

HAWTHORNE - September 21, 2025 - Race 8

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Non-winners of a race since August 21 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$20,000 (Claiming races for \$17,500 or less not considered in estimating allowances) (Horsemen entering Illinois-bred horses in open claiming races will be asked to declare their claiming price at time of entry). Illinois Bred Claiming Price \$30,000. In the event that this race is taken off the turf it will be contested at One Mile and Seventy Yards on the main track. (Rail at 20 feet). **Claiming Price:** \$20,000

Distance: Seven And One Half Furlongs On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Joey Jr. - 1:27.20 - November 5, 1989)

Purse: \$18,000

Plus: \$440 Starters Bonus

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

Available Money: \$24,920

Value of Race: \$19,880 1st \$10,800, 2nd \$5,040, 3rd \$1,800, 4th \$900, 5th \$540, 6th \$200, 7th \$200, 8th \$200, 9th \$200

Weather: Cloudy, 79° **Track:** Good

Off at: 6:26 **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
7Sep25 ⁵ HAW ⁴	5	DQ-Hard to Fathom (Gonzalez, Santiago)	122	L	5	5	5 ¹ 1/2	5 ¹	3 ^{1/2}	1 ¹ 1/2	14.90	4w,left-ld,drift,drivn
6Sep25 ⁹ PRM ⁵	4	Bourbon Life (Centeno, Alexis)	122	L	b	4	7	9	6 ^{Head}	2 ^{Neck}	19.70	4w1/8,rallied late
24Aug25 ³ HAW ⁴	9	Towering Storm (Loveberry, Jareth)	122	L	f	9	8	7 ² 1/2	7 ¹	3 ¹	1.60*	3w,stdy late, willing
7Aug25 ² HAW ²	7	Even the Wind (Mojica, Orlando)	122	L	b	7	9	8 ² 1/2	8 ^{Head}	4 ^{1/2}	3.00	bid5w1/8,improved
24Aug25 ⁷ HAW ¹	2	River Redemption (Colon, Luis)	122	L	b	2	6	6 ^{Head}	6 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	5.00	saved grnd,no kick str
4Sep25 ³ HAW ¹	6	Mahoney Road (Hernandez, Israel)	122	L	b	6	1	2 ⁴	2 ⁸	6 ^{1/2}	16.30	sprinted away3/8,faded
6Sep25 ⁶ FP ²	8	American Cause (Bendezu, Alexander)	122	L	f	8	4	4 ²	4 ¹ 1/2	7 ¹	26.90	off pace3w, no factor
3Jul25 ⁷ HAW ³	3	All Choked Up (Hernandez, Olaf)	122	L	bf	3	3	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1/2}	8 ⁵ 1/2	5.60	sprinted clr,retreated
19Jun25 ⁷ HAW ³	1	St. Louie Louie (Felix, Julio)	122	L	b	1	2	3 ²	3 ^{Head}	9	39.10	hered3/8,faltered str

Fractional Times: 22.87 46.34 1:10.81

Final Time: 1:30.00

Split Times: (23:47) (24:47) (19:19)

Run-Up: 90 feet **Temporary Rail:** 20 feet

Winner: Bourbon Life, Bay Gelding, by Oscar Performance out of Vita Bella, by Super Saver. Foaled Feb 18, 2021 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Equine Futures LLC

Owner: John Conforti

Trainer: Hernandez, Armando

1 Claimed Horse(s): Towering Storm

New Trainer: Francisco Villa

New Owner: Hermilo Racing Stable, LLC

Claiming Prices: 5 - Hard to Fathom: \$20,000; 4 - Bourbon Life: \$20,000; 9 - Towering Storm: \$30,000; 7 - Even the Wind: \$30,000; 2 - River Redemption: \$20,000; 6 - Mahoney Road: \$20,000; 8 - American Cause: \$20,000; 3 - All Choked Up: \$20,000; 1 - St. Louie Louie: \$30,000;

