

DELAWARE PARK - May 27, 2026 - Race 5

STARTER OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

(PLUS UP TO 50% Other Sources) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF \$8,000 OR LESS IN 2025 - 2026 OR CLAIMING PRICE \$15,000 - \$12,500. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs.

Non-winners Of A Race Since March 27, 2026 Allowed 3 lbs. Claiming Price \$15,000, if for \$12,500, allowed 2 lbs. (Races Where Entered For \$10,000 Or Less Not Considered In Estimating Allowances). (C) **Claiming Price:** \$15,000

Distance: Five And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (New Yawker - 1:02.59 - June 20, 2013)

Purse: \$25,000

Plus: \$3,750 Other Sources

Available Money: \$28,750

Value of Race: \$28,500 1st \$18,750, 2nd \$5,000, 3rd \$2,500, 4th \$1,250, 5th \$500, 6th \$500

Weather: Rainy, 73° **Track:** Sloppy (Sealed)

Off at: 2:44 **Start:** Good for all except 1 **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
3May26 ⁶ LRL ¹	3	Kerness K (Lopez, Paco)	125 L b	3	5	5 ⁴	4 ^{1/2}	2 ²	1 ^{Nose}	1.10	shdw,4wbid,carried,bob
9May26 ⁶ BAQ ⁶	6	Silver Slugger (Leon, Sonny)	122 L b	6	2	3 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{6 1/4}	0.60*	trk5w,bid,drift,nabbed
9May26 ⁹ LRL ³	4	Daufuskie Island (Rosario, Emanuel)	115 L b	4	4	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	4 ¹	3 ^{1/2}	13.40	btw,brief bid,flatnd
3May26 ⁵ TAM ¹	1	He's Side Eyed (Rios, Jesus)	122 L bf	1	6	6	6	6	4 ¹	28.10	stmbld, willingly
9May26 ⁹ LRL ⁶	5	Heldish (Lyapustina, Tais)	122 L b	5	1	4 ^{Head}	5 ⁴	5 ³	5 ^{Nose}	40.60	forward4w, no bid
9May26 ⁷ LRL ⁶	2	Night Preacher (Gomez, Kevin)	120 L b	2	3	1 ^{1/2}	3 ¹	3 ^{Head}	6	56.90	yld3/8,faded fast late

Fractional Times: 21.88 45.70 58.37

Final Time: 1:04.91 **Time from Gate:** 1:08.06

Split Times: (23:82) (12:67) (6:54)

Run-Up: 64 feet

Winner: Kerness K, Gray or Roan Gelding, by Great Notion out of No Picnic, by Include. Foaled May 12, 2022 in Maryland.

Breeder: Bowman & Higgins Stable

Owner: Kernan, Jr., Morris E. and Jagger, Inc.

Trainer: Ness, Jamie

Claiming Prices: 1 - He's Side Eyed: \$15,000; 2 - Night Preacher: \$12,500;

Total WPS Pool: \$87,190

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
3	Kerness K	4.20	2.10	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	3-6	2.70	66,188
6	Silver Slugger		2.10	2.10	\$0.50 Trifecta	3-6-4	3.60	37,680
4	Daufuskie Island			2.40	\$1.00 Daily Double	2-3	3.20	12,016
					\$0.50 Pick 3	1-2-3 (3 correct)	3.90	10,870
					\$0.50 Pick 4	6-1/3/8-2/3/5/6/7/8/12/13/14-3 (4 correct)	27.25	27,192
					\$0.50 Pick 5	2-6-1-2-3 (5 correct)	349.15	62,856
					\$0.10 Superfecta	3-6-4-1	2.00	20,684

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin
3	Kerness K	5	5 ^{3/4}	4 ^{1 1/4}	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{Nose}
6	Silver Slugger	2	3 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{Nose}
4	Daufuskie Island	4	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	4 ^{2 1/4}	3 ^{6 1/4}
1	He's Side Eyed	6	6 ^{4 3/4}	6 ^{5 3/4}	6 ^{6 1/4}	4 ^{6 3/4}
5	Heldish	1	4 ^{3/4}	5 ^{1 3/4}	5 ^{3 1/4}	5 ^{7 3/4}
2	Night Preacher	3	1 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Head}	3 ²	6 ^{7 3/4}

Trainers: 3 - Ness, Jamie; 6 - Avila, Juan; 4 - Corrales, Jose; 1 - Nunez, Mauricio; 5 - Graham, Robin; 2 - Deiter, Kelly

Owners: 3 - Kernan, Jr., Morris E. and Jagger, Inc.; 6 - Victoria's Ranch; 4 - Corrales Racing, LLC; 1 -Mauricio Nunez; 5 - Denisheen Stables; 2 -Daniel Barajas;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

KERNESS K shadowed the early pace setter, launched a four wide bid rounding the far turn to contest SILVER SLUGGER in the stretch, was carried out a bit by that one but was able to get the bob for the win. SILVER SLUGGER tracked the early pace five wide, bid for command midway through the turn and saved some ground to enter the stretch in the three path, fought hard to repel KERNESS K down the lane but drifted out under left handed urging and was nabbed at the line. DAUFUSKIE ISLAND stalked the early pace setter between runners, challenged the lead briefly midway through the turn, flattened out in the stretch and held for the show award. HE'S SIDE EYED stumbled at the start, trailed distantly for most, closed willingly along the outside to pick off a couple rivals. HELDISH was placed forwardly four wide, lacked a bid. NIGHT PREACHER quickly claimed early command, met a couple bids around the three eighths marker and surrendered to them, chased on in the upper stretch but faded fast in the final furlong.