

FORT ERIE - September 15, 2026 - Race 7

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 \$5,000, if for \$4,750, allowed 2 lbs. (Races Where Entered For \$4,000 Or Less Not Considered In Eligibility)(Waiver Claiming Exempt) (Colts And Geldings Preferred)(Limited to 10 starters)(*Plus Up To \$540 Ontario Bred/Ontario Sired Breeders Awards). If deemed inadvisable by management to run on the turf, this race will be run at a distance of Six and One Half Furlongs on the main track. (C) **Claiming Price:** \$5,000 - \$4,750
Distance: About Seven Furlongs On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (National Hero - 1:21.96 - June 3, 2007)

All money values represented in Canadian currency unless noted otherwise

Purse: \$20,250

Includes: \$4,050 Ontario Sired / Bred Breeders Awards

Includes: \$2,700 State Bred

Available Money: \$20,250

Value of Race: \$15,810 (US\$11,374) 1st \$8,100 (US\$5,827) , 2nd \$3,510 (US\$2,525) , 3rd \$1,350 (US\$971) , 4th \$810 (US\$583) , 5th \$540 (US\$388) , 6th \$500 (US\$360) , 7th \$500 (US\$360) , 8th \$500 (US\$360)

Weather: Clear, 70° C Track: Firm

Off at: 3:14 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
31Aug26 ⁶ FE ⁸	2	Gus's Gamble (Johnson, Kirk)	124 L f	2	2	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ³	1 ⁸	1.40*	set pace much the best
31Aug26 ⁶ FE ⁴	4	Hardware Gap (Salles, Leo)	123 L b	4	3	5 ¹ 2	4 ^{Head}	4 ¹ 1/2	2 ¹ 2	3.95	5-p str, up for place
30Aug26 ³ FE ³	6	Berkus (FR) (Mailhot, Pierre)	122 L bf	6	4	2 ¹ 2	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{Nose}	10.50	3-p str, held show
31Aug26 ¹ FE ¹	3	Bongino (David, Michael)	124 L b	3	5	6 ⁶	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	4 ³ 1/4	3.85	4-p str, needed more
4Sep26 ⁵ WO ⁶	5	Bill Needle (Forde, Xarel)	122 L bf	5	6	7 ⁵	7 ⁷	6 ¹ 2	5 ²	8.90	6-p str, no threat
31Aug26 ³ FE ¹	8	Boston Bay (Gaskin, Da-Sean)	122 L bf	7	7	4 ¹ 2	5 ¹ 2	5 ¹	6 ⁵	10.55	svd grd failed to fire
17Aug26 ¹ FE ⁵	1	Jack Beanstalk (Bynoe, Desean)	124 L f	1	1	3 ¹ 2	6 ³ 1/2	7 ¹⁵	7	20.10	chased, not a factor
31Aug26 ³ FE ⁶	9	Final Run for Love (Cheyne, Brian)	122 L bf	8	8	8	8	8	---	13.30	outdistancd walked off

Fractional Times: 23.48 46.55 1:10.76 Final Time: 1:23.25 Time from Gate: 1:29.18

Split Times: (23:07) (24:21) (12:49)

Run-Up: 235 feet

Winner: Gus's Gamble, Bay Gelding, by Gamble's Exchange out of Tree Pose, by Old Forester. Foaled May 01, 2019 in ON.

Breeder: Gus Diakouloukas

Owner: Six Brothers Stable

Trainer: Albu, Ken

Claiming Prices: 2 - Gus's Gamble: \$5,000; 4 - Hardware Gap: \$4,750; 6 - Berkus (FR): \$4,750; 3 - Bongino: \$5,000; 5 - Bill Needle: \$4,750; 8 - Boston Bay: \$4,750; 1 - Jack Beanstalk: \$5,000; 9 - Final Run for Love: \$4,750;

Scratched Horse(s): Celentano (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$53,181

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool	Carryover
2	Gus's Gamble	4.80	3.00	2.50	\$0.20 Pick 3	1/2-5-2/7 (3 correct)	27.02	15,583	
4	Hardware Gap		4.40	3.40	\$0.20 Pick 4	5-1/2-5-2/7 (4 correct)	157.90	22,249	
6	Berkus (FR)			6.50	\$0.20 Pick 5	8-5-1/2-5-2/7 (5 correct)	655.33	18,609	
					\$0.20 Triactor	2-4-6	16.42	21,317	
					\$1.00 Daily Double	5-2	69.70	8,906	
					\$0.20 Super High Five	2-4-6-3-5	89.57	1,940	1,589
					Jackpot				
					\$1.00 Exactor	2-4	8.10	33,807	
					\$0.20 Superfecta	2-4-6-3	59.09	13,079	

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
2	Gus's Gamble	2	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ³	1 ⁸
4	Hardware Gap	3	5 ³	4 ³	4 ³ 1/4	2 ⁸
6	Berkus (FR)	4	2 ¹ 1/2	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ³	3 ⁸ 1/2
3	Bongino	5	6 ³ 1/2	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ³	4 ⁸ 1/2
5	Bill Needle	6	7 ⁹ 1/2	7 ⁷ 1/4	6 ⁵ 3/4	5 ¹¹ 3/4
8	Boston Bay	7	4 ² 1/2	5 ³ 1/4	5 ⁴ 3/4	6 ¹³ 3/4
1	Jack Beanstalk	1	3 ²	6 ³ 3/4	7 ⁶ 1/4	7 ¹⁸ 3/4
9	Final Run for Love	8	8 ¹⁴ 1/2	8 ¹⁴ 1/4	8 ²¹ 1/4	---

Trainers: 2 - Albu, Ken; 4 - Agostino, Roy; 6 - Neubauer, Michaela; 3 - Mileni, Jr., Nick; 5 - Humber, Joseph; 8 - Humber, Joseph; 1 - Maynard, Desmond; 9 - Agostino, Roy

Owners: 2 - Six Brothers Stable; 4 - Even Steven Stables, Ltd.; 6 -Laurie C. Norris; 3 -Bruno Schickedanz; 5 -Joseph Humber; 8 -Joy K. Elkins; 1 - Maynard, D. and Dohnalova, N.; 9 -Amanda E. Ezra;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

GUS'S GAMBLE set the pace, took command on the far turn and was much the best. HARDWARE GAP was in touch, had a mild gain on the far turn and from the five path at the top of the stretch was up for place. BERKUS (FR) stalked the early leader, raced evenly from the inside on the far turn and from the three path at the top of the stretch held show. BONGINO was in mid pack and a factor on the far turn but from the four path at the top of the stretch needed more. BILL NEEDLE was off the pace and closed the gap on the far turn but from the six path at the top of the stretch was no threat. BOSTON BAY was in range and saved ground on the far turn but failed to fire. JACK BEANSTALK tracked the early leaders from the inside but chased on the far turn and was not a factor. FINAL RUN FOR LOVE was well back, showed little, was outdistanced and walked off.

Track Attendance: 0

Handle: \$24,368

