

DELAWARE PARK - August 1, 2026 - Race 5

STARTER OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
(PLUS UP TO 50% Other Sources) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED IN A CLAIMING RACE OF \$16,000 OR LESS AND WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES OR CLAIMING PRICE \$16,000 AND WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Three Year Olds, 119 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race At A Mile Or Over Since June 1, 2026 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$16,000 (Races Where Entered For \$10,000 Or Less Not Considered In Estimating Allowances). (Rail at 33 feet). (NW2 L) **Claiming Price:** \$16,000
Distance: About One Mile And Seventy Yards On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Experienced - 1:37.43 - June 21, 2021)

Purse: \$21,000

Plus: \$1,950 Starters Bonus

Plus: \$525 Other Sources

Available Money: \$23,475

Value of Race: \$23,475 1st \$12,600, 2nd \$4,200, 3rd \$2,625, 4th \$1,050, 5th \$500, 6th \$500, 7th \$500, 8th \$500, 9th \$500, 10th \$500

Weather: Clear, 85° **Track:** Good

Off at: 2:37 **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
27Jun26 ¹ LRL ⁴	6	Freedom Glider (Rocco, Jr., Joseph)	122	L b	6	10	9 ¹	9 ²	7 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ² 1/2	0.80*	rank 3/8,bump 1/8,drvng
18Jun26 ² DEL ³	7	Real Men Violin (Gil, Cipriano)	122	L b	7	6	6 ^{Head}	6 ¹	5 ²	2 ^{Head}	2 ² 3/4	17.00	bid,bump 1/8,game
1Jul26 ³ PEN ²	3	Royal Renegade (Rodriguez, Angel)	122	L b	3	1	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	4 ¹	3 ¹	3 ^{1/2}	4.80	inside, flattened out
16Jul26 ⁵ DEL ⁵	9	Ragman (Fernandez, Marvin)	115	L bf	9	5	5 ¹ 1/2	5 ²	2 ^{Head}	5 ²	4 ² 1/4	15.50	bump 1st,5w 1/4
17Jun26 ² PEN ⁴	4	Thirty West (Chiappe, Ricardo)	122	L b	4	8	7 ¹ 1/2	7 ¹	6 ¹	4 ^{1/2}	5 ¹	9.00	rail move 1/8,weaknd
20Jun26 ³ DEL ⁶	1	Saratoga Cruiser (Ho, Wesley)	122	L f	1	7	10	10	8 ¹	9 ⁵	6 ¹ 3/4	9.60	wide, passed faders
16Jul26 ⁵ DEL ⁹	8	Merging Traffic (Bowman, Adam)	122	L b	8	9	8 ²	8 ² 1/2	9 ²	7 ¹	7 ⁴ 1/4	69.90	no factor,rail stretch
8Nov25 ¹ WO ¹	5	Liberty Bay (Hernandez, Jorge)	122	L b	5	3	2 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ¹	6 ^{Head}	8 ²	12.10	bid,drifted,falered
16Jul26 ⁵ DEL ⁶	10	Rags to Lace (Batista, Jose)	118	L	10	4	4 ^{Head}	4 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	8 ¹	9 ⁶⁰	20.30	bump,4w 1st,tired
5Jun26 ¹ LRL ⁶	2	Return Fire (Mena, Raul)	122	L b	2	2	1 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	10	10	10	21.10	stopped, eased

Fractional Times: 23.50 47.85 1:13.63 1:39.31

Final Time: 1:43.06

Time from Gate: 1:45.24

Split Times: (24:35) (25:78) (25:68) (3:75)

Run-Up: 72 feet **Temporary Rail:** 33 feet

Winner: Freedom Glider, Bay Gelding, by American Pharoah out of American Girl (IRE), by High Chaparral (IRE). Foaled Feb 10, 2022 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Colts Neck Stables, LLC

Owner: Gracie Mae Stables and Great Lake Stable

Trainer: Salzman, Jr., John

Claiming Prices: 7 - Real Men Violin: \$16,000; 8 - Merging Traffic: \$16,000; 2 - Return Fire: \$16,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Brewmaster (Also-Eligible), Grey Biggsy (Also-Eligible), Guard of Honour (Also-Eligible), Muthabir (Re-entered), Oxford Union (Also-Eligible), Yercan Maro (ARG) (Also-Eligible)

