

FORT ERIE - August 18, 2026 - Race 1

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 \$6,250, if for \$6,000, allowed 2 lbs. (Races Where Entered For \$5,000 Or Less Not Considered In Eligibility)(Waiver Claiming Exempt) (Colts And Geldings Preferred)(*Plus Up To \$540 Ontario Bred/Ontario Sired Breeders Awards). (C) **Claiming Price:** \$6,250 - \$6,000
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: \$24,375
Includes: \$4,875 Ontario Sired / Bred Breeders Awards
Includes: \$3,250 State Bred
Available Money: \$24,375
Value of Race: \$17,713 (US\$12,766) 1st \$9,750 (US\$7,027) , 2nd \$4,225 (US\$3,045) , 3rd \$1,625 (US\$1,171) , 4th \$1,268 (US\$914) , 5th \$845 (US\$609)
Weather: Cloudy, 77° C **Track:** Fast
Off at: 4:35 **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
27Jul26 ² FE ³	1	Fairway to Heaven (Sanchez, Alexis)	124	L b	1	4	1 ^{1/2}	1 ²	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{Head}	2.15	3-p str, fought gamely
27Jul26 ² FE ²	5	Blue Max (Johnson, Kirk)	122	b	5	1	3 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1 1/4}	3.25	5-p str, just missed
20Jul26 ² FE ⁶	4	Heat Merchant (Mosqueira, Ismael)	122	L b	4	3	5	5	4 ^{1/2}	3 ^{3/4}	5.15	7-p str, finished well
3Aug26 ² FE ³	2	Where Is Essa (Crawford, Juan)	122	L f	2	2	2 ¹	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{2 1/4}	1.35*	4-p str, needed more
11Aug26 ¹ FE ⁴	3	Happy Quad (Jadoo, Steve)	124	L b	3	5	4 ¹	4 ¹	5	5	12.95	6-p str, no response

Fractional Times: 23.68 47.17 1:11.95 **Final Time:** 1:18.68 **Time from Gate:** 1:19.59
Split Times: (23:49) (24:78) (6:73)
Run-Up: 16 feet

Winner: Fairway to Heaven, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by Girvin out of Absoulute Heaven, by Not For Love. Foaled Apr 01, 2021 in Florida.
Breeder: Tim Ahearn
Owner: Cathcart, Steven, Roberto, Joseph I., Blair, Guy Robert and Blair, Dan
Trainer: Cathcart, Steven

2 Claimed Horse(s): **Fairway to Heaven** New Trainer: Nick Guy Mileni, Jr. New Owner: Pasquale Saieva
 Heat Merchant New Trainer: Julie Mathes New Owner: David J. Mathes

Claiming Prices: 1 - Fairway to Heaven: \$6,250; 5 - Blue Max: \$6,000; 4 - Heat Merchant: \$6,000; 2 - Where Is Essa: \$6,000; 3 - Happy Quad: \$6,250;

Total WPS Pool: \$36,543

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Fairway to Heaven	6.30	3.90	3.00	\$0.20 Triactor	1-5-4	7.93	8,541
5	Blue Max		4.40	3.00	\$1.00 Exactor	1-5	15.05	19,010
4	Heat Merchant			3.30	\$0.20 Superfecta	1-5-4-2	17.85	4,871

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
1	Fairway to Heaven	4	1 ^{1/2}	1 ²	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{Head}
5	Blue Max	1	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ²	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{Head}
4	Heat Merchant	3	5 ³	5 ^{4 1/2}	4 ³	3 ^{1 1/4}
2	Where Is Essa	2	2 ^{1/2}	3 ²	3 ^{1 1/2}	4 ²
3	Happy Quad	5	4 ²	4 ^{3 1/2}	5 ^{3 1/2}	5 ^{4 1/4}

Trainers: 1 - Cathcart, Steven; 5 - Buttigieg, Kevin; 4 - Loescher, Paula; 2 - Ceccato, Sharon; 3 - Machesney, Cory

Owners: 1 - Cathcart, Steven, Roberto, Joseph I., Blair, Guy Robert and Blair, Dan; 5 -Kevin Buttigieg; 4 -Christopher Michael Colalillo; 2 - Vetere, Jim, Green, Michael Thomas and Ceccato, Sharon; 3 -Cory Brian Machesney;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

FAIRWAY TO HEAVEN showed speed from the inside, had a clear lead on the turn and from the three path at the top of the stretch fought gamely for the win. BLUE MAX was in range and had a good position on the turn but from the five path at the top of the stretch just missed. HEAT MERCHANT was in touch, raced evenly on the turn and from the seven path at the top of the stretch finished well. WHERE IS ESSA stalked the early leader and was a factor on the turn but from the four path at the top of the stretch needed more. HAPPY QUAD settled off the pace and was roused on the turn but from the six path at the top of the stretch had no late kick. A CLAIM OF FOUL BY THE RIDER ON WHERE IS ESSA AGAINST FAIRWAY TO HEAVEN FOR ALLEGED INTERFERENCE IN THE STRETCH WAS NOT ALLOWED.