

HAWTHORNE - October 9, 2025 - Race 8

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Non-winners of a race at a mile or over since September 9 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$17,500 (Claiming races for \$15,000 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 \$25,000. 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 10 feet). **Claiming Price:** \$17,500
Distance: One Mile On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Soviet Line (IRE) - 1:33.40 - July 25, 1998)

Purse: \$18,000
Plus: \$240 Starters Bonus
Plus: \$6,480 IOA - Illinois Registered Owner Award
Available Money: \$24,720
Value of Race: \$18,960 1st \$10,800, 2nd \$3,600, 3rd \$2,520, 4th \$900, 5th \$540, 6th \$200, 7th \$200, 8th \$200
Weather: Clear, 61° **Track:** Good
Off at: 6:12 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic



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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
21Sep25 ⁸ HAW ³	4	Hard to Fathom (Gallardo, Eduardo)	122	L f	4	1	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	3 ¹	3 ¹	1 ^{Nose}	3.30*	stlkd,led1/4,got nod
11Sep25 ⁵ HAW ⁴	3	Woodcock Flight (IRE) (Santos, Ademar)	122	L bf	3	5	4 ^{Head}	4 ^{1 1/2}	5 ¹	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{3/4}	7.80	rail bid,surge,1st bob
21Sep25 ⁸ HAW ⁴	5	Even the Wind (Mojica, Orlando)	122	L b	5	4	5 ²	5 ¹	4 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	3 ^{1/2}	3.80	mid,bid5w,closed well
21Sep25 ⁸ HAW ⁵	6	River Redemption (Reyes, Frank)	122	L b	6	7	6 ^{1/2}	6 ^{Head}	6 ^{Head}	4 ^{Head}	4 ^{1/2}	13.20	sttld back,willingly
20Sep25 ⁵ CBY ⁷	8	Caught Off Guard (Quinonez, Alonso)	122	L b	8	8	7 ^{Head}	8	7 ^{1/2}	7 ¹	5 ^{1/2}	9.90	trk3w,6w str,gd finish
21Sep25 ⁸ HAW ¹	1	Bourbon Life (Centeno, Alexis)	122	L b	1	3	8	7 ^{Head}	8	6 ¹	6 ^{3/4}	5.00	rail bid, lacked path
20Sep25 ⁵ CBY ²	7	Sonic Speed (Roman, Constantino)	122	L b	7	6	3 ¹	3 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	7 ¹⁰	4.30	stlk,led1/4,overtaken
30Aug25 ⁵ FP ²	2	Redfield (Diego, Javier)	122	L b	2	2	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	2 ¹	8	8	7.90	cleared,gave way 5/16

Fractional Times: 24.90 49.99 1:15.12 1:27.63 **Final Time:** 1:40.50
Split Times: (25:09) (25:13) (12:51) (12:87)
Run-Up: 100 feet **Temporary Rail:** 10 feet

Winner: Hard to Fathom, Bay Gelding, by Hard Spun out of Morediamondsplease, by More Than Ready. Foaled Mar 17, 2020 in Kentucky.
Breeder: BHMFR, LLC
Owner: Melvin Simonovich
Trainer: Simonovich, Daniel

Claiming Prices: 4 - Hard to Fathom: \$17,500; 3 - Woodcock Flight (IRE): \$17,500; 5 - Even the Wind: \$25,000; 6 - River Redemption: \$17,500; 8 - Caught Off Guard: \$17,500; 1 - Bourbon Life: \$17,500; 7 - Sonic Speed: \$17,500; 2 - Redfield: \$17,500;

