FAIRMOUNT PARK - August 30, 2025 - Race 5

STARTER OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF $10,000 OR LESS IN 2023 - 2025 OR OPTIONAL CLAIMING PRICE OF $15,000. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since May 30 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price $15,000 (Claiming Races For $10,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances). (C) **Claiming Price:** $15,000

Distance: One Mile And Seventy Yards On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Rocket Professor - 1:39.80 - July 19, 2014)

Purse: $18,000

Plus: $6,480 IOA - Illinois Registered Owner Award

Available Money: $24,480

Value of Race: $18,000 1st $10,800, 2nd $3,600, 3rd $1,800, 4th $1,080, 5th $360, 6th $360

Weather: Cloudy**,** 79° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 3:25 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

Video Race Replay

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
19Jul25 [8]FP[4]	3	Eternally Grateful (Bendezu, Alexander)	124 L bf	2	4	3[1]	2[Head]	1[1/2]	1[1/2]	1[2 1/2]	0.50*	gaining, edged clear
2Aug25 [6]FP[1]	6	Redfield (Diego, Javier)	126 L b	5	3	2[1 1/2]	3[2]	2[2]	2[4]	2[3 3/4]	8.40	no match late,2nd best
7Aug25 [2]HAW[8]	4	Gold Smoke (Santos, Ademar)	126 L bf	3	5	4[3]	4[4]	4[6]	3[5]	3[9]	8.40	4-w 2nd, along for 3rd
9Aug25 [7]FP[3]	2	Millard's Smile (Wales, Travis)	126 L bf	1	1	6	6	6	5[1]	4[1 3/4]	8.30	3-w 2nd, no rally
31Jul25 [7]HAW[6]	7	What a Country (Simpson, Javour)	124 L f	6	6	5[1]	5[1/2]	5[1/2]	6	5[1]	44.00	7-w 2nd, never fired
31Jul25 [1]HAW[1]	5	Polterer (Reyes, Frank)	126 L b	4	2	1[1/2]	1[Head]	3[3]	4[Head]	6	3.30	drifted out, faded

Fractional Times: 25.33   49.24   1:13.56   N/A   **Final Time:** 1:44.13

Split Times: (23:91) (24:32) (30:57)

Run-Up: 20 feet

Winner: Eternally Grateful, Bay Gelding, by American Freedom out of Vivian's Grace, by Candy Ride (ARG). Foaled Feb 25, 2020 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Dreamchaser Thorobreds

Owner: Ritter, Charles W. and Becker, Scott

Trainer: Becker, Scott

Scratched Horse(s): Cutlass King (Stewards)

Total WPS Pool: $39,970

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
3	Eternally Grateful	3.00	2.20	2.10	$2.00 Exacta	3-6	15.20	21,242
6	Redfield		5.40	2.80	$1.00 Trifecta	3-6-4	23.20	16,314
4	Gold Smoke			2.80	$0.10 Superfecta	3-6-4-2	4.68	6,612
					$1.00 Daily Double	6-3	2.90	1,041
					$0.50 Pick 3	4/5-6-1/3 (3 correct)	4.05	2,069
					$0.50 Pick 4	3-4/5-6-1/3 (4 correct)	5.60	1,958
					$0.50 Pick 5	2-3-4/5-6-1/3 (5 correct)	42.70	3,671

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
3	Eternally Grateful	4	3[2]	2[Head]	1[1/2]	1[1/2]	1[2 1/2]
6	Redfield	3	2[1/2]	3[Head]	2[1/2]	2[1/2]	2[2 1/2]
4	Gold Smoke	5	4[3]	4[2 1/4]	4[5 1/2]	3[4 1/2]	3[6 1/4]
2	Millard's Smile	1	6[7]	6[6 3/4]	6[12]	5[9 1/2]	4[15 1/4]
7	What a Country	6	5[6]	5[6 1/4]	5[11 1/2]	6[10 1/2]	5[17]
5	Polterer	2	1[1/2]	1[Head]	3[2 1/2]	4[9 1/2]	6[18]

Trainers: 3 - Becker, Scott; 6 - Watkins, James; 4 - Essenpreis, Eddie; 2 - Manley, Steve; 7 - Bahena, Fernando; 5 - Hernandez, Armando

Owners: 3 - Ritter, Charles W. and Becker, Scott; 6 - Basler, Thomas J. and Pohl, Dennis; 4 -Shellye Essenpreis; 2 -Merrit Hudson; 7 -Valerie Leanos; 5 - Hernandez Racing Stable LLC and Bland, Rolland;

Footnotes | View Glossary Of Terms

ETERNALLY GRATEFUL was allowed to settle early, raced three wide through the second turn, took control stretch and edged clear. REDFIELD pressed the early pace, raced five wide into the second turn, was no match late and was second best. GOLD SMOKE was reserved early, raced four wide through the second turn, offered a mild late rally and was along for third. MILLARD'S SMILE was void of any speed, raced three wide through the second turn and offered no late rally. WHAT A COUNTRY was unhurried early, raced seven wide through the second turn and never fired. POLTERER set a pressured early pace, raced four wide through the turns, drifted out stretch and faded.