

## FAIRMOUNT PARK - May 26, 2026 - Race 7

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR (REGISTERED BRED AND/OR FOALED IN ILLINOIS) FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON FOUR RACES OR OPTIONAL CLAIMING PRICE OF \$20,000 FOR HORSES WHICH HAVE NEVER WON FOUR RACES. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since February 26 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$20,000 (Claiming Races For \$15,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances). (SNW4 L) **Claiming Price:** \$20,000

**Distance:** Five And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Jesuit Warrior - 1:03.00 - July 19, 2014)

**Purse:** \$40,500

**Includes:** \$20,000 Other Sources

**Available Money:** \$40,500

**Value of Race:** \$40,500 1st \$24,300, 2nd \$8,100, 3rd \$4,050, 4th \$2,430, 5th \$810, 6th \$810

**Weather:** Cloudy, 80° **Track:** Fast

**Off at:** 4:15 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
28Apr26 <sup>3</sup> FP <sup>1</sup>	5	Chance Taker (Bendezu, Alexander)	126	L	5	3	3 <sup>Head</sup>	3 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	1 <sup>Head</sup>	1 <sup>Head</sup>	2.20	dueled, prevailed
30Oct25 <sup>9</sup> HAW <sup>4</sup>	4	Smoked (Felix, Julio)	124	L b	4	1	1 <sup>Head</sup>	1 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>2 1/4</sup>	0.50*	long drive,game effort
5May26 <sup>5</sup> FP <sup>5</sup>	6	Vasariah's Image (Tavares, Javier)	124	L b	6	4	5 <sup>2</sup>	5 <sup>2</sup>	4 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>Head</sup>	38.90	best stride late
14Jun25 <sup>8</sup> FP <sup>1</sup>	3	Bar Money (Santos, Ademar)	124	L	3	5	6	6	5 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	4 <sup>3/4</sup>	10.50	bumped, squeezed start
5May26 <sup>5</sup> FP <sup>4</sup>	2	Hootie Hoot (Ortega, Harold)	124	L bf	2	2	2 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	2 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	3 <sup>2 1/2</sup>	5 <sup>4 1/4</sup>	28.90	dueled,not enough left
5May26 <sup>5</sup> FP <sup>2</sup>	1	Irish Spark (Arrieta, Reynier)	124	L b	1	6	4 <sup>1</sup>	4 <sup>Head</sup>	6	6	7.50	speed to turn,gave way

**Fractional Times:** 22.91 46.74 59.54

**Final Time:** 1:06.33 **Time from Gate:** 1:07.33

**Split Times:** (23:83) (12:80) (6:79)

**Run-Up:** 20 feet

**Winner:** Chance Taker, Gray or Roan Filly, by Ghaaleb out of Turtle Pie, by Wild Zone. Foaled May 15, 2022 in Illinois.

**Breeder:** William Tippett

**Owner:** Ritter, Charles W. and Becker, Scott

**Trainer:** Becker, Scott

**Scratched Horse(s):** Saint Ghaaleb (Veterinarian)

**Total WPS Pool:** \$35,878

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Chance Taker	6.40	2.60	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	5-4	5.80	19,053
4	Smoked		2.10	2.10	\$1.00 Trifecta	5-4-6	31.50	13,675
6	Vasariah's Image			5.00	\$1.00 Daily Double	4-5	6.50	2,266
					\$2.00 Pick 3	2/6-4-5 (3 correct)	14.80	1,399
					\$0.10 Superfecta	5-4-6-3	7.83	6,303

### Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin
5	Chance Taker	3	3 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	3 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	1 <sup>Head</sup>	1 <sup>Head</sup>
4	Smoked	1	1 <sup>Head</sup>	1 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>Head</sup>
6	Vasariah's Image	4	5 <sup>2 3/4</sup>	5 <sup>3 1/4</sup>	4 <sup>3</sup>	3 <sup>2 1/4</sup>
3	Bar Money	5	6 <sup>4 3/4</sup>	6 <sup>5 1/4</sup>	5 <sup>4</sup>	4 <sup>2 1/2</sup>
2	Hootie Hoot	2	2 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>Head</sup>	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	5 <sup>3 1/4</sup>
1	Irish Spark	6	4 <sup>1 3/4</sup>	4 <sup>3</sup>	6 <sup>5 1/2</sup>	6 <sup>7 1/2</sup>

**Trainers:** 5 - Becker, Scott; 4 - Rivelli, Larry; 6 - Retana, Gabe; 3 - Essenpreis, Eddie; 2 - Huerta, Jose; 1 - Essenpreis, Eddie

**Owners:** 5 - Ritter, Charles W. and Becker, Scott; 4 - Patricia's Hope LLC and Down The Stretch Racing Stables, Inc. (Larry Rivelli); 6 - Jakovac, Maxim M. and Susan; 3 -Shellye Essenpreis; 2 -Martimiano Huerta; 1 -Kathy Halleran;

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

CHANCE TAKER stalked the pace, challenged for the lead leaving the turn, dueled through the stretch and prevailed while fully extended. SMOKED was sent to the front, led early, responded to duel to the wire and was outfinished in a game effort. VASARIAH'S IMAGE was never far back, raced outside, went widest in the drive, found his best stride late and got up for show. BAR MONEY bumped and was squeezed at the start, trailed early, bid along the rail on the turn and finished well. HOOTIE HOOT moved up inside, vied to mid stretch, didn't have enough left and hung late. IRISH SPARK showed speed to the turn, dropped back and gave way.