

EMERALD DOWNS - August 15, 2026 - Race 9

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 \$8,000 (Maiden Races, Claiming Races And Starters Races For \$6,250 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances).

Claiming Price: \$8,000
Distance: One Mile On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Point Piper - 1:32.90 - August 14, 2016)
Purse: \$13,000
Includes: \$2,600 MITEC - Muckleshoot Tribal Contribution
Available Money: \$13,000
Value of Race: \$12,740 1st \$7,410, 2nd \$2,535, 3rd \$1,495, 4th \$650, 5th \$390, 6th \$260
Weather: Clear, 77° **Track:** Fast
Off at: 5:56 **Start:** Good for all **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
26Jul26 ¹ EMD ²	5	El Joy (Amador, Silvio)	122	L	bf	4 2	3 ¹ 1/2	4 ⁵	3 ³	3 ⁶	1 ^{3/4}	1.81*	angled out, up late
11Jul26 ⁵ EMD ⁴	1	Winds of Freedom (Cruz, Alex)	122	L	bf	1 3	1 ²	1 ¹	1 ¹ 1/2	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Nose}	1.93	set pace, held gamely
26Jul26 ⁶ EMD ⁴	8	Lil Richards Bello (Castellanos, Adrian)	122	L	bf	6 5	4 ⁶	3 ^{Head}	2 ²	1 ^{1/2}	3 ³ 1/2	6.89	bid 1/8, outfinished
26Jul26 ¹ EMD ¹	2	You're the Cause (Matias, Javier)	122	L	b	2 4	5 ¹	5 ²	5 ⁷	4 ¹	4 ² 1/4	3.70	4-w, no threat
26Jul26 ² EMD ¹	6	Cause for Divorce (Nunnally, Blake)	125	L	bf	5 1	2 ³	2 ^{Head}	4 ¹ 1/2	5 ⁴	5 ⁶	10.65	chased, tired
26Jul26 ¹ EMD ³	4	Drive Train (Alvarado, Frank)	122	L	f	3 6	6	6	6	6	6	11.53	in back, trailed

Fractional Times: 23.46 46.73 1:10.56 1:23.21 **Final Time:** 1:36.46 **Time from Gate:** 1:38.70
Split Times: (23:27) (23:83) (12:65) (13:25)
Run-Up: 56 feet

Winner: El Joy, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by Kitten's Joy out of Blue Grass Music, by Bluegrass Cat. Foaled May 10, 2018 in Kentucky.
Breeder: Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey
Owner: Taboada Racing Stables LLC
Trainer: Rosales, Jorge

Claiming Prices: 5 - El Joy: \$8,000; 1 - Winds of Freedom: \$8,000; 8 - Lil Richards Bello: \$8,000; 2 - You're the Cause: \$8,000; 6 - Cause for Divorce: \$8,000; 4 - Drive Train: \$8,000;

Scratched Horse(s): J. B. Books (Re-entered), Tangledupingrey (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$51,386

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	El Joy	5.62	2.82	2.54	\$1.00 Exacta	5-1	8.88	21,559
1	Winds of Freedom		3.20	3.12	\$0.50 Trifecta	5-1-8	20.73	13,371
8	Lil Richards Bello			4.24	\$0.50 Pick 3	3-7-5 (3 correct)	30.12	5,609
					\$0.50 Pick 4	7-3-7-3/5/7 (4 correct)	80.66	7,648
					\$1.00 Daily Double	7-5	6.95	4,362
					\$0.10 Superfecta	5-1-8-2	17.79	8,303

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
5	El Joy	2	3 ⁵	4 ¹ 1/4	3 ³ 1/2	3 ¹	1 ^{3/4}
1	Winds of Freedom	3	1 ²	1 ¹	1 ¹ 1/2	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{3/4}
8	Lil Richards Bello	5	4 ⁶ 1/2	3 ¹	2 ¹ 1/2	1 ^{1/2}	3 ^{3/4}
2	You're the Cause	4	5 ¹² 1/2	5 ⁶ 1/4	5 ⁸	4 ⁷	4 ⁴ 1/4
6	Cause for Divorce	1	2 ²	2 ¹	4 ⁶ 1/2	5 ⁸	5 ⁶ 1/2
4	Drive Train	6	6 ¹³ 1/2	6 ⁸ 1/4	6 ¹⁵	6 ¹²	6 ¹² 1/2

Trainers: 5 - Rosales, Jorge; 1 - Cruz, Jaymie; 8 - Rodriguez, Francisco; 2 - Van Horne, Debbie; 6 - Bozell, Alan; 4 - Tubbs, Scott

Owners: 5 - Taboada Racing Stables LLC; 1 -Jaymie Pearman Cruz; 8 - Hat Trick Racing; 2 - WilWin Stable; 6 -James E. Nunnally; 4 - Camelot Racing;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

EL JOY was reserved off the pace while saving ground, angled out to be four-wide leaving the three-sixteenths pole and finished fast to be up in the final seventy yards. WINDS OF FREEDOM set the pace racing two-wide, responded when challenged by LIL RICHARDS BELLO at the eighth pole and held on gamely to the wire but wasn't quite good enough. LIL RICHARDS BELLO was allowed to settle racing three-wide, offered a bid nearing the eighth pole but lacked the needed late response. YOU'RE THE CAUSE was unhurried, rallied four-wide into the stretch and failed to seriously threaten. CAUSE FOR DIVORCE chased WINDS OF FREEDOM early racing along the inside and tired. DRIVE TRAIN saved ground racing in the back of the field and trailed.