

DELAWARE PARK - August 1, 2026 - Race 7

STAKES Sussex H. - Thoroughbred

FOR DELAWARE BRED OR CERTIFIED THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Free nomination, \$150 to enter and \$150 to start. Supplemental nominations of \$500 will be accepted at time of entry which shall include all fees. \$75,000 Guaranteed, of which 60% to the winner, 20% to second, 11% to third, 6% to fourth and 3% to fifth. Nominations Closed on Wednesday July 22 2026 with 35 (Rail at 33 feet). (S)

Distance: About Seven And One Half Furlongs On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Tonal Verse - 1:27.76 - May 26, 2021)

Purse: \$75,000 Guaranteed

Available Money: \$75,000

Value of Race: \$75,000 1st \$45,000, 2nd \$15,000, 3rd \$8,250, 4th \$4,500, 5th \$2,250

Weather: Clear, 85° Track: Good

Off at: 3:46 Start: Good for all except 8 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
11Jun26 ⁸ DEL ⁵	8	Understudy Kitty (Chuan, Martin) VA CERTIFIED	124	L bf	7	7	7	7	¹ Head	¹ ¹ / ₄	6.90	lunged break,drvng
16Jul26 ⁵ DEL ¹	2	Babble (Rosario, Emanuel) VA CERTIFIED	118	L b	2	4	2 ¹	¹ / ₂	³ ¹ / ₂	² / ₁ / ₂	31.00	inside, dug in gamely
12Jul26 ⁷ CNL ⁷	1	Crabs N Beer (Cruz, Angel)	124	b	1	1	4 ¹	³ Head	² Head	³ ¹ / ₄	4.50	rail bid, gave way
8Jul26 ⁹ DEL ⁴	6	Picture This (Batista, Jose)	125	L b	6	5	6 ²	6 ¹	6 ¹	4 ²	1.30*	inside, by-faders
21Mar26 ⁷ TAM ¹	5	Sam Stormy (Hess, Sara)	125	L b	5	2	³ Head	⁴ Head	⁵ / ₁ / ₂	5 ¹	8.60	4wd 1st,gave way
21Jun26 ⁹ LRL ¹	3	Derbyness (Hernandez, Julio)	123	L b	3	6	⁵ Head	5 ¹	7	6 ¹ ³ / ₄	3.40	in tight start,4wd
12Jul26 ⁸ MTH ²	4	Smithwick's Spice (Gonzalez, Jorge)	125	L b	4	3	¹ Head	2 ¹	⁴ Head	7	7.50	gave way, eased

Fractional Times: 24.20 47.53 1:12.50 Final Time: 1:30.80 Time from Gate: 1:35.28

Split Times: (23:33) (24:97) (18:30)

Run-Up: 10 feet Temporary Rail: 33 feet

Winner: Understudy Kitty, Chestnut Gelding, by Kitten's Joy out of Theatric, by Bernardini. Foaled Apr 01, 2021 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Gregory and Caroline Bentley Breeders

Owner: Runnymore Racing LLC

Trainer: Matz, Michael

Scratched Horse(s): Long Legged Luis (Also-Eligible), Magical Mondays (RegVet-Unsound), Thataway (Also-Eligible)

Total WPS Pool: \$109,337

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payout	Pool
8	Understudy Kitty	15.80	8.80	4.80	\$1.00 Exacta	8-2	143.60	73,052
2	Babble		29.40	11.00	\$0.50 Trifecta	8-2-1	233.40	42,028
1	Crabs N Beer			4.00	\$1.00 Daily Double	1-8	62.40	10,233
					\$3.00 Pick 3	4-6-8 (3 correct)	154.80	3,786
					\$0.50 Pick 3	6-1-8 (3 correct)	55.45	6,229
					\$0.50 Pick 5	4-4-6-1-8 (5 correct)	287.30	45,232
					\$0.10 Superfecta	8-2-1-6	193.05	26,786

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
8	Understudy Kitty	7	⁷ / ₄ ¹ / ₄	⁷ / ₃ ³ / ₄	¹ Head	¹ ¹ / ₄
2	Babble	4	² Head	¹ / ₂	³ Head	² ¹ / ₄
1	Crabs N Beer	1	4 ¹ ¹ / ₄	³ ¹ / ₂	² Head	³ ¹ / ₄
6	Picture This	5	6 ² ¹ / ₄	6 ² ³ / ₄	6 ² ¹ / ₄	4 ³
5	Sam Stormy	2	3 ¹	4 ¹ ¹ / ₂	5 ¹ ³ / ₄	5 ⁵
3	Derbyness	6	5 ² ¹ / ₄	5 ¹ ³ / ₄	7 ³ ¹ / ₄	6 ⁶
4	Smithwick's Spice	3	¹ Head	2 ¹ / ₂	4 ¹ ³ / ₄	7 ⁷ ³ / ₄

Trainers: 8 - Matz, Michael; 2 - Bailon, Nesvil; 1 - Brion, Keri; 6 - Klesaris, Steve; 5 - Lopez, Mario; 3 - Russell, Brittany; 4 - Nunn, Douglas

Owners: 8 - Runnymore Racing LLC; 2 - R Racing Stable; 1 -Michael S. Foster; 6 -Lowell W. Kinch; 5 -Robert Taylor III; 3 - The Elkstone Group LLC (Stuart Grant); 4 - New Spice Stable;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

UNDERSTUDY KITTY lunged at the break, was patiently handled down the backstretch, hugged the inner rail entering the far turn, angled out to the three path in upper stretch, took command in mid stretch and drove clear. BABBLE set a pressured pace along the inner rail, moved to the two path in upper stretch and dug in gamely after being passed in mid stretch. CRABS N BEER , never far back while saving ground, advanced along the inner rail to bid for the lead in upper stretch and gave way late. PICTURE THIS , fanned four wide entering the stretch, found room inside horses in the stretch and passed tired ones. SAM STORMY , four wide the first turn, chased between horses down the backstretch and far turn then gave way. DERBYNESS , caught in tight quarters leaving the starting gate, raced four deep the far turn and weakened. SMITHWICK'S SPICE prompted the pace to the stretch, gave way and was eased.

VA CERTIFIED Denotes Virginia-Certified Thoroughbred