

FORT ERIE - September 21, 2026 - Race 4



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 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: \$24,375
Includes: \$4,875 Ontario Sired / Bred Breeders Awards
Includes: \$3,250 State Bred
Available Money: \$24,375

[Video Race Replay](#)

Value of Race: \$17,075 (US\$12,208) 1st \$9,750 (US\$6,971) , 2nd \$3,250 (US\$2,324) , 3rd \$1,625 (US\$1,162) , 4th \$975 (US\$697) , 5th \$975 (US\$697) , 6th \$500 (US\$357)

Weather: Cloudy, 60° C **Track:** Fast
Off at: 1:45 **Start:** Good for all except 5 **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
15Sep26 ⁵ FE ²	2	Cantucci (Crawford, Juan)	122 b	2 3		2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Neck}	2.85	4-p str, fought gamely
18Aug26 ¹ FE ³	1	Heat Merchant (Johnson, Kirk)	122 L b	1 5		1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	5.35	3-p str, outgunned
15Sep26 ⁵ FE ¹	6	A La Carte (Vanek, Helen)	124 L b	6 1		3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ²	3 ¹	3 ^{1 1/2}	1.00*	6-p str, outfinished
7Sep26 ² FE ¹	3	Awe Inspired (Mailhot, Pierre)	122 L b	3 4		4 ^{Head}	4 ^{4 1/2}	4 ³	4 ⁷	8.40	5-p str, needed more
24Aug26 ⁸ FE ⁵	5	Cooler Man (Cheyne, Brian)	124 L b	5 6		6	6	5 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{5 3/4}	8.85	off slow, not a factor
28Aug26 ⁴ WO ⁸	4	Absolute Chairman (Douglas, Christoff)	117 L b	4 2		5 ⁴	5 ¹	6	6	10.30	lost ground, empty

Fractional Times: 22.15 44.84 57.32 **Final Time:** 1:10.97 **Time from Gate:** 1:12.68
Split Times: (22:69) (12:48) (13:65)
Run-Up: 42 feet

Winner: Cantucci, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by Souper Speedy out of Tallievision, by Court Vision. Foaled Mar 22, 2021 in ON.
Breeder: Ralph Biamonte
Owner: Alan Bird
Trainer: Bird, Alan

Claiming Prices: 2 - Cantucci: \$6,000; 1 - Heat Merchant: \$6,000; 6 - A La Carte: \$6,250; 3 - Awe Inspired: \$6,000; 5 - Cooler Man: \$6,250; 4 - Absolute Chairman: \$6,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$36,856

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
2	Cantucci	7.70	3.90	2.10	\$0.20 Pick 3	1-4-2 (3 correct)	3.68	7,447
1	Heat Merchant		4.50	2.40	\$0.20 Pick 4	4-1-4-2 (4 correct)	43.49	22,059
6	A La Carte			2.10	\$0.20 Triactor	2-1-6	5.72	16,183
					\$1.00 Daily Double	4-2	9.10	5,602
					\$1.00 Exactor	2-1	14.70	24,396
					\$0.20 Superfecta	2-1-6-3	14.48	10,730

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
2	Cantucci	3	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Neck}
1	Heat Merchant	5	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Neck}
6	A La Carte	1	3 ¹	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{Neck}
3	Awe Inspired	4	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{2 1/4}	4 ^{1 1/4}	4 ^{1 3/4}
5	Cooler Man	6	6 ^{6 1/2}	6 ^{7 3/4}	5 ^{4 1/4}	5 ^{8 3/4}
4	Absolute Chairman	2	5 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{6 3/4}	6 ^{5 3/4}	6 ^{14 1/2}

Trainers: 2 - Bird, Alan; 1 - Mathes, Julie; 6 - Mileni, Jr., Nick; 3 - Davis, Richard; 5 - Agostino, Roy; 4 - Palmer, Kerron

Owners: 2 -Alan Bird; 1 -David J. Mathes; 6 -Bruno Schickedanz; 3 -Trevor Shand; 5 -Mary-Lynn A. Agostino; 4 - Radcliffe Racing Stable;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

CANTUCCI showed speed from the inside, forced the pace on the turn and with the lead from the four in mid stretch fought gamely for the win. HEAT MERCHANT was hustled from the rail, had a slim lead on the turn and vied from the three path through the stretch but was outgunned. A LA CARTE was away alertly and a factor on the turn but from the six path at the top of the stretch was outfinished. AWE INSPIRED was in touch and roused on the turn but from the five path at the top of the stretch needed more. COOLER MAN was off slow and had a mild gain on the turn but from the four path at the top of the stretch was not a factor. ABSOLUTE CHAIRMAN was up close early but lost ground on the turn and was empty.