

EMERALD DOWNS - August 16, 2026 - Race 5

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 In 2026 Allowed 3 lbs. (Maiden Races, Claiming Races And Starters Races For \$8,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances & Eligibility) Winners of Starter Allowance \$5,000 or less race since May 2, 2026 remain eligible. (C) **Claiming Price:** \$10,000 - \$0

Distance: One And One Eighth Miles On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Flying Notes - 1:45.40 - September 2, 2002)

Purse: \$14,000

Plus: \$400 Other Sources

Available Money: \$14,400

Value of Race: \$14,400 1st \$7,980, 2nd \$2,730, 3rd \$1,610, 4th \$700, 5th \$420, 6th \$280, 7th \$280, 8th \$200, 9th \$200

Weather: Cloudy, 74° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 3:47 **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
2Aug26 ¹ EMD ¹	5	Creative Om (Castellanos, Adrian)	125	L	b	5 1	1 ¹	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{3 1/2}	1 ^{2 1/2}	1 ^{3/4}	2.44	set pace, prevailed
19Jul26 ⁵ EMD ¹	9	Brother o' Brien (Krigger, Kevin)	125	L	b	9 9	8 ³	7 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ³	1.73*	2,3-w, finished fast
24Jul26 ⁶ EMD ²	3	Jullian in Paris (Nunnally, Blake)	122	L	f	3 7	5 ^{1/2}	5 ²	3 ^{1/2}	4 ⁴	3 ^{Neck}	19.32	2-w, mild rally
31Jul26 ⁶ EMD ³	2	Afjan (Cruz, Alex)	125	L	f	2 6	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	3 ^{1/2}	4 ^{5 1/4}	5.93	inside, steady effort
24Jul26 ⁶ EMD ³	4	Street Vendor (Orozco, Kevin)	122	L		4 8	7 ^{1 1/2}	8 ⁶	7 ¹	5 ^{Head}	5 ^{3 1/2}	40.65	inside, evenly late
26Jul26 ⁶ EMD ¹	8	Background (Hazlewood, Yedsit)	125	L		8 4	6 ^{1 1/2}	6 ^{1 1/2}	6 ²	6 ^{1 1/2}	6 ^{3 1/2}	4.75	3,5-w, lacked rally
12Jul26 ¹ EMD ³	1	Om Fire (Anaya, Alex)	122	L	b	1 5	9	9	8 ^{Head}	7 ^{Head}	7 ¹	36.18	6-w, no threat
24Jul26 ⁶ EMD ¹	7	Bak to Liberty (Amador, Silvio)	125	L	b	7 3	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	4 ¹	8 ⁵	8 ^{11 1/4}	11.72	3-w, weakened
2Aug26 ⁸ EMD ²	6	Smiling Goodbye (Samuels, Jake)	122	L	f	6 2	2 ²	2 ^{Head}	9	9	9	19.03	prompted, tired

Fractional Times: 22.86 46.66 1:10.43 1:35.50 **Final Time:** 1:48.49 **Time from Gate:** 1:50.57

Split Times: (23:80) (23:77) (25:07) (12:99)

Run-Up: 56 feet

Winner: Creative Om, Gray or Roan Gelding, by Om out of Blissful Lady, by Creative Cause. Foaled Apr 18, 2021 in California.

Breeder: Martindale & Andrews

Owner: Tsujikawa Racing, LLC and Gibson, Miranda

Trainer: Gibson, Howard

Total WPS Pool: \$67,626

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Creative Om	6.88	4.02	3.50	\$0.50 Pick 3	2/5-1/7-5 (3 correct)	16.67	9,266
9	Brother o' Brien		3.08	2.40	\$1.00 Daily Double	7-5	27.83	4,940
3	Jullian in Paris			5.12	\$1.00 Exacta	5-9	8.97	32,607
					\$0.10 Superfecta	5-9-3-2	16.03	15,123
					\$0.50 Trifecta	5-9-3	25.80	24,049

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
5	Creative Om	1	1 ¹	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{3 1/2}	1 ^{2 1/2}	1 ^{3/4}
9	Brother o' Brien	9	8 ⁷	7 ^{5 1/4}	5 ⁵	2 ^{2 1/2}	2 ^{3/4}
3	Jullian in Paris	7	5 ^{3 1/2}	5 ^{1 3/4}	3 ^{3 1/2}	4 ^{3 1/2}	3 ^{3 3/4}
2	Afjan	6	4 ³	4 ^{1 3/4}	2 ^{3 1/2}	3 ³	4 ⁴
4	Street Vendor	8	7 ^{5 1/2}	8 ^{5 3/4}	7 ^{8 1/2}	5 ^{7 1/2}	5 ^{9 1/4}
8	Background	4	6 ⁴	6 ^{3 3/4}	6 ^{6 1/2}	6 ^{7 1/2}	6 ^{12 3/4}
1	Om Fire	5	9 ¹⁰	9 ^{11 3/4}	8 ^{9 1/2}	7 ⁹	7 ^{16 1/4}
7	Bak to Liberty	3	3 ³	3 ^{1 1/2}	4 ⁴	8 ^{9 1/4}	8 ^{17 1/4}
6	Smiling Goodbye	2	2 ¹	2 ^{1 1/2}	9 ^{9 3/4}	9 ^{14 1/4}	9 ^{28 1/2}

Trainers: 5 - Gibson, Howard; 9 - McCanna, Tim; 3 - Essex, Charles; 2 - Crowe, Shelly; 4 - Puentes, Jose; 8 - Puhich, Michael; 1 - Kowalski, Liz; 7 - Essex, Charles; 6 - Peery, Debbie

Owners: 5 - Tsujikawa Racing, LLC and Gibson, Miranda; 9 - Hern/LePley Racing; 3 -Joe Crawford; 2 - Budinich, Joseph A., Meta Woods, Paula and Crowe, Shelly M.; 4 -Leon Scott; 8 -Mike Puhich; 1 -Carl Petroff; 7 - Woodway Stable and Essex, Charles; 6 - Little Barn Racing;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

CREATIVE OM saved ground setting the pace, responded when asked and prevailed strong handling. BROTHER O' BRIEN was unhurried, moved forward nearing the quarter pole, came three-wide into the stretch and finished fast. JULLIAN IN PARIS was allowed to settle racing two-wide and finished in a mild rally. AFJAN tracked CREATIVE OM racing racing along the inside in a steady effort. STREET VENDOR dropped back while saving ground, sipped through entering the stretch and went evenly late. BACKGROUND was three-wide early racing in the middle of the field, came five-wide into the stretch and lacked a rally. OM FIRE raced in the back of the field, came six-wide into the stretch and failed to seriously threaten. BAK TO LIBERTY was forwardly placed racing three-wide and weakened. SMILING GOODBYE prompted CREAMATIVE OM early racing two-wide ad tired.