

FAIR GROUNDS - January 4, 2026 - Race 2

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES. Weight, 124 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race At A Mile Or Over Since December 4 Allowed 3 lbs. Claiming Price \$5,000. (NW3 L) **Claiming Price:** \$5,000
Distance: One Mile And Seventy Yards On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Shared Sense - 1:39.91 - March 24, 2022)
Purse: \$14,000
Includes: \$4,000 Other Sources
Plus: \$3,000 ALBSS-Accredited LA Bred Slot Supplement
Available Money: \$17,000
Value of Race: \$14,000 1st \$8,400, 2nd \$2,800, 3rd \$1,540, 4th \$840, 5th \$420
Weather: Cloudy, 64° **Track:** Fast
Off at: 1:17 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic



Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
14Dec25 ¹ FG ³	3	Steel Venom (Castillo, Isaac)	121	L f	2	2	4 ²	4 ²	3 1/2	2 ¹	1 ² 3/4	0.70*	track3w, bid, driving
14Dec25 ¹ FG ⁶	2	License to Steal (Rea, Hunter)	116	L	1	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 ¹	2 ^{Head}	20.70	yield1/8, held 2nd
26Oct25 ⁷ HAW ⁵	6	Crecencio (Cannon, Declan)	121	L b	4	5	5	5	5	5	3 ¹	29.50	trailed, rallied 5w
14Dec25 ¹ FG ²	5	Lil Bro Coop (Concepcion, Axel)	121	L b	3	4	3 ^{Head}	3 1/2	4 ¹	4 1/2	4 ¹ 1/4	2.40	rated ins, no menace
26Dec25 ¹ FG ²	7	Dr. Niko (Lopez, Paco)	121	L b	5	3	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ¹	2 1/2	3 1/2	5	2.50	svgrnd, press, faded

Fractional Times: 24.67 49.56 1:14.91 1:40.43 **Final Time:** 1:44.59
Split Times: (24:89) (25:35) (25:52) (4:16)
Run-Up: 32 feet

Winner: Steel Venom, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by [Vekoma](#) out of Shes So Savvy, by Bodemeister. Foaled Apr 27, 2022 in Kentucky.

VEKOMA Winner's sire standing at Spendthrift

Breeder: Barry Butzow & Joni Butzow
Owner: Maggi Moss
Trainer: Amoss, Thomas

1 Claimed Horse(s): **Steel Venom** New Trainer: George Leonard III New Owner: Paw Paw Pretty Girls Racing LLC

Claiming Prices: 3 - Steel Venom: \$5,000; 2 - License to Steal: \$5,000; 6 - Crecencio: \$5,000; 5 - Lil Bro Coop: \$5,000; 7 - Dr. Niko: \$5,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Battleoflexington (Veterinarian), Concentration (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$62,019

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
3	Steel Venom	3.40	2.80	2.40	\$1.00 Daily Double	7-3	2.50	14,335
2	License to Steal		8.80	5.80	\$1.00 Exacta	3-2	15.30	28,819
6	Crecencio			5.80	\$0.10 Superfecta	3-2-6-5	14.96	13,730
					\$0.50 Trifecta	3-2-6	39.00	23,249

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
3	Steel Venom	2	4 ²	4 ²	3 ¹	2 ¹	1 ² 3/4
2	License to Steal	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 ¹	2 ² 3/4
6	Crecencio	5	5 ⁴	5 ⁴	5 ² 1/2	5 ³	3 ² 3/4
5	Lil Bro Coop	4	3 ²	3 ¹ 1/2	4 ¹ 1/2	4 ² 1/2	4 ³ 3/4
7	Dr. Niko	3	2 ¹ 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	3 ²	5 ⁵

Trainers: 3 - Amoss, Thomas; 2 - Rodriguez, Eduardo; 6 - Lopez, Elias; 5 - Sanchez, Juan; 7 - Claire, Alexis

Owners: 3 -Maggi Moss; 2 - Ismael Thoroughbreds LLC; 6 - Lopez Racing Stable, Inc.; 5 - J. Patrick Lee Racing LLC; 7 - Alexis Claire Racing Services LLC, Pinnacle Racing Stable LLC and Dice Table Racing Stable LLC;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

STEEL VENOM opted to track the pace three wide, slowly closed in the upper stretch to take charge at the eighth, kicked on through the finish. LICENSE TO STEAL was quick to set a pressured pace, grudgingly gave way at the eighth, just held for second place. CRECENCIO settled back to trail the pack, rallied five wide down the stretch for a competitive finish. LIL BRO COOP was rated along the inside, weakened in the stretch, failed to menace. DR. NIKO saved ground to pressure the early pace, faded to trail by the eighth.