

FORT ERIE - October 7, 2025 - Race 7

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 \$6,250, if for \$6,000, allowed 2 lbs. (Races Where Entered For \$5,000 Or Less Not Considered Ineligibility)(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: \$21,150

Includes: \$4,230 Ontario Sired / Bred Breeders Awards

Includes: \$2,820 State Bred

Available Money: \$21,150

Value of Race: \$15,882 (US\$11,391) 1st \$8,460 (US\$6,067) , 2nd \$2,820 (US\$2,022) , 3rd \$1,410 (US\$1,011) , 4th \$846 (US\$607) , 5th \$846 (US\$607) , 6th \$500 (US\$359) , 7th \$500 (US\$359) , 8th \$500 (US\$359)

Weather: Showery, 66° C **Track:** Sloppy (Sealed)

Off at: 3:33 **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
16Sep25 ⁵ FE ²	1	Paperback Hero (Salles, Leo)	122	L b	1	7	¹ Head	¹ Head	¹	¹ ²	1.70	vied str, held sway
16Sep25 ⁵ FE ³	7	Always a Way (Crawford, Juan)	122	L b	6	6	8	8	8	² ¹ 1/2	12.10	9-p str, rallied late
15Sep25 ⁴ FE ²	6	Rye's My Guy (Johnson, Kirk)	124	L	5	3	⁴ Head	⁴ ¹	² 1/2	³ Neck	9.25	5-path str, held show
15Sep25 ⁴ FE ³	4	Big Time Louie (Kerr, Cheyenne)	117	b	3	1	³ ¹	³ Head	³ ¹	⁴ ¹ 3/4	15.50	4-p str, leveled off
22Sep25 ⁴ FE ¹	5	Star Scholar (Vandermeersch, Amanda)	124	L	4	2	⁵ ¹	⁵ ¹	⁵ ¹	⁵ ¹	20.55	6-p str, no late kick
2Sep25 ¹ FE ¹	9	Ernie's Martini (Husbands, Christopher)	124	L f	8	4	⁶ Head	⁶ ¹	⁷ Head	⁶ ⁵	6.55	7p str, no real threat
23Sep25 ⁶ FE ⁴	3	Nichiren (Gaskin, Da-Sean)	122	L bf	2	5	² Head	² Head	⁴ ¹	⁷ ² 3/4	31.15	3-p str, flattened out
2Sep25 ¹ FE ²	8	Commander Joe (Forde, Xarel)	117	L bf	7	8	⁷ ¹	⁷ ³	⁶ ¹	8	1.55*	unhurried, outrun

Fractional Times: 22.81 46.36 58.56

Final Time: 1:11.58

Split Times: (23:55) (12:20) (13:02)

Run-Up: 42 feet

Winner: Paperback Hero, Bay Gelding, by Speightster out of Page Dancer, by Hennessy. Foaled Apr 18, 2018 in Kentucky.

Breeder: C. Kidder, N. Cole & B. Kidder

Owner: Reginald Johnston

Trainer: Agostino, Roy

1 Claimed Horse(s): Commander Joe

New Trainer: Nick Guy Mileni, Jr.

New Owner: Nick Guy Mileni, Jr.

Claiming Prices: 1 - Paperback Hero: \$6,000; 7 - Always a Way: \$6,000; 6 - Rye's My Guy: \$6,250; 4 - Big Time Louie: \$6,000; 5 - Star Scholar: \$6,250; 9 - Ernie's Martini: \$6,250; 3 - Nichiren: \$6,000; 8 - Commander Joe: \$6,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Its Just Money (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$48,664

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool	Carryover
1	Paperback Hero	5.40	3.20	2.40	\$0.20 Pick 3	4-2/3/4-1 (3 correct)	12.50	9,581	
7	Always a Way		8.00	4.50	\$0.20 Pick 4	4/7-4-2/3/4-1 (4 correct)	50.95	25,199	
6	Rye's My Guy			4.60	\$0.20 Pick 5	2-4/7-4-2/3/4-1 (5 correct)	144.60	24,296	
					\$0.20 Triactor	1-7-6	22.63	22,307	
					\$1.00 Daily Double	3-1	11.50	9,697	
					\$0.20 Super High Five	1-7-6-4-5	415.59	3,726	12,408
					Jackpot				
					\$1.00 Exactor	1-7	18.15	35,362	
					\$0.20 Superfecta	1-7-6-4	114.04	13,354	

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
1	Paperback Hero	7	¹ Head	¹ Head	¹	¹ ²
7	Always a Way	6	⁸ ³ 1/2	⁸ ⁶ 1/4	⁸ ⁵ 1/2	² ²
6	Rye's My Guy	3	⁴ ¹ 1/4	⁴ Neck	² ¹	³ ³ 1/2
4	Big Time Louie	1	³ Head	³ Head	³ ¹ 1/2	⁴ ³ 3/4
5	Star Scholar	2	⁵ ¹ 1/4	⁵ ¹ 1/4	⁵ ³ 1/2	⁵ ⁵ 1/2
9	Ernie's Martini	4	⁶ ² 1/4	⁶ ² 1/4	⁷ ⁵ 1/2	⁶ ⁶ 1/2
3	Nichiren	5	² Head	² Head	⁴ ² 1/2	⁷ ¹¹ 1/2
8	Commander Joe	8	⁷ ² 1/2	⁷ ³ 1/4	⁶ ⁴ 1/2	⁸ ¹⁴ 1/4

Trainers: 1 - Agostino, Roy; 7 - Ceccato, Sharon; 6 - Newland, George; 4 - Agostino, Roy; 5 - Simms, John; 9 - Buttigieg, Kevin; 3 - Johnston, Marilyn; 8 - Adamo, Anthony

Owners: 1 -Reginald Johnston; 7 - Newell, Michael and Vetere, Jim; 6 -Lincoln V C Radhay; 4 - Even Steven Stables, Ltd.; 5 - Carpenter, Denise and Simms, John; 9 - Buttigieg, Kevin and Snowden, Doug; 3 -Marilyn Johnston; 8 - ICON Racing Stables;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

PAPERBACK HERO was hustled from the inside, had a slim lead on the turn, vied through the stretch and held sway. ALWAYS A WAY was well back, closed the gap on the turn and from the nine path at the top of the stretch rallied late. RYE'S MY GUY was in range, dueled on the turn and from the five path at the top of the stretch held show. BIG TIME LOUIE was away alertly and forced the pace on the turn but from the four path at the top of the stretch leveled off. STAR SCHOLAR was in touch and raced evenly on the turn but from the six path at the top of the stretch had no late kick. ERNIE'S MARTINI was off the pace and had a mild gain on the turn but from the seven path at the top of the stretch was no real threat. NICHIREN was up close early and a factor on the turn but from the three path at the top of the stretch flattened out. COMMANDER JOE was unhurried early and showed little while outrun.

Track Attendance: 0

Off Track Wagering

Handle: \$21,985

Handle: \$889,136