

**EMERALD DOWNS - May 10, 2026 - Race 7**

STARTER ALLOWANCE - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF \$10,000 OR LESS SINCE APRIL 27, 2025 AND HAVE NOT WON TWO STARTER ALLOWANCE RACES AT EMERALD DOWNS IN 2026. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race At A Mile Or Over In 2026 Allowed 3 lbs. (Maiden Races, Claiming Races And Starters Races For \$8,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances) Winners of a Starter Allowance \$4,500 race since May 2, 2026 remain eligible. ( C ) **Claiming Price:** \$10,000 - \$0

**Distance:** One Mile On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Point Piper - 1:32.90 - August 14, 2016)

**Purse:** \$14,000

**Includes:** \$2,800 MITEC - Muckleshoot Tribal Contribution

**Available Money:** \$14,000

**Value of Race:** \$13,720 1st \$7,980, 2nd \$2,730, 3rd \$1,610, 4th \$700, 5th \$420, 6th \$280

**Weather:** Cloudy, 68° **Track:** Fast

**Off at:** 4:53 **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                 |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|----|-------|-----|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 31Mar26 <sup>6</sup> TUP <sup>1</sup> | 6   | Afjan (Lopez, Karlo)                | 122 | L   | f  | 6     | 6   | 4 <sup>Head</sup>  | 5 <sup>5</sup>     | 3 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 1 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 3.75               | 3,4-w, edged clear       |
| 14Mar26 <sup>2</sup> FG <sup>4</sup>  | 2   | Background (Cruz, Alex)             | 122 | L   |    | 2     | 4   | 3 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 4 <sup>Head</sup>  | 4 <sup>3</sup>     | 2 <sup>1</sup>     | 3.49               | inside, strong finish    |
| 28Apr26 <sup>6</sup> TUP <sup>6</sup> | 5   | I'm Noble (Amador, Silvio)          | 122 | L   | bf | 5     | 3   | 2 <sup>1</sup>     | 3 <sup>1</sup>     | 2 <sup>1</sup>     | 3 <sup>Neck</sup>  | 3.60               | 2,3-w, steady effort     |
| 21Apr26 <sup>5</sup> TUP <sup>1</sup> | 1   | Baby Waylon (Castellanos, Adrian)   | 125 | L   | b  | 1     | 2   | 1 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 1 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 1 <sup>Head</sup>  | 2 <sup>Head</sup>  | 4 <sup>6</sup> 1/2 | 1.36* set pace, weakened |
| 26Jan26 <sup>4</sup> TUP <sup>3</sup> | 4   | You're the Cause (Matias, Javier)   | 122 | L   | b  | 4     | 1   | 6                  | 6                  | 6                  | 5 <sup>3</sup> 3/4 | 21.88              | 4-w, no threat           |
| 30Mar26 <sup>7</sup> TUP <sup>2</sup> | 3   | No Ordinary Tiger (Rodriguez, Jose) | 122 | L   | b  | 3     | 5   | 5 <sup>3</sup>     | 2 <sup>Head</sup>  | 5 <sup>Head</sup>  | 6                  | 10.69              | bumped, bid, tired       |

**Fractional Times:** 24.45 47.72 1:11.22 1:23.66

**Final Time:** 1:36.62 **Time from Gate:** 1:38.64

**Split Times:** (23:27) (23:50) (12:44) (12:96)

**Run-Up:** 56 feet

**Winner:** Afjan, Bay Gelding, by Uncle Mo out of Scarlet Strike, by Smart Strike. Foaled Mar 30, 2019 in Kentucky.

**Breeder:** Al Shaqab Racing

**Owner:** Joseph A. Budinich

**Trainer:** Crowe, Shelly

**Total WPS Pool:** \$114,817

| Pgm | Horse      | Win  | Place | Show | Wager Type          | Winning Numbers   | Payoff | Pool   |
|-----|------------|------|-------|------|---------------------|-------------------|--------|--------|
| 6   | Afjan      | 9.50 | 4.28  | 2.74 | \$1.00 Exacta       | 6-2               | 18.92  | 47,864 |
| 2   | Background |      | 3.94  | 2.88 | \$0.50 Trifecta     | 6-2-5             | 20.34  | 38,192 |
| 5   | I'm Noble  |      |       | 2.70 | \$0.10 Superfecta   | 6-2-5-1           | 7.56   | 21,254 |
|     |            |      |       |      | \$0.50 Pick 3       | 3-5-6 (3 correct) | 48.41  | 5,083  |
|     |            |      |       |      | \$1.00 Daily Double | 5-6               | 34.70  | 4,700  |

**Past Performance Running Line Preview**

| Pgm | Horse Name        | Start | 1/4                | 1/2                | 3/4                | Str                | Fin                 |
|-----|-------------------|-------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 6   | Afjan             | 6     | 4 <sup>2</sup>     | 5 <sup>1</sup> 3/4 | 3 <sup>1</sup>     | 1 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 1 <sup>1</sup> 1/4  |
| 2   | Background        | 4     | 3 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 4 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 4 <sup>2</sup> 1/2 | 4 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 2 <sup>1</sup> 1/4  |
| 5   | I'm Noble         | 3     | 2 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 3 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 2 <sup>Head</sup>  | 3 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 3 <sup>2</sup> 1/4  |
| 1   | Baby Waylon       | 2     | 1 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 1 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 1 <sup>Head</sup>  | 2 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 4 <sup>2</sup> 1/2  |
| 4   | You're the Cause  | 1     | 6 <sup>5</sup>     | 6 <sup>6</sup> 3/4 | 6 <sup>5</sup> 3/4 | 5 <sup>5</sup> 1/2 | 5 <sup>9</sup>      |
| 3   | No Ordinary Tiger | 5     | 5 <sup>2</sup>     | 2 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 5 <sup>5</sup> 1/2 | 6 <sup>7</sup> 1/2 | 6 <sup>12</sup> 3/4 |

**Trainers:** 6 - Crowe, Shelly; 2 - Puhich, Michael; 5 - Toye, Joe; 1 - Rodriguez, Francisco; 4 - Van Horne, Debbie; 3 - Baze, Robert

**Owners:** 6 -Joseph A. Budinich; 2 -Mike Puhich; 5 -Rusty George Warwick; 1 - Hat Trick Racing; 4 - WilWin Stable; 3 -Robert Baze;

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

AFJAN was forwardly placed racing three-wide, rallied four-wide into the stretch, took the lead nearing the eighth pole and edged clear late. BACKGROUND broke out to bump with NO ORDINARY TIGER then tracked the pace racing two-wide, angled to the inside nearing the three-sixteenths pole and finished strongly. I'M NOBLE prompted BABY WAYLON from along the outside and finished well in a steady effort. BABY WAYLON saved ground setting the pressured pace, drifted out slightly entering the stretch and weakened late. YOU'RE THE CAUSE was unhurried, rallied four-wide into the stretch but was unable to seriously threaten. NO ORDINARY TIGER was bumped at the start by BACKGROUND then saved ground while being allowed to settle, moved up to offer a bid nearing the half mile pole along the inside and then tired.