Total WPS Pool: \$49,125

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool	Carryover
4	Hard to Fathom	8.60	5.20	3.40	\$0.50 Pick 3	1-7-4 (3 correct)	49.35	8,905	
3	Woodcock Flight (IRE)		8.80	4.60	\$0.50 Pick 4	3/7-1-7-4 (4 correct)	188.20	13,587	
5	Even the Wind			2.80	\$0.50 Pick 5	6-3/7-1-7-4 (5 correct)	838.35	16,621	
					\$0.50 Pick 5	6-3/7-1-7-4 (4 correct)	8.00	0	
					\$1.00 Pick 6	4-6-3/7-1-7-4 (4 correct)	42.00	1,268	6,123
					\$1.00 Daily Double	7-4	23.80	10,234	
					\$1.00 Exacta	4-3	26.10	26,581	
					\$1.00 Place Pick 8	SEE BELOW (7 correct)	146.60	2,046	
					\$0.20 Superfecta	4-3-5-6	108.92	9,903	
					\$1.00 Super High Five	4-3-5-6-8		1,357	1,085
					\$0.50 Trifecta	4-3-5	69.60	14,658	

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
4	Hard to Fathom	1	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{Head}	1 ^{Nose}
3	Woodcock Flight (IRE)	5	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ²	5 ^{2 1/2}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Nose}
5	Even the Wind	4	5 ^{2 3/4}	5 ^{3 1/2}	4 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{1 1/4}	3 ^{3/4}
6	River Redemption	7	6 ^{4 3/4}	6 ^{4 1/2}	6 ^{3 1/2}	4 ^{1 1/4}	4 ^{1 1/4}
8	Caught Off Guard	8	7 ^{5 1/4}	8 ^{4 3/4}	7 ^{3 3/4}	7 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{1 3/4}
1	Bourbon Life	3	8 ^{5 1/4}	7 ^{4 3/4}	8 ^{4 1/4}	6 ^{1 1/2}	6 ^{2 1/4}
7	Sonic Speed	6	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	7 ³
2	Redfield	2	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	8 ^{3 1/2}	8 ¹³

Trainers: 4 - Simonovich, Daniel; 3 - Banks, Chris; 5 - Block, Chris; 6 - Young, R.; 8 - Berndt, Joel; 1 - Hernandez, Armando; 7 - Escobar, Martin; 2 - Watkins, James

Owners: 4 -Melvin Simonovich; 3 - Banks, Chris and Lerner, Kyle; 5 - Team Block; 6 -R. Terry Young; 8 - Lamont H. Nienast LLC; 1 -John Conforti; 7 - Rocket Wrench Racing LLC; 2 - Basler, Thomas J. and Pohl, Dennis;

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HARD TO FATHOM broke well, then settled just behind the pacesetter under a strong hold, let that one dictate slow fractions to the far turn, got first turn at the dueling leaders bid three-wide approaching the stretch, finished up well under steady handling and left-handed urging, and got a favorable bob at the wire. WOODCOCK FLIGHT (IRE) settled in good position on the inside in the middle of the pack, launched a bid midway through the far turn, squeezed through an opening near the rail finished strong but came up on the short end of the photo. EVEN THE WIND settled mid-pack off the pace, waited until late on the far turn to make a bid, came five-wide into the stretch, closed well but could not get to the wire in time. RIVER REDEMPTION pulled on the rider while racing between horses at the rear, finished willingly between horses in the sprint to the finish, but came up short. CAUGHT OFF GUARD unhurried and last into the first turn, swung out six-wide into the stretch, finished well despite drifting in some in the final furlong but ran out of time. BOURBON LIFE held up from the start and was last as the field turned onto the backstretch, saved ground to the stretch, tried to make up bid up the rail but lacked a clear path and was outfinished. SONIC SPEED was forwardly placed but three wide into the first turn without really being asked, settled three-wide down the backstretch, then moved up to challenge REDFIELD on the lead after passing the half-mile pole, had a short lead turning for home but was unable to kick on, and was surrounded and overtaken in deep stretch. REDFIELD was coaxed to the lead from the break, cleared away by a couple of lengths on the first

turn, led the way through pedestrian fractions down the backstretch, then came under a ride when confronted by SONIC SPEED on the far turn, and was outrun in the stretch. THE NUMBERS FOR THE PLACE PICK-8 ARE 4/5-4/6-1/4-3/6-3/7/9-1/2-3/4/7-3/4.