

FORT ERIE - July 12, 2026 - Race 6

STARTER OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF \$5,000 OR LESS SINCE JULY 12, 2024 OR CLAIMING PRICE \$10,000. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since June 12 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$10,000, if for \$9,000, allowed 2 lbs. (Races Where Entered For \$8,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances) (*Plus Up To \$540 Ontario Bred/Ontario Sired Breeders Awards). (C) **Claiming Price:** \$10,000
Distance: Five And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Garofoli - 1:02.76 - June 15, 2025)
All money values represented in Canadian currency unless noted otherwise

Purse: \$25,050
Includes: \$5,010 Ontario Sired / Bred Breeders Awards
Includes: \$3,340 State Bred
Available Money: \$25,050
Value of Race: \$19,371 (US\$13,682) 1st \$10,020 (US\$7,077) , 2nd \$5,010 (US\$3,539) , 3rd \$2,171 (US\$1,533) , 4th \$1,002 (US\$708) , 5th \$668 (US\$472) , 6th \$500 (US\$353)

Weather: Clear, 76° C **Track:** Fast
Off at: 2:53 **Start:** Good for all except 2 **Timing Method:** Electronic

[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
2Jun26 ³ MNR ⁵	5	Because (Sanchez, Alexis)	122	L b	5	3	3 ^{1/2}	3 ²	3 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	5.05	5-p str, fought gamely
29Jun26 ⁴ FE ¹	7	Ashcar Nellie (Gaskin, Da-Sean)	122	L b	6	2	5 ²	5 ⁴	4 ¹	2 ^{1 1/2}	2.50*	8-path str, outgunned
29Jun26 ⁴ FE ²	3	Vandoo (Zenteno, Edgar)	120	L f	3	4	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	3 ¹	5.00	3-path str, gave way
26May26 ⁴ MNR ⁴	1	Sicilian Grandma (Jadoo, Steve)	122	L b	1	5	6	6	6	4 ^{1/2}	4.90	svd grnd, up for share
16Oct25 ⁴ WO ¹¹	4	Nice Baby (Forde, Xarel)	122	L	4	1	2 ¹	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	5 ⁵	4.05	4-p str, nothing left
27Jun26 ¹ WO ⁵	2	Forest B (Samuel, Jalon)	122	L bf	2	6	4 ³	4 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{1 1/2}	6	3.35	off slow, 6-p, faded

Fractional Times: 22.45 45.45 58.18 **Final Time:** 1:04.71 **Time from Gate:** 1:06.09
Split Times: (23:00) (12:73) (6:53)
Run-Up: 38 feet

Winner: Because, Dark Bay or Brown Mare, by Den's Legacy out of Because of Me, by Whywhywhy. Foaled Mar 05, 2019 in Oklahoma.
Breeder: Victor L. Hanson
Owner: Pan Am Racing
Trainer: Cathcart, Steven

Claiming Prices: 3 - Vandoo: \$9,000; 1 - Sicilian Grandma: \$10,000; 4 - Nice Baby: \$10,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Getting Ahead (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$63,522

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Because	12.10	6.10	3.80	\$1.00 Exactor	5-7	15.60	41,028
7	Ashcar Nellie		3.70	2.60	\$0.20 Triactor	5-7-3	10.95	22,388
3	Vandoo			3.80	\$0.20 Pick 3	2-6-5 (3 correct)	16.22	2,628
					\$1.00 Daily Double	6-5	27.75	3,416
					\$1.00 Daily Double	6-6	3.30	0
					\$0.20 Superfecta	5-7-3-1	31.60	19,329

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin
5	Because	3	3 ¹	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}
7	Ashcar Nellie	2	5 ^{4 1/2}	5 ^{3 3/4}	4 ^{3/4}	2 ^{Head}
3	Vandoo	4	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	3 ^{1 1/2}
1	Sicilian Grandma	5	6 ^{6 1/2}	6 ^{7 3/4}	6 ^{3 1/4}	4 ^{2 1/2}
4	Nice Baby	1	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	5 ³
2	Forest B	6	4 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{2 1/4}	5 ^{1 3/4}	6 ⁸

Trainers: 5 - Cathcart, Steven; 7 - Buttigieg, Kevin; 3 - Humber, Joseph; 1 - Cathcart, Steven; 4 - Adamo, Anthony; 2 - Powell, Dale

Owners: 5 - Pan Am Racing; 7 - Colebrook Farms; 3 -Joy K. Elkins; 1 - Pan Am Racing; 4 - ICON Racing Stables; 2 -Dale Powell;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

BECAUSE stalked the early leaders, was a factor on the turn and from the five path at the top of the stretch fought gamely for the win. ASHCAR NELLIE was unhurried early and had a mild gain on the turn but from the eight path at the top of the stretch was outgunned. VANDOO set a pressured pace and had a slim lead on the turn but from the three path at the top of the stretch gave way. SICILIAN GRANDMA was off the pace, saved ground on the turn and was up for a share. NICE BABY was away alertly and forced the pace on the turn but from the four path at the top of the stretch had nothing left. FOREST B was off slow and moved up on the turn but from the six path at the top of the stretch faded.