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**FAIR GROUNDS - February 27, 2026 - Race 4**

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES. Weight, 124 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race

Since January 27 Allowed 3 lbs. Claiming Price \$5,000. (NW3 L) **Claiming Price:** \$5,000

**Distance:** Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Mountain General - 1:08.03 - November 28, 2002)

**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, 72° **Track:** Sloppy (Sealed)

**Off at:** 2:20 **Start:** Good for all except 3 **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
18Jan26 <sup>2</sup> FG <sup>4</sup>	3	Dr. Niko (Nieves, Emanuel)	121	L b	2	6	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	2 <sup>4</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	1 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	3.60	slow, press, bid3/16
16Feb26 <sup>4</sup> FG <sup>1</sup>	8	Byword (Vives, Sofia)	124	L b	6	4	6	5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	2 <sup>1</sup>	2.60	outs upr, rallied well
14Feb26 <sup>8</sup> DED <sup>6</sup>	6	Willingness (Hernandez, Javier)	116	L b	4	5	3 <sup>1</sup>	4 <sup>2</sup>	4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	3 <sup>Neck</sup>	17.60	ins turn, 3w, up show
12Feb26 <sup>3</sup> FG <sup>5</sup>	1	D Coldest (Riquelme, Jose)	121	L f	1	2	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	2 <sup>2</sup>	4 <sup>6</sup> / <sub>1/4</sub>	6.30	ins, yld3/16, flatnd
11Feb26 <sup>9</sup> DED <sup>1</sup>	5	Storm Sniper (Magnon, Devin)	124	L bf	3	1	4 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>Head</sup>	5 <sup>4</sup>	5 <sup>9</sup> / <sub>1/4</sub>	4.00	mid pack, 4w, no bid
12Feb26 <sup>3</sup> FG <sup>2</sup>	7	Highstakes Hustler (McMahon, C.J.)	121	L	5	3	5 <sup>1</sup>	6	6	6	2.00*	off pace, trailed 1/4

**Fractional Times:** 22.50 45.98 58.17

**Final Time:** 1:11.15

**Split Times:** (23:48) (12:19) (12:98)

**Run-Up:** 71 feet

**Winner:** Dr. Niko, Gray or Roan Gelding, by Constitution out of Nickel, by Unbridled's Song. Foaled Mar 15, 2022 in Kentucky.

**Breeder:** Rigney Racing, LLC

**Owner:** Alexis Claire Racing Services LLC, Pinnacle Racing Stable LLC and Dice Table Racing Stable LLC

**Trainer:** Claire, Alexis

**Claiming Prices:** 3 - Dr. Niko: \$5,000; 8 - Byword: \$5,000; 6 - Willingness: \$5,000; 1 - D Coldest: \$5,000; 5 - Storm Sniper: \$5,000; 7 - Highstakes Hustler: \$5,000;

**Scratched Horse(s):** Baby's Last Dance (Stewards), Cloud Without Rein (Veterinarian), Homeland Messa (Stewards)

**Total WPS Pool:** \$58,392

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
3	Dr. Niko	9.20	4.80	2.80	\$0.50 Pick 3	1-7-3 (3 correct)	29.50	5,941
8	Byword		3.80	2.80	\$1.00 Daily Double	7-3	26.80	6,012
6	Willingness			5.40	\$1.00 Exacta	3-8	18.20	36,846
					\$0.10 Superfecta	3-8-6-1	34.85	11,271
					\$0.50 Trifecta	3-8-6	59.45	17,859

**Past Performance Running Line Preview**

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
3	Dr. Niko	6	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	1 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
8	Byword	4	6 <sup>5</sup>	5 <sup>6</sup> / <sub>1/2</sub>	3 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	2 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
6	Willingness	5	3 <sup>2</sup>	4 <sup>4</sup> / <sub>1/2</sub>	4 <sup>4</sup>	3 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
1	D Coldest	2	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	4 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>1/2</sub>
5	Storm Sniper	1	4 <sup>3</sup>	3 <sup>4</sup> / <sub>1/2</sub>	5 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>1/2</sub>	5 <sup>9</sup> / <sub>3/4</sub>
7	Highstakes Hustler	3	5 <sup>4</sup>	6 <sup>7</sup>	6 <sup>9</sup> / <sub>1/2</sub>	6 <sup>19</sup>

**Trainers:** 3 - Claire, Alexis; 8 - Candelas, Blanca; 6 - Ramaekers, Eric; 1 - Schwandt, Emile; 5 - Magnon, Rylee; 7 - Breaux, Samuel

**Owners:** 3 - Alexis Claire Racing Services LLC, Pinnacle Racing Stable LLC and Dice Table Racing Stable LLC; 8 - Puro Candelas LLC; 6 -Eric Ramaekers; 1 -Mark Fletcher Taylor; 5 -Jason G. Grudzien; 7 -Roger G. Smith;

**Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)**

DR. NIKO was off slowly, rushed up quickly to press the early pace, took charge at the three sixteenths and was kept to task down the stretch. BYWORD trailed shortly after the start, began closing in along the outside of the upper stretch, shifted in to the four path at the eighth, finished well to earn the place award. WILLINGNESS tracked the early pace, settled along the inside of the turn, shifted out three wide entering the stretch, showed a mild rally to just get up for the show honors. D COLDEST assumed command along the inside, came under heavy pressure by DR. NIKO shortly after the start, conceded the lead at the three sixteenths and flattened out, just missed out on the minor awards. STORM SNIPER found early placement around the middle of the pack, angled out four wide entering the stretch but made no bid. HIGHSTAKES HUSTLER raced off the pace, trailed by the quarter, made no impact.