

DELAWARE PARK - September 14, 2025 - Race 9

ALLOWANCE - Thoroughbred
(PLUS UP TO 50% Other Sources) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON 20,000 ONCE OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER, OR RESTRICTED OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since August 14, 2025 Allowed 2 lbs. A Race Since July 14, 2025 Allowed 4 lbs. (Maiden, Claiming, And Starter Races Not Considered In Estimating Allowances). (NW1\$ X)
Distance: Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Pisgah - 1:07.92 - April 25, 2006)

Purse: \$72,000

Plus: \$2,500 Starters Bonus

Plus: \$15,400 Other Sources

Available Money: \$89,900

Value of Race: \$86,300 1st \$53,200, 2nd \$18,000, 3rd \$9,000, 4th \$3,600, 5th \$500, 6th \$500, 7th \$500, 8th \$500, 9th \$500

Weather: Clear, 81° Track: Fast

Off at: 5:14 Start: Poor 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
24Aug25 ⁷ MTH ¹	9	Optical Bijou (Hernandez, Julio) <small>VA CERTIFIED</small>	125	L b	8	1	5 ^{Head}	3 ¹	2 ¹	1 ^{3/4}	7.10	duel, clear late
20Aug25 ² CNL ¹	4	Eastbostonbenny (Rodriguez, Jaime) <small>VA CERTIFIED</small>	125	L b	3	7	2 ^{Head}	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{2 1/2}	2.00*	bmspt, 3w, duel, 2nd
30Aug25 ⁷ DEL ⁴	7	Runyonesque (Adorno, Abner)	121	L b	6	3	6 ^{Head}	7 ¹	4 ¹	3 ^{3/4}	15.00	btwn, angl in, rally
29Aug25 ⁷ CNL ⁶	2	Elvis Himself (Hazlewood, Yedsit)	116	L b	2	5	3 ^{1/2}	4 ¹	5 ¹	4 ^{Nose}	7.20	bmpst, 4wbid, empty
30Aug25 ⁷ DEL ²	10	Boat Song (Gomez, Kevin)	121	L bf	9	8	9	5 ^{Head}	6 ¹	5 ^{3 1/2}	4.40	slow, trail, improved
24Aug25 ⁷ TIM ³	1	Hammer (Lopez, Carlos)	121	L b	1	9	7 ^{Head}	9	7 ¹	6 ⁴	3.50	bmpst, 3p, no rally
15Aug25 ⁸ DEL ¹	6	Irish Hero (Perez, Xavier)	121	L	5	2	1 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	3 ¹	7 ^{1 1/4}	10.50	gave way 3/8, faded
16Apr25 ⁵ TAM ²	5	Song Runner (Hamilton, Weston)	121	L bf	4	6	4 ¹	6 ^{Head}	8 ⁴	8 ^{2 1/4}	95.50	bmpst, mid btwn, wknd
1Aug25 ¹ CNL ¹	8	Mike's Magic (Lopez, Paco)	118	L b	7	4	8 ¹	8 ¹	9	9	13.20	off pace, no threat

Fractional Times: 22.43 45.76 58.49 Final Time: 1:11.54

Split Times: (23:33) (12:73) (13:05)

Run-Up: 20 feet

Winner: Optical Bijou, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by Shaman Ghost out of Amanda's Antik, by Gold Token. Foaled Apr 29, 2021 in New Jersey.

Breeder: David Edelstein

Owner: Downward Dog Racing and Wave Racing

Trainer: Perkins, Jr., Benjamin

Scratched Horse(s): Epitaph (PrivVet-Illness)

Total WPS Pool: \$107,839

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
9	Optical Bijou	16.20	8.00	5.40	\$1.00 Exacta	9-4	42.60	74,563
4	Eastbostonbenny		4.20	3.20	\$0.50 Trifecta	9-4-7	126.60	57,891
7	Runyonesque			6.40	\$0.10 Superfecta	9-4-7-2	128.58	39,975
					\$1.00 Daily Double	9-9	23.00	6,410
					\$0.50 Pick 3	1-9-9 (3 correct)	507.40	3,383
					\$0.50 Pick 5	1/13/14-6-1-9-9 (5 correct)	4,420.40	228,433

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
9	Optical Bijou	1	5 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{3/4}
4	Eastbostonbenny	7	2 ¹	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{3/4}
7	Runyonesque	3	6 ^{2 3/4}	7 ^{3 3/4}	4 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{3 1/4}
2	Elvis Himself	5	3 ¹	4 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{3 1/2}	4 ⁴
10	Boat Song	8	9 ⁴	5 ^{3 1/2}	6 ^{4 1/2}	5 ⁴
1	Hammer	9	7 ^{2 3/4}	9 ^{5 3/4}	7 ^{5 1/2}	6 ^{7 1/2}
6	Irish Hero	2	1 ¹	2 ¹	3 ^{1 1/2}	7 ^{11 1/2}
5	Song Runner	6	4 ^{1 1/2}	6 ^{3 1/2}	8 ^{6 1/2}	8 ^{12 3/4}
8	Mike's Magic	4	8 ³	8 ^{4 3/4}	9 ^{10 1/2}	9 ¹⁵

Trainers: 9 - Perkins, Jr., Benjamin; 4 - Klesaris, Steve; 7 - Abrams, Ronald; 2 - Salazar, Marco; 10 - Robertson, McLean; 1 - Gazzier, Kristy; 6 - Robb, John; 5 - Perri, Gina; 8 - Cibelli, Jane

Owners: 9 - Downward Dog Racing and Wave Racing; 4 -Lillian Klesaris; 7 -Barry Franklin; 2 -Raul DelValle; 10 -John Mentz; 1 -David Porto; 6 - No Guts No Glory Farm; 5 - Colony Pine Farm LLC; 8 -George Vires;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

OPTICAL BIJOU settled off the pace along the outside, advanced through the turn to find a prominent position behind leader, dueled in the final furlong and inched clear late. EASTBOSTONBENNY bumped at the start, stalked the pace three wide, took command inside the three eighths, dueled rival in the final furlong and gave way late. RUNYONESQUE raced between foes off the pace, angled in towards the two path of the stretch to show signs of a rally early but flattened out late. ELVIS HIMSELF bumped at the start, pressed the pace from the inside, dropped back behind the pace in the turn, to angle out four wide in the stretch but came up empty. BOAT SONG slow start to be the early trailer, improved position along the outside of the stretch. HAMMER bumped at the start, raced off the pace on the inside, angled out to the three path in the stretch but showed no rally. IRISH HERO took the early lead in the two path, relinquished the lead inside the three eighths, faded in the final furlong. SONG RUNNER bumped at the start, raced in the middle of the pack between rivals, retreated in the final quarter. MIKE'S MAGIC raced off the pace between rivals, made no impact.

VA CERTIFIED Denotes Virginia-Certified Thoroughbred