

DELAWARE PARK - September 18, 2025 - Race 9

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred  
(PLUS UP TO 50% Other Sources) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since July 18, 2025 Allowed 3 lbs. Claiming Price \$25,000. Delaware Bred Claiming Price \$30,000. (NW2 L) **Claiming Price:** \$25,000  
**Distance:** Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Pisgah - 1:07.92 - April 25, 2006)

**Purse:** \$25,000

**Plus:** \$1,500 Starters Bonus

**Plus:** \$625 Other Sources

**Available Money:** \$27,125

**Value of Race:** \$25,875 1st \$15,000, 2nd \$5,000, 3rd \$3,125, 4th \$1,250, 5th \$500, 6th \$500, 7th \$500

**Weather:** Cloudy, 78° **Track:** Fast

**Off at:** 5:08 **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	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
14Jun25 <sup>4</sup> DEL <sup>10</sup>	4	Nat Gas (Rodriguez, Jaime)	119	L b	4	3	2 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	5.00	3p, rail bid3/16, clr
16Aug25 <sup>2</sup> DEL <sup>1</sup>	1	Messi the Great (Maldonado, Gabriel)	122	L b	1	4	1 <sup>3</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup> 1/4	3.20	pace 3-2p, dug in upr
8Aug25 <sup>3</sup> DEL <sup>7</sup>	6	Boyd's Band (Mauricio, Jose)	122	L b	6	5	5 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	5 <sup>4</sup>	5 <sup>2</sup>	3 <sup>Head</sup>	6.10	3p turn,7p upr,kept on
15Jun25 <sup>5</sup> LRL <sup>6</sup>	3	Lou's Birthday (Hazlewood, Yedsit)	114	L f	3	6	4 <sup>1</sup>	4 <sup>Head</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup>	4 <sup>4</sup> 1/2	1.90*	4p, 2p turn, even lane
21Aug25 <sup>9</sup> SAR <sup>5</sup>	7	Sky Masterson (Mena, Raul)	119	L b	7	2	6 <sup>Head</sup>	6 <sup>1</sup>	6 <sup>3</sup>	5 <sup>2</sup>	4.60	3p, rail turn, no bid
13Aug25 <sup>3</sup> DEL <sup>5</sup>	2	Half a League (Hernandez, Julio)	122	L	2	7	7	7	7	6 <sup>5</sup>	19.40	2p, no factor 5p lane
19Jul25 <sup>6</sup> DEL <sup>6</sup>	5	Latin Rebel (Lopez, Paco)	119	L	5	1	3 <sup>2</sup>	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	4 <sup>1</sup>	7	8.50	stalk 4-3p, weaken str

**Fractional Times:** 22.39 45.84 58.61

**Final Time:** 1:11.50

**Split Times:** (23:45) (12:77) (12:89)

**Run-Up:** 20 feet

**Winner:** Nat Gas, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by [Thousand Words](#) out of Diamond Fancy Free, by Cherokee Run. Foaled Apr 17, 2022 in Kentucky.

Winner's sire standing at Spendthrift

**Breeder:** First Melody Racing, LLC, Dan Proscia &Kenny King

**Owner:** Mag Racing LLC

**Trainer:** Compton, Greg

**Claiming Prices:** 4 - Nat Gas: \$25,000; 1 - Messi the Great: \$25,000; 6 - Boyd's Band: \$25,000; 3 - Lou's Birthday: \$30,000; 7 - Sky Masterson: \$25,000; 2 - Half a League: \$25,000; 5 - Latin Rebel: \$25,000;

**Total WPS Pool:** \$87,259

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
4	Nat Gas	12.00	5.80	3.40	\$1.00 Exacta	4-1	28.80	67,247
1	Messi the Great		5.00	3.40	\$0.50 Trifecta	4-1-6	84.10	42,327
6	Boyd's Band			4.20	\$1.00 Daily Double	9-4	5.40	24,384
					\$0.10 Superfecta	4-1-6-3	61.89	30,646
					\$0.50 Pick 3	8-9-4 (3 correct)	18.65	15,802
					\$0.50 Pick 4	6-8-2/4/7/9-4 (4 correct)	165.60	22,575
					\$0.50 Pick 5	1-6-8-2/4/7/9-4 (5 correct)	677.25	14,343

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
4	Nat Gas	3	2 <sup>3</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>2</sup> 1/2
1	Messi the Great	4	1 <sup>3</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup> 1/2
6	Boyd's Band	5	5 <sup>6</sup>	5 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	5 <sup>5</sup>	3 <sup>4</sup> 3/4
3	Lou's Birthday	6	4 <sup>5</sup>	4 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	3 <sup>3</sup>	4 <sup>4</sup> 3/4
7	Sky Masterson	2	6 <sup>7</sup> 1/2	6 <sup>6</sup> 1/2	6 <sup>7</sup>	5 <sup>9</sup> 1/4
2	Half a League	7	7 <sup>7</sup> 3/4	7 <sup>7</sup> 1/2	7 <sup>10</sup>	6 <sup>11</sup> 1/4
5	Latin Rebel	1	3 <sup>3</sup>	3 <sup>2</sup>	4 <sup>4</sup>	7 <sup>16</sup> 1/4

**Trainers:** 4 - Compton, Greg; 1 - Carrasco, Jr., Victor; 6 - Reed, Jaclyn; 3 - McKenzie, Daniel; 7 - Contessa, Gary; 2 - Perkins, Jr., Benjamin; 5 - Shuman, Mark

**Owners:** 4 - Mag Racing LLC; 1 - Allric Ltd. and Nearco LLC; 6 -Erika G. Neuberg; 3 - MIH Affiliates, LLC; 7 - Grant, Joseph M., Can Do Racing, LLC, Marsh, Greg A. and Maher, William L.; 2 -Jeremiah Kane; 5 -Richard J. Hackerman;

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

NAT GAS tracked in the three path, was roused along the inside midway around the turn, bid from the rail at the top of the lane, and drew clear in the final furlong. MESSI THE GREAT set the pace in the three path, was roused in the two path passing the quarter, dug in while trying to fight off an outer foe in upper stretch, but yielded in the final furlong. BOYD'S BAND chased in the five path, was ridden in the three path around the turn, floated out to the seven path in upper stretch, and kept on for show. LOU'S BIRTHDAY rated in the four path, was ridden in the two path around the turn, and finished evenly along the inside down the lane. SKY MASTERSON raced off the pace in the three path, was driven from the rail round the turn, but made no impact. HALF A LEAGUE was unhurried in the two path early, roused passing the three-eighths, but did not factor in the five path down the lane. LATIN REBEL stalked in the four path but weakened in the three path down the stretch.