

FORT ERIE - July 20, 2026 - Race 2

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NOT WON A RACE IN 2026 OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON FOUR RACES. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Claiming Price \$10,000, if for \$9,000, allowed 2 lbs. (Races Where Entered For \$8,000 Or Less Not Considered In Eligibility)(Waiver Claiming Exempt) (Colts And Geldings Preferred)(*Plus Up To \$810 Ontario Bred/Ontario Sired Breeders Awards). (C) **Claiming Price:** \$10,000 - \$9,000

Distance: Six And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Hey Cue - 1:14.33 - September 29, 2025)

All money values represented in Canadian currency unless noted otherwise

Purse: \$28,050

Includes: \$5,610 Ontario Sired / Bred Breeders Awards

Includes: \$3,740 State Bred

Available Money: \$28,050

Value of Race: \$21,107 (US\$15,058) 1st \$11,220 (US\$8,005) , 2nd \$4,862 (US\$3,469) , 3rd \$2,431 (US\$1,734) , 4th \$1,122 (US\$800) , 5th \$972 (US\$693) , 6th \$500 (US\$357)

Weather: Clear, 75° C **Track:** Fast

Off at: 5:18 **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	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
28Jun26 ² WO ³	2	Always a Way (Crawford, Juan)	124	L b	2	4	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{3 1/2}	1 ¹	1 ^{3 3/4}	1.15*	5-p str, drew clear
14Jun26 ⁶ FE ¹	5	Stirling Castle (Gaskin, Da-Sean)	122	L	5	3	2 ^{Head}	2 ¹	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ⁵	3.95	3-path str, no match
6Jul26 ³ FE ⁵	6	Mia and Me (Reyes, Luis)	124	L b	6	1	5 ^{1/2}	5 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{3 1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	22.20	4-p str, up for show
30Jun26 ⁴ FE ¹	1	Sea to Air (David, Michael)	122	f	1	5	3 ^{2 1/2}	3 ¹	3 ^{Head}	4 ^{3 1/2}	5.85	mild bid flattened out
12Jul26 ⁴ FE ¹	4	Forest Flash (Vanek, Helen)	122	b	4	2	1 ¹	1 ^{Head}	4 ¹	5 ^{4 1/4}	3.05	set pace, gave way
6Jul26 ⁶ FE ³	3	Heat Merchant (Cheyne, Brian)	124	L b	3	6	6	6	6	6	7.75	never in contention

Fractional Times: 22.86 45.78 1:10.96

Final Time: 1:17.51 **Time from Gate:** 1:18.41

Split Times: (22:92) (25:18) (6:55)

Run-Up: 16 feet

Winner: Always a Way, Bay Gelding, by Khozan out of Sense When, by Street Sense. Foaled Apr 20, 2021 in Florida.

Breeder: Kenneth D'Oyen

Owner: Newell, Michael and Vetere, Jim

Trainer: Ceccato, Sharon

Claiming Prices: 2 - Always a Way: \$10,000; 5 - Stirling Castle: \$9,000; 6 - Mia and Me: \$10,000; 1 - Sea to Air: \$9,000; 4 - Forest Flash: \$9,000; 3 - Heat Merchant: \$10,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$83,898

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
2	Always a Way	4.30	2.80	2.20	\$0.20 Triactor	2-5-6	15.67	32,948
5	Stirling Castle		3.20	2.80	\$1.00 Daily Double	1-2	7.25	8,058
6	Mia and Me			5.20	\$1.00 Exactor	2-5	8.35	53,777
					\$0.20 Superfecta	2-5-6-1	61.77	24,273

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
2	Always a Way	4	4 ^{3 1/2}	4 ²	1 ¹	1 ^{3 3/4}
5	Stirling Castle	3	2 ¹	2 ^{Head}	2 ¹	2 ^{3 3/4}
6	Mia and Me	1	5 ⁴	5 ^{5 1/2}	5 ^{3 1/2}	3 ^{8 3/4}
1	Sea to Air	5	3 ¹	3 ¹	3 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{9 1/4}
4	Forest Flash	2	1 ¹	1 ^{Head}	4 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{12 3/4}
3	Heat Merchant	6	6 ^{4 1/2}	6 ⁸	6 ⁷	6 ¹⁷

Trainers: 2 - Ceccato, Sharon; 5 - Adamo, Anthony; 6 - Humber, Joseph; 1 - Voyce, Jeff; 4 - Voyce, Jeff; 3 - Loescher, Paula

Owners: 2 - Newell, Michael and Vetere, Jim; 5 - Bermuda Blue Farm and ICON Racing Stables; 6 -Robert A. Elkins; 1 - Voyce, Robyn, Schuit, Malinda and MG Stables; 4 - Voyce, Jeff, McGirr, Jr., Herbert and Athoe, Greg; 3 -Christopher Michael Colalillo;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

ALWAYS A WAY was unhurried early, moved up on the turn and from the five path at the top of the stretch drew clear. STIRLING CASTLE stalked the early leader and was a factor on the turn but from the three path at the top of the stretch was no match for the winner. MIA AND ME was in range, roused on the turn and from the four path at the top of the stretch was up for show. SEA TO AIR was in touch and had a mild bid on the turn but flattened out in mid stretch. FOREST FLASH set the pace and had a slim lead on the turn but gave way at the top of the stretch. HEAT MERCHANT was off the pace, showed little and was never in contention.