

HAWTHORNE - June 4, 2026 - Race 1

STARTER OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF \$12,500 OR LESS IN 2023 - 2026 OR CLAIMING PRICE \$17,500. Three Year Olds, 119 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs. Non-winners of a race since May 4 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$17,500 (Claiming races for \$10,000 or less not considered in estimating allowances). Illinois Bred Claiming Price \$25,000. (C) **Claiming Price:** \$17,500

Distance: Six And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Dee Lance - 1:14.40 - July 27, 1988)

Purse: \$17,000

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

Available Money: \$23,120

Value of Race: \$18,530 1st \$10,200, 2nd \$5,440, 3rd \$1,870, 4th \$1,020

Weather: Hazy, 88° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 2:42 **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	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
14Aug25 ⁴ HAW ³	4	Cortese (Giles, Emmanuel)	123 L bf	3 4		3 ^{Head}	3 ⁴	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1 1/2}	4.40	off duel,bid 3deep,drv
5Oct25 ⁶ HAW ³	5	Wildwood Sicilian (Bendezu, Alexander)	123 L	4 2		1 ^{Head}	2 ¹	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ⁴	1.20*	ins,duel,left ld,game
3May26 ⁵ HAW ⁴	3	Twirling Roses (Mojica, Orlando)	123 L	2 1		2 ¹	1 ^{Head}	3 ⁸	3 ^{12 3/4}	1.80	prss,duel,btw 1/4,fade
29Oct24 ⁶ FAN ⁴	2	Richiesonaroll (Tavares, Javier)	123 L bf	1 3		4	4	4	4	4.20	ins,shift out turn,wkn

Fractional Times: 23.30 45.92 1:10.28

Final Time: 1:16.73 **Time from Gate:** 1:17.96

Split Times: (22:62) (24:36) (6:45)

Run-Up: 30 feet

Winner: Cortese, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by Speightster out of Minstrel Show, by Tale of the Cat. Foaled Mar 17, 2020 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Kimberly Chung, Pat Barrett & Michael Tiller

Owner: J and N Thoroughbreds LLC

Trainer: Rodriguez, Jose

Claiming Prices: 5 - Wildwood Sicilian: \$25,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Sound of Victory (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$24,931

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
4	Cortese	10.80	3.20	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	4-5	20.20	8,978
5	Wildwood Sicilian		2.80	2.10	\$0.50 Trifecta	4-5-3	10.10	4,759
3	Twirling Roses			2.10				

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
4	Cortese	4	3 ¹	3 ¹	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1 1/2}
5	Wildwood Sicilian	2	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1 1/2}
3	Twirling Roses	1	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{5 1/2}
2	Richiesonaroll	3	4 ^{1 1/4}	4 ⁵	4 ^{9 1/2}	4 ^{18 1/4}

Trainers: 4 - Rodriguez, Jose; 5 - Becker, Scott; 3 - Hernandez, Armando; 2 - Rodriguez, Jose

Owners: 4 - J and N Thoroughbreds LLC; 5 - Ritter, Charles W. and Becker, Scott; 3 - Montesano Racing; 2 - J and N Thoroughbreds LLC;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

CORTESE , four then three wide tracking a contested pace, moved up under asking and bid three deep into the lane, took over with about three sixteenths remaining, edged clear under a strong drive near the sixteenth pole then held firm while kept to task. WILDWOOD SICILIAN broke on top and dropped in towards the inside to set the early pace, sparred with TWIRLING ROSES from the far turn to the quarter pole, dug in when hooked by an outer CORTESE, switched over to his left lead battling past the three sixteenths and stayed gamely to the wire. TWIRLING ROSES angled out a bit early and prompted the pace outside WILDWOOD SICILIAN, moved to near even terms around the far turn, dueled, stayed on between horses into the lane, could not quite go on with the leaders leaving mid stretch and faded. RICHIESONAROLL stalked early while saving ground, failed to keep pace while angled out around the turn, came four wide for the drive and weakened.