

**DELAWARE PARK - July 1, 2026 - Race 8**

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

(PLUS UP TO 50% Other Sources) FOR FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON \$20,000 TWICE OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER, OR RESTRICTED OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES OR OPTIONAL CLAIMING PRICE OF \$32,000. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since June 1, 2026 Allowed 2 lbs. A Race Since May 1, 2026 Allowed 4 lbs. Claiming Price \$32,000 (Maiden, Claiming, And Starter Races Not Considered In Estimating Allowances). (NW2\$ X) **Claiming Price:** \$32,000

**Distance:** Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Pisgah - 1:07.92 - April 25, 2006)

**Purse:** \$47,000

**Plus:** \$7,050 Other Sources



**Available Money:** \$54,050

**Value of Race:** \$51,700 1st \$35,250, 2nd \$9,400, 3rd \$4,700, 4th \$2,350

**Weather:** Clear, 87° **Track:** Fast

**Off at:** 2:28 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
17Jun26 <sup>7</sup> DEL <sup>4</sup>	5	Sassafrassness (Lopez, Paco)	123	L	3	2	<sup>2</sup> Head	<sup>2</sup> <sup>5</sup>	<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>	<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> 1/2	1.60	outside, handily
6Jun26 <sup>4</sup> DEL <sup>1</sup>	6	Embrace the Moment (Hernandez, Julio) 	120	L	4	1	<sup>3</sup> <sup>3</sup> 1/2	<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> 1/2	<sup>2</sup> <sup>7</sup>	<sup>2</sup> <sup>6</sup> 1/2	0.40*	off rail, out finished
1May26 <sup>4</sup> LRL <sup>2</sup>	3	Shkhara Fire (Burnham, Matilda) 	121	L b	1	4	4	4	4	<sup>3</sup> <sup>3</sup> 3/4	23.90	no factor, wide upper
23May26 <sup>6</sup> LRL <sup>1</sup>	4	Hue (Cruz, Angel)	123	L b	2	3	<sup>1</sup> Head	<sup>3</sup> <sup>2</sup>	<sup>3</sup> <sup>3</sup>	4	11.40	rail, gave way

**Fractional Times:** 22.71 45.62 58.08

**Final Time:** 1:11.06 **Time from Gate:** 1:12.81

**Split Times:** (22:91) (12:46) (12:98)

**Run-Up:** 20 feet

**Winner:** Sassafrassness, Bay Filly, by Unified out of Hartigan, by Include. Foaled May 06, 2022 in Maryland.

**Breeder:** Jagger Inc.

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

**Trainer:** Ness, Jamie

**Scratched Horse(s):** Nancy Mary (PrivVet-Illness), Social Fortress (PrivVet-Illness)

**Total WPS Pool:** \$74,634

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Sassafrassness	5.20	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	5-6	3.60	49,912
6	Embrace the Moment		2.10	\$0.50 Trifecta	5-6-3	3.45	22,422
3	Shkhara Fire			\$1.00 Daily Double	3-5	14.80	14,691
				\$0.50 Pick 3	2-3-5 (3 correct)	29.15	8,505
				\$0.50 Pick 5	1/3-4/7-2-3-5 (5 correct)	249.85	26,750

**Past Performance Running Line Preview**


Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
5	Sassafrassness	2	<sup>2</sup> Head	<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup> 1/2	<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>	<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> 1/2
6	Embrace the Moment	1	<sup>3</sup> Head	<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> 1/2	<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>	<sup>2</sup> <sup>2</sup> 1/2
3	Shkhara Fire	4	<sup>4</sup> <sup>3</sup> 3/4	<sup>4</sup> <sup>7</sup> 1/2	<sup>4</sup> <sup>11</sup>	<sup>3</sup> <sup>9</sup>
4	Hue	3	<sup>1</sup> Head	<sup>3</sup> <sup>5</sup> 1/2	<sup>3</sup> <sup>8</sup>	<sup>4</sup> <sup>12</sup> 3/4


**Trainers:** 5 - Ness, Jamie; 6 - Compton, Greg; 3 - Perri, Gina; 4 - De Paz, Horacio

**Owners:** 5 - Kernan, Jr., Morris E. and Jagger, Inc.; 6 - Mag Racing Stables LLC; 3 - C J I Phoenix Group; 4 - NLG Racing Stable;

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

SASSAFRASSNESS , a forward factor between horses down the backstretch, eased outside under some urging near the three eighths pole, cruised up in hand to take command in upper stretch and edged away under confident handling. EMBRACE THE MOMENT , far removed from the inner rail down the backstretch, angled in to the three path entering the turn, was hooked turning for home and failed to match strides with the winner. SHKHARA FIRE , no factor, swung wide in upper stretch. HUE showed speed along the inner rail and gave way.

 Denotes OBS Graduate

 Denotes Virginia-Certified Thoroughbred