

DELAWARE PARK - October 1, 2026 - Race 1



CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
(PLUS UP TO 50% Other Sources) FOR FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NOT WON A RACE SINCE JUNE 30, 2026 (CLAIMING RACES FOR \$8,000 OR LESS NOT CONSIDERED) OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON FOUR RACES. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race At A Mile Or Over Since August 1, 2026 Allowed 3 lbs. Claiming Price \$10,000 (Races Where Entered For \$8,000 Or Less Not Considered In Estimating Allowances). (C) **Claiming**

Price: \$10,000
Distance: One Mile On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Stormin Monarcho - 1:34.85 - May 24, 2014)
Purse: \$21,000
Plus: \$950 Starters Bonus
Plus: \$525 Other Sources
Available Money: \$22,475
Value of Race: \$22,475 1st \$12,600, 2nd \$4,200, 3rd \$2,625, 4th \$1,050, 5th \$500, 6th \$500, 7th \$500, 8th \$500
Weather: Clear, 76° **Track:** Fast
Off at: 12:45 **Start:** Good for all except 2 **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
23Aug26 ⁶ SAR ⁴	5	Always Angels (Cruz, Angel)	121 L f	5 2		1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	1 ²	1 ⁶	1 ^{5 3/4}	2.20*	stalked, drew clear
19Sep26 ⁷ DEL ⁵	1	Ariana Valentina (Fernandez, Marvin)	114 L f	1 4		5 ^{1/2}	5 ^{Head}	5 ²	3 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	8.50	altered 7wd, rallied
16Sep26 ⁶ DEL ¹	3	Ade (Rodriguez, Ronaldo)	114 L b	3 1		2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{2 1/4}	3.50	pace,dug in,caught
5Sep26 ³ TIM ¹	4	Always Forward (Hernandez, Jorge)	121 L b	4 3		4 ²	3 ¹	3 ^{1/2}	5 ⁴	4 ^{Head}	13.20	keen,bid,faltered
19Sep26 ⁴ DEL ³	8	Classic Ballad (Lopez, Paco)	121 L f	8 7		3 ¹	4 ^{1 1/2}	4 ¹	4 ^{Head}	5 ^{10 3/4}	2.30	chased,bid,faltered
7Sep26 ⁴ TIM ⁵	6	Skip Thru Da Fire (Mena, Raul)	121 L b	6 5		8	8	7 ⁵	7 ⁶	6 ¹	37.20	asked rail, no rally
16Sep26 ⁶ DEL ²	7	Keep It Safe (Rodriguez, Jaime)	121 L b	7 8		6 ¹	6 ¹	6 ⁴	6 ³	7 ^{10 3/4}	7.20	4 wide trip, faded
3Sep26 ¹ DEL ³	2	Tortuga Island (Luna, Paul)	121 L b	2 6		7 ¹	7 ⁴	8	8	8	16.80	stbl'd st, brief foot

Fractional Times: 24.90 48.85 1:13.68 **Final Time:** 1:39.86 **Time from Gate:** 1:42.16
Split Times: (23:95) (24:83) (26:18)
Run-Up: 56 feet

Winner: Always Angels, Bay Mare, by Always Dreaming out of Ribbing, by Distorted Humor. Foaled Feb 28, 2020 in Kentucky.
Breeder: WinStar Farm, LLC
Owner: Irace, Joseph and Noll, Alfred
Trainer: Potts, Wayne

2 Claimed Horse(s): **Always Angels** New Trainer: Mario Roberto Lopez New Owner: C J I Phoenix Group
Classic Ballad New Trainer: Victor Carrasco, Jr. New Owner: Victor Carrasco, Jr.

Claiming Prices: 5 - Always Angels: \$10,000; 1 - Ariana Valentina: \$10,000; 3 - Ade: \$10,000; 4 - Always Forward: \$10,000; 8 - Classic Ballad: \$10,000; 6 - Skip Thru Da Fire: \$10,000; 7 - Keep It Safe: \$10,000; 2 - Tortuga Island: \$10,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$60,573

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Always Angels	6.40	5.00	3.40	\$1.00 Exacta	5-1	27.00	65,257
1	Ariana Valentina		7.60	4.60	\$0.50 Trifecta	5-1-3	61.60	39,723
3	Ade			3.40	\$0.10 Superfecta	5-1-3-4	48.64	23,644

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
5	Always Angels	2	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	1 ²	1 ⁶	1 ^{5 3/4}
1	Ariana Valentina	4	5 ⁴	5 ^{2 3/4}	5 ^{3 1/2}	3 ^{8 1/2}	2 ^{5 3/4}
3	Ade	1	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	2 ²	2 ⁶	3 ^{6 1/4}
4	Always Forward	3	4 ²	3 ^{Head}	3 ²	5 ^{8 3/4}	4 ^{8 1/2}
8	Classic Ballad	7	3 ¹	4 ^{1 1/4}	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{8 1/2}	5 ^{8 1/2}
6	Skip Thru Da Fire	5	8 ^{6 1/2}	8 ^{7 3/4}	7 ^{9 1/2}	7 ^{15 3/4}	6 ^{19 1/4}
7	Keep It Safe	8	6 ^{4 1/2}	6 ^{2 3/4}	6 ^{5 1/2}	6 ^{12 3/4}	7 ^{20 1/4}
2	Tortuga Island	6	7 ^{5 1/2}	7 ^{3 3/4}	8 ^{14 1/2}	8 ^{21 3/4}	8 ³¹

Trainers: 5 - Potts, Wayne; 1 - Collins, Johnny; 3 - Lopez, Mario; 4 - Corrales, Jose; 8 - Simone, Michael; 6 - Corrales, Jose; 7 - Ramirez, Jose; 2 - Nazario, Pedro

Owners: 5 - Irace, Joseph and Noll, Alfred; 1 - Johnny Collins; 3 -Sergio Gomez; 4 - Corrales Racing LLC; 8 -Mark E. Nunnally; 6 - Corrales Racing LLC; 7 -Guadalupe Rodriguez; 2 - Nazario Racing Stable LLC;

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ALWAYS ANGELS got away alertly and drifted out into the first turn then tucked in for the backstretch run and stalked the early pace before ranging up and taking over near the 3/8 pole then drew clear in the stretch. ARIANA VALENTINA rated in the middle of the pack early while racing onto the backstretch with a rail trip then altered to the seven path nearing the 3/8 pole and rallied late for place. ADE got away well and assumed command for the run into the first turn before being pushed along through the backstretch run and into the second turn then was headed near the 3/8 pole but dug in for the stretch run and battled, getting caught late for place. ALWAYS FORWARD raced close up early while keen to challenge on the backstretch run then moved up and split horses to contend for the lead nearing the 1/2 pole and made a bid through the second turn but faltered in the stretch. CLASSIC BALLAD moved up early and chased the pace while four wide then waited behind the trio on the lead during the backstretch run before being urged to challenge on the second turn and made a brief bid but flattened out in the stretch. SKIP THRU DA FIRE was allowed to settle early while saving ground before being asked to move closer nearing the 1/2 pole but made no rally in the stretch. KEEP IT SAFE rated in the middle of the pack early while racing four wide before drifting out to the six path while passing the 3/8 pole but faded in the stretch. TORTUGA ISLAND stumbled at the start then settled along the inside early and flashed brief foot before tiring into the second turn.

