

FORT ERIE - September 8, 2025 - Race 5

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NOT WON A RACE IN 2025 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 Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Set in Stone - 1:08.18 - June 15, 2010)

All money values represented in Canadian currency unless noted otherwise

Purse: \$22,650

Includes: \$4,530 Ontario Sired / Bred Breeders Awards

Includes: \$3,020 State Bred

Available Money: \$22,650

Value of Race: \$18,618 (US\$13,457) 1st \$11,778 (US\$8,513) , 2nd \$3,020 (US\$2,183) , 3rd \$1,510 (US\$1,091) , 4th \$906 (US\$655) , 5th \$604 (US\$437) , 6th \$400 (US\$289) , 7th \$400 (US\$289)

Weather: Cloudy, 64° C **Track:** Fast

Off at: 5:02 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

EQUIBASE



[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
25Aug25 ⁴ FE ²	1	Where Is Essa (Crawford, Juan)	122	L f	1	5	¹ Head	¹ Head	² 1/2	¹ Head	4.05	set pace fought gamely
5Aug25 ⁶ FE ¹	2	Ok Speedy (Zenteno, Edgar)	120	L	2	4	² Head	² Head	¹ Head	² 1/2	7.80	3p 2nd best gd effort
25Aug25 ⁴ FE ⁴	5	Heat Merchant (Salles, Leo)	122	L b	5	7	6 ¹	4 ²	4 ¹	3 ³ 1/2	7.40	5-p str, finished well
25Aug25 ⁴ FE ⁵	7	Rye's My Guy (Johnson, Kirk)	124	L f	7	1	7	6 ¹ 1/2	5 ¹ 1/2	4 ¹ 1/2	30.15	svd grnd, up for share
25Aug25 ⁴ FE ¹	3	Nameofthegame (Mosqueira, Ismael)	124	L b	3	3	3 ¹	3 ¹	3 ^{Head}	5 ¹	1.40*	4-p str, nothing left
26Aug25 ⁶ FE ²	4	Half to Reload (Pinto, Melanie)	124	L b	4	6	⁵ Head	⁵ Head	6 ¹	6 ⁵ 1/4	2.70	5-p str, no response
25Aug25 ⁴ FE ³	6	Wet and Wild (Husbands, Christopher)	122	L bf	6	2	4 ¹ 1/2	7	7	7	14.65	7-p str, not a factor

Fractional Times: 22.25 44.79 57.11

Final Time: 1:10.24

Split Times: (22:54) (12:32) (13:13)

Run-Up: 42 feet

Winner: Where Is Essa, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by Signature Red out of Where Is Egbert, by Where's the Ring. Foaled Mar 14, 2019 in ON.

Breeder: Paul Buttigieg

Owner: Vetere, Jim, Green, Michael Thomas and Ceccato, Sharon

Trainer: Ceccato, Sharon

Claiming Prices: 1 - Where Is Essa: \$9,000; 2 - Ok Speedy: \$10,000; 5 - Heat Merchant: \$9,000; 7 - Rye's My Guy: \$10,000; 3 - Nameofthegame: \$10,000; 4 - Half to Reload: \$10,000; 6 - Wet and Wild: \$9,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$54,473

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Where Is Essa	10.10	4.90	3.40	\$0.20 Pick 3	1-3-1 (3 correct)	18.57	4,129
2	Ok Speedy		8.00	5.50	\$0.20 Pick 4	2-1-3-1 (4 correct)	95.43	14,219
5	Heat Merchant			4.50	\$0.20 Pick 5	1-2-1-3-1 (5 correct)	192.76	16,957
					\$0.20 Triactor	1-2-5	37.72	25,973
					\$1.00 Daily Double	3-1	42.35	4,432
					\$1.00 Exactor	1-2	26.90	36,717
					\$0.20 Superfecta	1-2-5-7	174.42	14,943

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
1	Where Is Essa	5	¹ Head	¹ Head	² Head	¹ Head
2	Ok Speedy	4	² Head	² Head	¹ Head	² Head
5	Heat Merchant	7	6 ¹ 3/4	4 ¹ 1/4	4 ³ 4	3 ¹ 2
7	Rye's My Guy	1	7 ² 3/4	6 ³ 1/4	5 ¹ 3/4	4 ⁴
3	Nameofthegame	3	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	3 ¹ 2	5 ⁴ 1/2
4	Half to Reload	6	5 ¹ 3/4	5 ³ 1/4	6 ³ 1/4	6 ⁵ 1/2
6	Wet and Wild	2	4 ¹ 1/4	7 ⁴ 3/4	7 ⁴ 1/4	7 ¹⁰ 3/4

Trainers: 1 - Ceccato, Sharon; 2 - Mileni, Jr., Nick; 5 - Rabstein, Claudia; 7 - Newland, George; 3 - Newland, George; 4 - Blake, Michael; 6 - Capi, Louis

Owners: 1 - Vetere, Jim, Green, Michael Thomas and Ceccato, Sharon; 2 - Bruno Schickedanz; 5 - Kowloon Tong Racing Stable, Inc.; 7 - Lincoln V C Radhay; 3 - Suresh Ramroop; 4 - Ascot Stud, Enns, Amanda R., Blake, Sr., Michael S., Stocker-Parks, Rachel and Stout, Mark; 6 - Louie M. Capi;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

WHERE IS ESSA set a pressured pace, had a slim lead on the turn, vied through the stretch and fought gamely for the win. OK SPEEDY forced the pace, was a factor from between foes on the turn and from the three path at the top of the stretch was second best in a good effort. HEAT MERCHANT was off the pace, moved up on the turn and from the five path at the top of the stretch finished well. RYE'S MY GUY was unhurried early, saved ground on the turn and was up for a share. NAMEOFTHEGAME dueled early and forced the pace on the turn but from the four path at the top of the stretch had nothing left. HALF TO RELOAD was in touch and roused on the turn but from the five path at the top of the stretch had no response. WET AND WILD was in range but lost ground on the turn and from the seven path at the top of the stretch was not a factor.