

ELLIS PARK - August 17, 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 July 14 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$16,000. (NW2 L) **Claiming Price:** \$16,000
Distance: One Mile On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Injunction - 1:34.33 - August 6, 2022)
Purse: \$35,000
Includes: \$7,000 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund
Available Money: \$35,000
Value of Race: \$35,000 1st \$21,143, 2nd \$6,866, 3rd \$3,433, 4th \$1,716, 5th \$1,030, 6th \$406, 7th \$406
Weather: Showery, 80° **Track:** Sloppy (Sealed)
Off at: 11:51 **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
24Jul26 ¹ ELP ²	6	Midnight Vengeance (Curtis, Ben)	123 L	6	5	4 ^{Head}	4 ¹	3 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{3 1/4}	5.63	track 4p,bid 5/16,clrd
31Jul26 ¹ ELP ⁴	4	Hutchinson (Torres, Jaime)	118 L bf	4	1	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	4.12	ins,led2p,fght bck plc
24Jul26 ¹ ELP ⁴	5	Fast Joker (Bejarano, Rafael)	123 L b	5	2	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ²	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	3 ^{1 1/2}	6.94	2-3p,bid btw 2nd,yield
25Jul26 ¹ ELP ¹	2	Fitzgerald (Asmussen, Keith)	120 L b	2	3	5 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{Head}	4 ^{Head}	4 ²	4 ^{Neck}	1.30*	chs 2p,rl aim,lack bid
31Jul26 ¹ ELP ³	3	Refined Design (Saez, Gabriel)	118 L f	3	7	6 ¹	6 ²	5 ²	5 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{3 1/2}	8.74	3-4p,5p upr,no menace
31Jul26 ¹ ELP ²	1	Politics (Meeks, Micah)	111 L b	1	6	7	7	6 ^{Head}	6 ⁵	6 ^{11 3/4}	5.18	beat slw,ins,no impact
31Jul26 ¹ ELP ⁵	7	Duke of Suggins (Nicholls, Mia)	118 L b	7	4	1 ^{4 1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	7	7	7	22.15	headed 7/16,wknd 2nd

Fractional Times: 23.00 46.61 1:12.08 1:25.10 **Final Time:** 1:38.47 **Time from Gate:** 1:40.14
Split Times: (23:61) (25:47) (13:02) (13:37)
Run-Up: 30 feet

Winner: Midnight Vengeance, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by Violence out of Shoot for the Moon, by Malibu Moon. Foaled Feb 09, 2022 in Kentucky.
Breeder: Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding
Owner: Elkin Family Racing, LLC
Trainer: Londono, Genevieve

Claiming Prices: 6 - Midnight Vengeance: \$16,000; 4 - Hutchinson: \$16,000; 5 - Fast Joker: \$16,000; 2 - Fitzgerald: \$16,000; 3 - Refined Design: \$16,000; 1 - Politics: \$16,000; 7 - Duke of Suggins: \$16,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Surfin' M (PrivVet-Illness)

Total WPS Pool: \$43,067

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
6	Midnight Vengeance	13.26	4.94	3.30	\$2.00 Exacta	6-4	61.66	29,425
4	Hutchinson		4.26	3.18	\$0.50 Trifecta	6-4-5	45.64	13,773
5	Fast Joker			3.54	\$0.10 Superfecta	6-4-5-2	42.04	8,518
					\$1.00 Super High Five	6-4-5-2-3	1,029.60	9,875

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
6	Midnight Vengeance	5	4 ⁶	4 ⁴	3 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{3 1/4}
4	Hutchinson	1	2 ^{4 1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Head}	2 ^{3 1/4}
5	Fast Joker	2	3 ^{4 1/2}	3 ²	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	3 ^{3 3/4}
2	Fitzgerald	3	5 ^{6 1/4}	5 ⁵	4 ²	4 ^{3/4}	4 ^{5 1/4}
3	Refined Design	7	6 ^{7 3/4}	6 ⁵	5 ^{2 1/4}	5 ^{2 3/4}	5 ^{5 1/2}
1	Politics	6	7 ^{8 3/4}	7 ⁷	6 ^{4 1/4}	6 ^{4 1/4}	6 ⁹
7	Duke of Suggins	4	1 ^{4 1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	7 ^{4 1/4}	7 ^{9 1/4}	7 ^{20 3/4}

Trainers: 6 - Londono, Genevieve; 4 - Sweezey, J.; 5 - Esquivel, Gustavo; 2 - Moquett, Ron; 3 - Nickel, Felipe; 1 - Kurtz, Shelbi; 7 - Kurtz, Shelbi

Owners: 6 - Elkin Family Racing, LLC; 4 - Starry Night Racing; 5 -Gustavo Esquivel; 2 - Southern Springs Stables (Ron Moquett), Load Clear, LLC and Simple Dreams, LLC; 3 -Bruno Schickedanz; 1 - Hayden Thoroughbreds and Jones and Lappe Thoroughbreds LLC; 7 - CDI Thoroughbreds;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

MIDNIGHT VENGEANCE tracked from midpack in the four path, ranged up to bid outside of rivals at the five sixteenths pole, gained an advantage entering the lane, moved a touch wider and drove clear in the final furlong. HUTCHINSON stalked along the inside, moved out to the two path to bid outside of the leader entering the far turn, led leaving the seven sixteenths pole, got collared by an outer pair with five sixteenths to go, was headed by them entering the lane yet fought on to regain place late. FAST JOKER stalked from the two to three path, moved to press the new leader into the far turn, challenged along with an outer rival turning for home, vied between horses briefly before getting outkicked by his outer counterpart entering upper stretch, yielded while battling for place with an inner rival in the late stages and got outfinished. FITZGERALD chased from the two path, briefly between horses at the five sixteenths pole, took aim inside of rivals at the furlong grounds but lacked a bid. REFINED DESIGN raced off of the pace in the three to four path, shifted to the five path in upper stretch and failed to menace. POLITICS broke half a beat slow, trailed along the inside, surpassed a tiring rival turning for home and made little impact. DUKE OF SUGGINS broke a bit outwardly, sped clear early on but got headed by an outer pair entering the far turn then weakened turning for home.