

ELLIS PARK - July 31, 2026 - Race 1

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race At A Mile Or Over Since May 31 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$10,000. (NW2 L) **Claiming Price:** \$10,000

Distance: One Mile On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Injunction - 1:34.33 - August 6, 2022)

Purse: \$27,500

Includes: \$5,500 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund

Available Money: \$27,500

Value of Race: \$27,500 1st \$16,449, 2nd \$5,342, 3rd \$2,671, 4th \$1,335, 5th \$801, 6th \$301, 7th \$301, 8th \$300

Weather: Clear, 75° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 11:51 **Start:** Poor **Timing Method:** Electronic

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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
26Jun26 ¹ CD ⁶	5	Just Like Max (Mendoza, Amir)	118 L b	5	3	2 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	4 ^{Head}	2 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{2 1/2}	3.41	ins,bmpd 5p3/16,cleard
25Jun26 ⁵ CD ⁸	7	Politics (Meeks, Micah)	111 L b	7	5	5 ¹	6 ¹	6 ²	4 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	9.64	bmp/steady st,bmp 3/16
12Jul26 ² ELP ¹	1	Refined Design (Saez, Gabriel)	120 L f	1	4	4 ¹	4 ¹	3 ^{1/2}	1 ¹	3 ^{1 1/2}	10.66	4p,bid 3w,led 3/16-1/8
25Jun26 ⁵ CD ⁶	4	Hutchinson (Torres, Jaime)	118 L	4	7	7 ^{Head}	7 ^{1/2}	5 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	4 ⁵	3.14*	bad stmble st,4-5p,bpd
26Jun26 ¹ CD ⁸	3	Duke of Suggins (Corrales, Gerardo)	118 L	3	1	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	5 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{Neck}	3.96	2p,ins pair,faded upr
9Jun26 ⁴ FP ⁴	2	Rag Tree (Hazlewood, Yedsit)	123 L b	2	8	8	8	8	6 ^{1/2}	6 ^{1 3/4}	35.29	fidgeted/off slow, 2p
5Jul26 ¹ ELP ²	6	Romantic Lead (Machado, Luan)	123 L b	6	6	6 ²	5 ^{Head}	7 ^{Head}	8	7 ⁶	8.22	pinched/steady hard st
26Jun26 ¹ CD ⁷	8	Vino Dominus (Concepcion, Axel)	123 L b	8	2	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ¹	2 ^{Head}	7 ^{1 1/2}	8	3.40	2w-3p,vie btw,sty/wkn

Fractional Times: 24.60 48.85 1:13.38 1:26.23

Final Time: 1:39.30 **Time from Gate:** 1:40.92

Split Times: (24:25) (24:53) (12:85) (13:07)

Run-Up: 30 feet

Winner: Just Like Max, Bay Gelding, by Maximum Security out of Zia Josie, by Tiznow. Foaled Mar 09, 2023 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Gary & Mary West Stables Inc.

Owner: Southwest Racing Stables, Inc. and Murphy, Bruce

Trainer: Garcia, Genaro

3 Claimed Horse(s):	Duke of Suggins	New Trainer: Shelbi A. Kurtz	New Owner: CDI Thoroughbreds
	Refined Design	New Trainer: Felipe Nickel	New Owner: Bruno Schickedanz
	Romantic Lead	New Trainer: Gustavo Esquivel	New Owner: Gustavo Esquivel

Claiming Prices: 5 - Just Like Max: \$10,000; 7 - Politics: \$10,000; 1 - Refined Design: \$10,000; 4 - Hutchinson: \$10,000; 3 - Duke of Suggins: \$10,000; 2 - Rag Tree: \$10,000; 6 - Romantic Lead: \$10,000; 8 - Vino Dominus: \$10,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$81,140

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool	Carryover
5	Just Like Max	8.82	4.96	3.56	\$2.00 Exacta	5-7	59.16	59,860	
7	Politics		8.18	5.22	\$0.50 Trifecta	5-7-1	107.69	31,054	
1	Refined Design			5.56	\$0.10 Superfecta	5-7-1-4	76.81	19,488	
					\$1.00 Z-5 Super Hi-5	5-7-1-4-3		2,018	2,767

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
5	Just Like Max	3	2 ¹	3 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{3/4}	2 ¹	1 ^{2 1/2}
7	Politics	5	5 ^{3 1/2}	6 ^{2 3/4}	6 ¹	4 ^{2 1/2}	2 ^{2 1/2}
1	Refined Design	4	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{Head}	1 ¹	3 ^{2 1/2}
4	Hutchinson	7	7 ^{6 1/2}	7 ^{3 3/4}	5 ^{3/4}	3 ^{2 1/2}	4 ⁴
3	Duke of Suggins	1	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	5 ^{2 3/4}	5 ⁹
2	Rag Tree	8	8 ^{6 3/4}	8 ^{4 1/4}	8 ³	6 ^{4 1/4}	6 ^{9 1/4}
6	Romantic Lead	6	6 ^{4 1/2}	5 ^{2 1/2}	7 ³	8 ^{6 1/4}	7 ¹¹
8	Vino Dominus	2	3 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	7 ^{4 3/4}	8 ¹⁷

Trainers: 5 - Garcia, Genaro; 7 - Kurtz, Shelbi; 1 - Milligan, Cameron; 4 - Sweezey, J.; 3 - Casse, Norm; 2 - Irion, Heather; 6 - Nickel, Felipe; 8 - Atras, Rob

Owners: 5 - Southwest Racing Stables, Inc. and Murphy, Bruce; 7 - Hayden Thoroughbreds and Jones and Lappe Thoroughbreds LLC; 1 -Gregory Alan Pelzel; 4 - Starry Night Racing; 3 - AR Racing LLC (Marsh); 2 -Randy Finegan; 6 -Bruno Schickedanz; 8 - JKK Racing;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

JUST LIKE MAX bumped with an outer rival at the start, laid close up along the inside, then two wide turning for home, transferred contact from an inner foe to an outer rival while forced to the five path entering the lane yet rallied to bid at the furlong grounds and drove clear. POLITICS bumped with an inner rival then steadied when put to tight quarters between rivals at the start, pursued from midpack along the inside, encountered traffic leaving the quarter pole, came out and bumped a foe while moving to the four path entering the lane, advanced between rivals into the final furlong, shifted inwardly at the sixteenth pole and edged place late. REFINED DESIGN tracked while moving out to the four path entering the backstretch, progressed to prompt outside of the top pair into the far turn, gained an advantage entering the lane, drove clear briefly before getting collared by an outer rival at the furlong grounds, yielded and lost place late. HUTCHINSON stumbled severely at the start, raced well back in the four path, circled rivals while advancing in the five path around the far turn, got bumped and floated out to the six path entering the lane, flattened out while hanging on his left lead through midstretch, changed over at the sixteenth pole and stayed on mildly. DUKE OF SUGGINS showed the way in the two path, vied with an outer pair around the far turn, leaned out and brushed a rival entering the lane then gave way shortly after. RAG TREE fidgeted as the gates sprung and broke multiple lengths slow, trialed in the two path then failed to factor along the inside. ROMANTIC LEAD bumped with rivals on both sides and steadied hard after being pinched at the start, raced off of the pace in the four to three path and failed to factor. VINO DOMINUS pressed the leader from the three path, vied between rivals around the far turn, took light contact from his inner counterpart entering the lane, became uncomfortable among foes in upper stretch, steadied in tight at the furlong grounds and faltered.