

FAIRMOUNT PARK - June 2, 2026 - Race 6

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON FIVE RACES. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs.

Non-winners Of A Race At A Mile Or Over Since March 2 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$6,250 (Claiming Races For \$4,000 Or Less

Not Considered In Allowances). (NW5 L) **Claiming Price:** \$6,250

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

Purse: \$12,500

Available Money: \$12,500

Value of Race: \$12,500 1st \$7,500, 2nd \$2,500, 3rd \$1,250, 4th \$750, 5th \$250, 6th \$250

Weather: Clear, 80° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 3:50 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
16May26 ² FP ¹	4	Excellent Empire (Santos, Ademar)	124	L b	3	4	3 ^{Head}	3 ³	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{3 3/4}	2.80	bumped 1/8, drew off
2May26 ⁵ FP ⁷	5	Pontus (Santiago, Victor)	124	L b	4	6	6	5 ⁵	5 ¹⁰	2 ^{1/2}	19.40	off slowly,closed rail
25Apr26 ² FP ¹	7	Spanish Doubloon (Tavares, Javier)	124	L b	6	1	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ²	2 ^{Head}	3 ^{1/2}	1.40*	came out, bumped 1/8
2May26 ⁵ FP ⁴	1	Granddaddylonglegs (Giles, Emmanuel)	124	L f	1	5	2 ¹	2 ^{Head}	3 ³	4 ^{3 1/2}	4.60	loomed a threat, empty
23May26 ⁷ FP ⁵	3	Purple Octopus (Felix, Julio)	124	L b	2	2	4 ⁵	4 ³	4 ^{Head}	5 ³⁴	3.40	even effort, no threat
12May26 ² FP ¹	6	Lake of Fire (Orm, Cory)	124	L	5	3	5 ²	6	6	6	10.60	not asked, eased

Fractional Times: 22.55 46.32 59.14

Final Time: 1:05.86 **Time from Gate:** 1:07.15

Split Times: (23:77) (12:82) (6:72)

Run-Up: 20 feet

Winner: Excellent Empire, Bay Gelding, by Bravazo out of Colonial Empress, by Empire Maker. Foaled Jan 30, 2022 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Castle Oak

Owner: John E. Cox

Trainer: Straub, Marvel

3 Claimed Horse(s):	Excellent Empire	New Trainer: Ralph Martinez	New Owner: John Dant
	Purple Octopus	New Trainer: Harold Mosier	New Owner: Harold Mosier
	Spanish Doubloon	New Trainer: Ralph Martinez	New Owner: Michael D. Kisner

Claiming Prices: 4 - Excellent Empire: \$6,250; 7 - Spanish Doubloon: \$6,250; 1 - Granddaddylonglegs: \$6,250; 3 - Purple Octopus: \$6,250; 6 - Lake of Fire: \$6,250;

Scratched Horse(s): Call Me Drossel (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$41,172

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
4	Excellent Empire	7.60	4.60	2.60	\$1.00 Exacta	4-5	46.40	25,823
5	Pontus		13.60	6.00	\$1.00 Trifecta	4-5-7	218.50	14,970
7	Spanish Doubloon			2.60	\$1.00 Daily Double	4-4	21.30	2,106
					\$2.00 Pick 3	1-4-4 (3 correct)	388.40	2,182
					\$0.10 Superfecta	4-5-7-1	73.35	9,110

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin
4	Excellent Empire	4	3 ^{2 1/2}	3 ²	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{3 3/4}
5	Pontus	6	6 ^{9 1/2}	5 ⁸	5 ^{3 1/4}	2 ^{3 3/4}
7	Spanish Doubloon	1	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ²	2 ^{Head}	3 ^{4 1/4}
1	Granddaddylonglegs	5	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ²	3 ^{Head}	4 ^{4 3/4}
3	Purple Octopus	2	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ⁵	4 ^{3 1/4}	5 ^{8 1/4}
6	Lake of Fire	3	5 ^{7 1/2}	6 ¹³	6 ^{13 1/4}	6 ^{42 1/4}

Trainers: 4 - Straub, Marvel; 5 - Plasters, Lori; 7 - Watkins, James; 1 - Rodriguez, Jose; 3 - Lynch, Harry; 6 - Straub, Marvel

Owners: 4 -John E. Cox; 5 -Everett Taylor; 7 - Clean Living Racing; 1 - J and N Thoroughbreds LLC; 3 -Mick Latham; 6 - Boeser, Burnell A. and Boeser, Gerri M.;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

EXCELLENT EMPIRE settled off the pace, rallied on the turn, challenged for the lead in upper stretch, was bumped near the eighth pole and drew off. PONTUS was off slowly, taken outside and unhurried, dropped in entering the turn, closed along the rail and got up late for place. SPANISH DOUBLOON was away well, set the pace, came out under left handed urging, bumped EXCELLENT EMPIRE, dropped back and was caught for second. GRANDDADDYLONGLEGS stalked the pace, bid off the rail to loom a threat and came up empty late. PURPLE OCTOPUS raced mid pack in an even effort and failed to threaten. LAKE OF FIRE was not asked, fell far back and was eased.