

## EMERALD DOWNS - June 5, 2026 - Race 4

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race In 2026 Allowed 3 lbs. Claiming Price \$20,000 (Maiden Races, Claiming Races And Starters Races For \$18,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances). Washington Bred Claiming Price \$25,000. **Claiming Price:** \$20,000

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

**Purse:** \$20,000

**Includes:** \$4,000 MITEC - Muckleshoot Tribal Contribution

**Available Money:** \$20,000

**Value of Race:** \$19,200 1st \$11,400, 2nd \$3,900, 3rd \$2,300, 4th \$1,000, 5th \$600

**Weather:** Showery, 57° **Track:** Wet Fast

**Off at:** 8:22 **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	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
24May26 <sup>3</sup> EMD <sup>2</sup>	2	Background (Enriquez, Isaias)	122	L	2	1	3 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>Head</sup>	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	1 <sup>5</sup> 1/2	3.22	inside, drew clear
22Apr26 <sup>8</sup> TUP <sup>3</sup>	1	Seas of Normandy (Kriger, Kevin)	122	L b	1	2	1 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	1 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	2 <sup>1</sup> 3/4	0.94*	set pace, held 2nd
9Apr26 <sup>2</sup> TUP <sup>5</sup>	3	Elegant Boy (Alvarado, Frank)	122	L b	3	4	4 <sup>1/2</sup>	5	3 <sup>Head</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	3 <sup>4</sup> 1/4	6.99	3-w, steady effort
10May26 <sup>7</sup> EMD <sup>1</sup>	4	Afjan (Lopez, Karlo)	122	L f	4	5	5	4 <sup>1/2</sup>	4 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	4 <sup>2</sup>	4 <sup>8</sup> 1/2	3.24	4-w, no threat
24May26 <sup>3</sup> EMD <sup>5</sup>	5	The Black Strat (Amador, Silvio)	122	L b	5	3	2 <sup>Head</sup>	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	5	5	5	10.02	prominent, tired

**Fractional Times:** 24.08 47.00 1:11.51 1:23.84

**Final Time:** 1:36.28 **Time from Gate:** 1:38.39

**Split Times:** (22:92) (24:51) (12:33) (12:44)

**Run-Up:** 56 feet

**Winner:** Background, Chestnut Gelding, by Khozan out of Ephyra, by Corinthian. Foaled Mar 31, 2017 in Florida.

**Breeder:** Brent Fernung & Crystal Fernung

**Owner:** Mike Puhich

**Trainer:** Puhich, Michael

**Claiming Prices:** 2 - Background: \$20,000; 1 - Seas of Normandy: \$20,000; 3 - Elegant Boy: \$20,000; 4 - Afjan: \$20,000; 5 - The Black Strat: \$20,000;

**Total WPS Pool:** \$43,528

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
2	Background	8.44	3.34	2.42	\$0.50 Pick 3	6-2/3-2 (3 correct)	45.57	3,835
1	Seas of Normandy		2.46	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	2-1	7.72	16,277
3	Elegant Boy			2.60	\$0.50 Trifecta	2-1-3	10.70	12,259
					\$0.50 Pick 4	3-6-3-2 (4 correct)	111.03	20,736
					\$1.00 Daily Double	3-2	11.39	1,841
					\$0.10 Superfecta	2-1-3-4	2.44	6,203

### Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
2	Background	1	3 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	2 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	1 <sup>5</sup> 1/2
1	Seas of Normandy	2	1 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	1 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	2 <sup>5</sup> 1/2
3	Elegant Boy	4	4 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	5 <sup>2</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	3 <sup>4</sup>	3 <sup>7</sup> 1/4
4	Afjan	5	5 <sup>3</sup>	4 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	4 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	4 <sup>5</sup> 1/2	4 <sup>11</sup> 1/2
5	The Black Strat	3	2 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	3 <sup>1</sup>	5 <sup>3</sup>	5 <sup>7</sup> 1/2	5 <sup>20</sup>

**Trainers:** 2 - Puhich, Michael; 1 - Jewell, Ian; 3 - Perez, Sergio; 4 - Crowe, Shelly; 5 - Toye, Joe

**Owners:** 2 -Mike Puhich; 1 - WYN Racing Stables Corp.; 3 -Sergio S. Perez; 4 -Joseph A. Budinich; 5 - Terra Firma Too and Cohen, Mitch;

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

BACKGROUND was close-up racing along the inside, moved through to take the lead from SEAS OF NORMANDY nearing the quarter pole and quickly drew clear. SEAS OF NORMANDY set the pace racing removed from the inside rail, drifted out to be five-wide entering the stretch and held on fairly well for the place. ELEGANT BOY was allowed to settled, rallied three-wide into the stretch and finished well in a steady effort. AFJAN was unhurried, came four-wide into the stretch and failed to seriously threaten. THE BLACK STRAT was forwardly paced early racing three-wide and tired.