

FORT ERIE - October 7, 2025 - Race 3

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 \$4,000 (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:** \$4,000
Distance: Six And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt - Originally Scheduled For About 7 Furlongs On Turf **Current Track Record:** (Hey Cue - 1:14.33 - September 29, 2025)

All money values represented in Canadian currency unless noted otherwise

Purse: \$15,300
Includes: \$3,060 Ontario Sired / Bred Breeders Awards
Includes: \$2,040 State Bred
Available Money: \$15,300

Value of Race: \$13,934 (US\$9,994) 1st \$9,180 (US\$6,584) , 2nd \$2,040 (US\$1,463) , 3rd \$1,020 (US\$732) , 4th \$612 (US\$439) , 5th \$582 (US\$417) , 6th \$500 (US\$359)

Weather: Rainy, 66° C **Track:** Sloppy (Sealed)
Off at: 1:25 **Start:** Good for all except 4,5 **Timing Method:** Electronic



Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
30Sep25 ³ FE ⁷	2	Gus's Gamble (Johnson, Kirk)	124 L f	2 2		1 ¹	1 ^{3 1/2}	1 ⁵	1 ^{8 1/2}	2.25	3-p str, much the best
2Sep25 ⁶ FE ¹	6	Bongino (Salles, Leo)	124 L b	5 3		3 ^{2 1/2}	3 ³	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	4.20	5-path str, no match
23Sep25 ¹ FE ³	4	Bill Needle (Husbands, Christopher)	124 L bf	3 6		5 ^{1/2}	4 ¹	4 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1 3/4}	1.55*	off slow, up for show
29Sep25 ² FE ⁴	7	Exceed (Crawford, Juan)	124 L bf	6 1		2 ³	2 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{2 1/2}	12.45	4-p str, leveled off
30Sep25 ³ FE ¹	5	Rescue That Girl (Sanchez, Alexis)	124 L	4 4		4 ¹	6	6	5 ^{1 1/2}	6.35	stmbld start no impact
30Sep25 ³ FE ⁵	1	Society Joe (Kerr, Cheyenne)	119 L	1 5		6	5 ^{1/2}	5 ¹	6	8.50	svd grnd, not a factor

Fractional Times: 23.04 46.54 1:12.26 **Final Time:** 1:18.92
Split Times: (23:50) (25:72) (6:66)
Run-Up: 16 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 Diakoulukas
Owner: Six Brothers Stable
Trainer: Albu, Ken

Claiming Prices: 2 - Gus's Gamble: \$4,000; 6 - Bongino: \$4,000; 4 - Bill Needle: \$4,000; 7 - Exceed: \$4,000; 5 - Rescue That Girl: \$4,000; 1 - Society Joe: \$4,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Stormin Dave (Stewards)

Total WPS Pool: \$47,823

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
2	Gus's Gamble	6.50	3.70	2.30	\$0.20 Pick 3	3-1-2 (3 correct)	23.36	14,065
6	Bongino		4.40	2.80	\$0.20 Triactor	2-6-4	5.21	21,528
4	Bill Needle			2.10	\$1.00 Daily Double	1-2	14.70	4,348
					\$1.00 Exactor	2-6	12.15	37,236
					\$0.20 Superfecta	2-6-4-7	17.70	13,796

Past Performance Running Line Preview

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2	Gus's Gamble	2	1 ¹	1 ^{3 1/2}	1 ⁵	1 ^{8 1/2}
6	Bongino	3	3 ⁴	3 ⁵	2 ⁵	2 ^{8 1/2}
4	Bill Needle	6	5 ^{7 1/2}	4 ⁸	4 ^{6 1/2}	3 ^{8 1/2}
7	Exceed	1	2 ¹	2 ^{3 1/2}	3 ⁵	4 ^{10 1/4}
5	Rescue That Girl	4	4 ^{6 1/2}	6 ^{9 1/2}	6 ⁹	5 ^{12 3/4}
1	Society Joe	5	6 ⁸	5 ⁹	5 ⁸	6 ^{14 1/4}

Trainers: 2 - Albu, Ken; 6 - Mileni, Jr., Nick; 4 - Humber, Joseph; 7 - Roberts, Kristina; 5 - Cathcart, Steven; 1 - Spada, Lauren

Owners: 2 - Six Brothers Stable; 6 -Bruno Schickedanz; 4 -Eleanor Toneguzzo; 7 -Joy K. Elkins; 5 -Candice Warwick; 1 -Katherine Ruth Morrissette;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

GUS'S GAMBLE set the pace, took command on the turn and from the three path at the top of the stretch was much the best. BONGINO was in touch and hustled along on the turn but from the five path at the top of the stretch was no match for the winner. BILL NEEDLE was off slow, had a mild on the turn and from the seven path at the top of the stretch was up for show. EXCEED showed early speed from the outside and had a good position on the turn but from the four path at the top of the stretch leveled off. RESCUE THAT GIRL stumbled at the start, trailed the field on the turn and had no impact. SOCIETY JOE was hustled early and saved ground on the turn but was not a factor.