6.00	3.40	\$0.50 Trifecta	3-1-2	20.30	32,043
2	Styner			3.80	\$1.00 Daily Double	2-3	29.00	6,222
					\$0.50 Pick 3	4-2-3 (3 correct)	31.40	7,030
					\$0.10 Superfecta	3-1-2-6	10.38	19,188

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
3	Striking Sparks	2	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ⁴	1 ^{6 1/2}
1	Ascendance	3	3 ^{2 1/2}	3 ¹	3 ²	2 ⁴	2 ^{6 1/2}
2	Styner	1	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{4 1/2}	3 ^{9 3/4}
6	Good as He Gets	5	6 ^{4 3/4}	6 ^{7 1/2}	5 ⁸	5 ^{12 1/2}	4 ^{15 1/4}
7	Secret Treasure	6	7 ^{6 3/4}	7 ^{9 1/2}	6 ¹¹	6 ^{13 1/2}	5 ^{17 1/2}
5	Hawkstone	4	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{3 1/2}	4 ⁶	4 ^{11 1/2}	6 ^{18 1/4}
8	Anchises	7	5 ^{2 3/4}	5 ^{5 1/2}	7 ¹⁵	7 ^{23 1/2}	7 ^{38 1/4}

Trainers: 3 - Rodriguez, Jose; 1 - Rodriguez, Jesus; 2 - Kravets, Bruce; 6 - Simone, Michael; 7 - Castillo, Michelle; 5 - Nazario, Pedro; 8 - Mendieta, Alejandro

Owners: 3 -Victor J. Gutierrez; 1 - Rodriguez Racing LLC; 2 -David B. Anderson; 6 - Paterpop Racing; 7 - Bourke, W. John and Castillo, Michelle; 5 - Nazario Racing Stable LLC; 8 - A.O.M. Racing Stables LLC and Diamond Hands Racing LLC;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

STRIKING SPARKS followed the early pace, advanced four wide through the final turn, took control and drew off as an easy winner. ASCENDANCE was reserved early, raced along the inside through the turns, kept on and was second best. STYNER set a clear early pace, raced off the rail through the turns, drifted out drive, third best. GOOD AS HE GETS was outrun early, raced six wide through the second turn and offered no late rally. SECRET TREASURE was taken back, went three wide into the second turn and never fired. HAWKSTONE tracked the early pace, raced four wide into the second turn and was empty. ANCHISES raced in mid pack early, raced four wide into the second turn and was finished early.

VA CERTIFIED Denotes Virginia-Certified Thoroughbred