

FAIRMOUNT PARK - August 30, 2025 - Race 6

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES OR OPTIONAL CLAIMING PRICE OF \$20,000 FOR HORSES WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since May 30 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price\$20,000 (Claiming Races For \$15,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances).

(NW3 L) **Claiming Price:** \$20,000

**Distance:** Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Ye Country - 1:08.60 - November 26, 1977)

**Purse:** \$17,000

**Plus:** \$6,120 IOA - Illinois Registered Owner Award


**Available Money:** \$23,120

**Value of Race:** \$17,000 1st \$10,200, 2nd \$3,400, 3rd \$1,700, 4th \$1,020, 5th \$340, 6th \$340

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

**Off at:** 3:54 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

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Video Race Replay

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
26Jul25 <sup>2</sup> ELP <sup>1</sup>	1	Defending Albert (Santos, Ademar)	120	L b	1	5	2 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>5</sup>	1 <sup>6</sup> 1/2	1.00*	drew off, easy winner
8Jul25 <sup>7</sup> FP <sup>3</sup>	6	Heart N Soul (Arrieta, Reynier)	124	L	6	2	3 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	3 <sup>8</sup>	2 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>Neck</sup>	3.20	no match late 2nd best
17Aug25 <sup>7</sup> HAW <sup>5</sup>	2	Iconicus (Bendezu, Alexander)	124	L	2	3	5 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	4 <sup>Head</sup>	4 <sup>3</sup>	3 <sup>3</sup> 3/4	17.10	inside, evenly late
8Jul25 <sup>7</sup> FP <sup>5</sup>	5	Sweet La Crema (Tavares, Javier)	118	L bf	5	1	1 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	3 <sup>2</sup>	4 <sup>1</sup> 1/4	5.60	pace, faded
21Jun25 <sup>4</sup> FP <sup>7</sup>	3	Nations Dream (Diego, Javier)	124	L f	3	6	6	5 <sup>Head</sup>	5 <sup>1</sup>	5 <sup>1</sup> 1/4	28.30	3-w, no rally
26Jul25 <sup>2</sup> FP <sup>2</sup>	4	King Anthony (Giles, Emmanuel)	124	L bf	4	4	4 <sup>2</sup>	6	6	6	3.30	drifted out, empty

Fractional Times: 22.94 45.71 58.17

Split Times: (22:77) (12:46) (12:99)

Run-Up: 20 feet

Final Time: 1:11.16

**Winner:** Defending Albert, Gray or Roan Gelding, by Practical Joke out of Jetbird, by Wildcat Heir. Foaled May 15, 2022 in Kentucky.

**Breeder:** Burton Johnson

**Owner:** James M. Watkins

**Trainer:** Watkins, James

**Claiming Prices:** 5 - Sweet La Crema: \$20,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$23,372								
Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Defending Albert	4.00	2.60	2.20	\$2.00 Exacta	1-6	12.80	16,183
6	Heart N Soul		3.60	2.80	\$1.00 Trifecta	1-6-2	33.00	6,528
2	Iconicus			3.60	\$1.00 Daily Double	3-1	3.40	1,112
					\$0.50 Pick 3	6-1/3-1 (3 correct)	5.15	1,928
					\$0.10 Superfecta	1-6-2-5	8.54	2,293

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
1	Defending Albert	5	2 <sup>Head</sup>	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>5</sup>	1 <sup>6</sup> 1/2
6	Heart N Soul	2	3 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>5</sup>	2 <sup>6</sup> 1/2
2	Iconicus	3	5 <sup>4</sup> 1/2	4 <sup>10</sup>	4 <sup>7</sup>	3 <sup>6</sup> 3/4
5	Sweet La Crema	1	1 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	3 <sup>5</sup>	4 <sup>10</sup> 1/2
3	Nations Dream	6	6 <sup>6</sup>	5 <sup>10</sup>	5 <sup>10</sup>	5 <sup>11</sup> 3/4
4	King Anthony	4	4 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	6 <sup>10</sup> 1/4	6 <sup>11</sup>	6 <sup>13</sup>

**Trainers:** 1 - Watkins, James; 6 - Irion, Heather; 2 - Pompell, Robert; 5 - Wilborn, J.; 3 - McEwen, Billy; 4 - Rodriguez, Jose

**Owners:** 1 -James M. Watkins; 6 -Maribel Triana; 2 - Schmid, Carol and Dale; 5 -Adrian M. Salazar; 3 -Melody Higdon; 4 - J and N Thoroughbreds LLC;

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

DEFENDING ALBERT pressed the early pace, raced off the rail through the turn, took control turn and drew off as an easy winner. HEART N SOUL tracked the early pace, raced five wide through the turn, was no match late and was second best. ICONICUS was unhurried early, raced along the inside and finished evenly late. SWEET LA CREMA set a pressured early pace, raced four wide into the turn and faded. NATIONS DREAM was void of any early speed, raced three wide into the turn and offered no late rally. KING ANTHONY was allowed to settle early, raced four wide into the turn, drifted out through the turn and was empty.