

DELAWARE PARK - August 6, 2026 - Race 4



STARTER OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
(PLUS UP TO 50% Other Sources) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF \$12,500 OR LESS IN 2025 - 2026 OR CLAIMING PRICE \$20,000 - \$16,000. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race At A Mile Or Over Since June 6, 2026 Allowed 3 lbs. Claiming Price \$20,000, if for \$16,000, allowed 2 lbs. (Races Where Entered For \$12,500 Or Less Not Considered In Estimating Allowances). (C) **Claiming Price:** \$20,000
Distance: One Mile On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Stormin Monarcho - 1:34.85 - May 24, 2014)

Purse: \$29,000

Plus: \$1,450 Other Sources

[Video Race Replay](#)

Available Money: \$30,450

Value of Race: \$29,500 1st \$17,400, 2nd \$7,250, 3rd \$2,900, 4th \$1,450, 5th \$500

Weather: Clear, 88° **Track:** Wet Fast (Sealed)

Off at: 1:58 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
30Jul26 ⁷ DEL ²	3	Striking Sparks (Fernandez, Marvin)	114	L b	3	3	3 ²	3 ³	1 ^{1/2}	1 ¹	1 ⁴	2.90	off duel,3w,driving
14Jun26 ⁵ MTH ¹	2	Grouch (Gonzalez, Edwin)	121	L b	2	2	2 ⁵	2 ⁴	2 ^{2 1/2}	2 ⁴	2 ^{2 3/4}	3.50	dueled, sharp effort
1Jul26 ⁶ DEL ¹	5	Embrace My Uncle (Batista, Jose)	124	L f	4	4	5	4 ^{Head}	4 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	3 ³	1.60*	off duel, outrun,
14Jun26 ⁴ LRL ³	6	Dolice Vita (Hernandez, Jorge)	121	L b	5	5	4 ^{Head}	5	5	5	4 ^{Neck}	11.10	slow start,wide turns
23Jul26 ⁸ DEL ²	1	Frosty the Giant (Marquez, Charlie)	121	L b	1	1	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	3 ²	4 ³	5	2.70	rail,dueled,tired

Fractional Times: 23.75 46.70 1:11.31 **Final Time:** 1:37.65 **Time from Gate:** 1:39.94

Split Times: (22:95) (24:61) (26:34)

Run-Up: 56 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

Scratched Horse(s): Escape Key (Trainer), Genuine Gomo (Stewards)

Total WPS Pool: \$42,174

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
3	Striking Sparks	7.80	3.40	2.20	\$1.00 Exacta	3-2	16.70	33,736
2	Grouch		5.40	3.00	\$0.50 Trifecta	3-2-5	19.50	20,436
5	Embrace My Uncle			2.10	\$1.00 Daily Double	1-3	8.80	9,014
					\$0.50 Pick 3	7-1-3 (3 correct)	47.60	6,671
					\$0.10 Superfecta	3-2-5-6	8.36	10,571

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
3	Striking Sparks	3	3 ⁵	3 ⁴	1 ^{1/2}	1 ¹	1 ⁴
2	Grouch	2	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ¹	2 ⁴
5	Embrace My Uncle	4	5 ^{7 1/4}	4 ⁷	4 ⁵	3 ⁵	3 ^{6 3/4}
6	Dolice Vita	5	4 ⁷	5 ^{7 1/4}	5 ^{5 1/2}	5 ^{8 1/2}	4 ^{9 3/4}
1	Frosty the Giant	1	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	3 ³	4 ^{5 1/2}	5 ¹⁰

Trainers: 3 - Rodriguez, Jose; 2 - Sanchez, Jose; 5 - Seale, Christopher; 6 - Graham, Robin; 1 - Deiter, Kelly

Owners: 3 -Victor J. Gutierrez; 2 -Jose Lozano Sanchez; 5 -Dana Barber; 6 - Graham, Robin L. and Jones, Mary E.; 1 -Daniel Barajas;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

STRIKING SPARKS stayed well off the rail stalking the duel, advanced three deep leaving the far turn, secured command near the quarter pole and drew away under brisk urging. GROUCH dueled outside FROSTY THE GIANT, was overtaken by the winner leaving the far turn and held the place in a sharp effort. EMBRACE MY UNCLE , outrun, swung to the four path leaving the far turn and failed to rally. DOLICE VITA broke slowly, stayed wide on both turns and was no factor. FROSTY THE GIANT remained along the rail, disputed the pace to the far turn and tired.