Disqualification(s): # 5 Hard to Fathom from 1 to 3

Total WPS Pool: \$60,339

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payout	Pool
4	Bourbon Life	41.40	12.80	9.20	\$1.00 Exacta	4-9	92.70	33,471
9	Towering Storm		4.20	2.80	\$0.50 Trifecta	4-9-5	423.10	21,861
5	Hard to Fathom			5.60	\$0.20 Superfecta	4-9-5-7	521.84	16,368
					\$0.50 Pick 3	2-4-4 (3 correct)	344.50	5,055
					\$1.00 Daily Double	4-4	59.30	4,671
					\$1.00 Place Pick 8	SEE BELOW (7 correct)	258.10	2,401

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
5	Hard to Fathom	5	5 ⁸	5 ¹⁰	3 ⁴	1 ¹ 1/2
4	Bourbon Life	7	9 ¹⁴ 3/4	9 ¹² 1/4	6 ⁶	2 ¹ 1/2
9	Towering Storm	8	7 ⁹ 3/4	7 ¹¹ 1/4	4 ⁴ 1/2	3 ¹ 3/4
7	Even the Wind	9	8 ¹² 1/4	8 ¹² 1/4	8 ⁷ 1/4	4 ² 3/4
2	River Redemption	6	6 ⁹ 1/2	6 ¹¹	5 ⁵	5 ³ 1/4
6	Mahoney Road	1	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	6 ³ 1/4
8	American Cause	4	4 ⁶	4 ⁸ 1/2	7 ⁶ 1/4	7 ³ 3/4
3	All Choked Up	3	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	8 ⁷ 1/4
1	St. Louie Louie	2	3 ⁴	3 ⁸ 1/2	9 ¹⁰ 1/4	9 ¹² 3/4

Trainers: 5 - Simonovich, Daniel; 4 - Hernandez, Armando; 9 - Block, Chris; 7 - Block, Chris; 2 - Young, R.; 6 - Reid, David; 8 - Clay, Pat; 3 - DiVito, James; 1 - Becker, Scott

Owners: 5 -Melvin Simonovich; 4 -John Conforti; 9 - Team Block; 7 - Team Block; 2 -R. Terry Young; 6 -David R. Reid; 8 - Clay Stables; 3 - Doubledown Stables, Inc.; 1 - Ritter, Charles W. and Becker, Scott;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

HARD TO FATHOM saved ground off the pace into the far turn, angled off the rail into the lane, forged clear in upper stretch, running on the wrong lead drifted out through the final stages, held safe under strong handling. BOURBON LIFE well back of the pace into the far turn, roused on four deep through the lane, rallied late up for the place. TOWERING STORM way back off the rail into the far turn, worked through traffic upper, found a clear lane in the three path, gaining ground steadied off heels in deep stretch, finished willingly to the wire. EVEN THE WIND settled well back into the far turn, upped the tempo four then five deep, improved placing through the final stages. RIVER REDEMPTION saved ground off the pace into the far turn, worked off the rail through the lane, had no late punch. MAHONEY ROAD chased around the first turn, quickened the tempo sprinted away from the field into the far turn, faded through the stretch. AMERICAN CAUSE raced off the pace and off the rail, never factored late. ALL CHOKED UP broke sharp, pressured pace leaving first turn, roused on sprinted away with MAHONEY ROAD glued to outside flank, retreated through the lane. ST. LOUIE LOUIE saved ground off the pace, as the stampeded of closer came rushing by nearing the three eights post, herded along the rail, faltered through the stretch. THERE WAS A JOCKEY'S

OBJECTION IN THIS RACE, THE RIDER OF TOWERING STORM CLAIMED FOUL AGAINST THE RIDER OF HARD TO FATHOM FOR INTERFERENCE IN DEEP STRETCH, AFTER THE JUDGE'S REVIEW, HARD TO FATHOM WAS DISQUALIFIED AND PLACE THIRD. PLACE PICK 8= 1/3/5-3/4-1/3-2/3/6-1/2/3/5-2/3-1/4-4/9

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