Total WPS Pool: \$107,812

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
6	Freedom Glider	3.60	2.60	2.20	\$1.00 Exacta	6-7	20.00	99,550
7	Real Men Violin		10.40	6.60	\$0.50 Trifecta	6-7-3	43.85	60,075
3	Royal Renegade			3.40	\$1.00 Daily Double	4-6	4.00	12,400
					\$0.50 Pick 3	4-4-6 (3 correct)	4.95	7,620
					\$0.50 Pick 4	8-4-4-6 (4 correct)	7.50	13,823
					\$0.50 Pick 5	8-8-4-4-6 (5 correct)	25.65	32,868
					\$0.10 Superfecta	6-7-3-9	45.51	34,059

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
6	Freedom Glider	10	9 ⁷ 1/4	9 ⁷ 3/4	7 ⁵ 1/4	1 ^{Head}	1 ² 1/2
7	Real Men Violin	6	6 ³ 3/4	6 ³ 1/4	5 ² 1/4	2 ^{Head}	2 ² 1/2
3	Royal Renegade	1	3 ²	3 ¹	4 ¹ 1/4	3 ^{Head}	3 ⁵ 1/4
9	Ragman	5	5 ² 1/4	5 ¹ 1/4	2 ¹	5 ¹ 3/4	4 ⁵ 3/4
4	Thirty West	8	7 ³ 3/4	7 ⁴ 1/4	6 ⁴ 1/4	4 ¹ 1/4	5 ⁸
1	Saratoga Cruiser	7	10 ⁸ 1/4	10 ⁹ 3/4	8 ⁵ 3/4	9 ⁵ 3/4	6 ⁹
8	Merging Traffic	9	8 ⁵ 1/4	8 ⁵ 1/4	9 ⁶ 3/4	7 ³ 3/4	7 ¹⁰ 3/4
5	Liberty Bay	3	2 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ¹	6 ³ 3/4	8 ¹⁵
10	Rags to Lace	4	4 ²	4 ¹	3 ¹	8 ⁴ 3/4	9 ¹⁷
2	Return Fire	2	1 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	10 ⁸ 3/4	10 ¹⁰ 3/4	10 ⁷⁷

Trainers: 6 - Salzman, Jr., John; 7 - Arce, Josue; 3 - Merryman, Elizabeth; 9 - Collins, Johnny; 4 - Bennett, Juanita; 1 - Collins, Johnny; 8 - Allard, Edward; 5 - Stettinius, Suzanne; 10 - Downing, William; 2 - Shankle, Joanne

Owners: 6 - Gracie Mae Stables and Great Lake Stable; 7 - Trending Stable; 3 -Elizabeth M. Merryman; 9 -Johnny Collins; 4 - Fiasco Farms, Ltd.; 1 - Two Tone Farms; 8 -Michelle Peoples; 5 - Petticoats Loose Farm; 10 -Frederick R. Stancato; 2 -Joanne Shankle;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

FREEDOM GLIDER broke slowly, was rank in traffic entering the far turn, worked between horses leaving the turn, angled outside in upper stretch, bumped with REAL MEN VIOLIN when challenging near the eighth pole then drew off. REAL MEN VIOLIN , nicely rated in the two path on both turns, eased out to the three path in upper stretch, bid for the lead, bumped with the winner near the eighth pole and continued gamely. ROYAL RENEGADE stayed inside horses throughout, was well placed turning for home and flattened out. RAGMAN bumped RAGS TO LACE entering the first turn, advanced outside horses the far turn, was fanned five wide entering the stretch and failed to rally. THIRTY WEST stayed inside horses, advanced to mid stretch then weakened. SARATOGA CRUISER , wide the far turn, passed tired horses. MERGING TRAFFIC , no factor, raced along the inner rail in the stretch. LIBERTY BAY advanced outside RETURN FIRE to take the lead on the far turn, drifted wide entering the stretch and faltered. RAGS TO LACE , bumped and carried four wide entering the first turn, chased outside horses and tired turning for home. RETURN FIRE set the pace to the far turn, stopped and was eased.

