

HARRAH'S COLUMBUS NEBRASKA - August 16, 2026 - Race 6



CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NOT WON TWO RACES IN 2026. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs. Claiming Price \$2,500. (NW2 9M) **Claiming Price:** \$2,500
Distance: One Mile On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Life On the Nile - 1:37.41 - June 27, 2025)
Purse: \$6,300
Available Money: \$6,300
Value of Race: \$6,300 1st \$3,780, 2nd \$1,260, 3rd \$756, 4th \$315, 5th \$189
Weather: Clear, 79° **Track:** Fast
Off at: 4:30 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

[GPS Race Chart](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
7Aug26 ⁶ HCN ³	1	Optimal Trip (Goodface, Daniel)	125	BL	1	4	4 ¹	5 ⁵	4 ¹	4 ^{1 1/2}	1 ¹	3.50	insd, angle 3-4wd str
24Jul26 ³ HCN ⁴	3	Swift N Traffic (Robles, Ederik)	125	BL	b	3	3	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ¹	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{Neck}	2.20*	3-4path, couldn't last
31Jul26 ⁷ HCN ⁴	6	Briggsey (Kimes, Curtis)	125	BL	b	6	1	2 ²	2 ²	2 ¹	3 ^{3/4}	2.30	press 4wd,no final bid
1Aug26 ⁸ FAR ¹	4	Passthecat (McKenzie, Connie)	125	BL	h	4	6	6	5 ^{Head}	5 ⁴	4 ^{3/4}	6.40	angle 4wd trn,mild bid
8Aug26 ⁶ HCN ⁵	2	Good Product (Bailon, Victor)	125	BL		2	5	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ¹	3 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{6 1/4}	6.30	3wd, move in turn
12Jul26 ⁹ HPO ¹	5	Its a Boy (Fackler, Chris)	125	BL	bf	5	2	5 ⁵	4 ^{Head}	6	6	7.10	no threat 4wd

Fractional Times: 23.86 47.90 1:13.01 1:26.13 **Final Time:** 1:39.72 **Time from Gate:** 1:41.99
Split Times: (24:04) (25:11) (13:12) (13:59)
Run-Up: 26 feet

Winner: Optimal Trip, Bay Gelding, by Optimizer out of Kittens Trip, by Kitten's Joy. Foaled Feb 25, 2018 in Kentucky.
Breeder: Calumet Farm
Owner: Thompson, Grady and Burdick, Jaci
Trainer: Thompson, Grady

Claiming Prices: 1 - Optimal Trip: \$2,500; 3 - Swift N Traffic: \$2,500; 6 - Briggsey: \$2,500; 4 - Passthecat: \$2,500; 2 - Good Product: \$2,500; 5 - Its a Boy: \$2,500;

Total WPS Pool: \$4,775

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Optimal Trip	9.00	5.00	2.60	\$1.00 Exacta	1-3	14.30	2,793
3	Swift N Traffic		3.00	2.40	\$0.50 Trifecta	1-3-6	22.50	1,683
6	Briggsey			2.60	\$0.10 Superfecta	1-3-6-4	18.09	627
					\$2.00 Daily Double	4-1	37.60	684
					\$0.50 Pick 3	6-1/4-1 (3 correct)	33.10	416
					\$0.50 Pick 4	4-6-1/4-1 (4 correct)	118.70	1,038

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
1	Optimal Trip	4	4 ⁵	5 ⁶	4 ^{3 1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	1 ¹
3	Swift N Traffic	3	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ¹	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	2 ¹
6	Briggsey	1	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ¹	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	3 ^{1 1/4}
4	Passthecat	6	6 ¹¹	6 ¹¹	5 ^{4 1/2}	5 ³	4 ²
2	Good Product	5	3 ^{3 1/2}	3 ⁵	3 ²	3 ¹	5 ^{2 3/4}
5	Its a Boy	2	5 ⁶	4 ⁶	6 ^{4 3/4}	6 ⁷	6 ⁹

Trainers: 1 - Thompson, Grady; 3 - Bliss, Richard; 6 - Gonzalez, Isai; 4 - Ness, John; 2 - Williams, Steve; 5 - Sanderson, Bruce

Owners: 1 - Thompson, Grady and Burdick, Jaci; 3 - Bliss, R. Dean, Hornof, Shayla and Lindsay, Marsha; 6 - Kennedy, Brent A. and Kennedy, Susan K.; 4 -John Ness; 2 -Steve F. Williams; 5 - Sanderson Stables LLC;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

OPTIMAL TRIP settled in reach of the pace while saving ground, moved closer through the far turn then angled three or four wide into the lane and closed late to be going clear at the wire. SWIFT N TRAFFIC was on the pace about the three to four path inside a rival and pressed, continued into the lane and could not hold the winner safe. BRIGGSEY forced the pace from outside SWIFT N TRAFFIC throughout and could not produce the needed late run. PASSTHECAT saved ground off the early pace, moved four wide in the far turn with a mild rally then could not reach the top ones in the drive. GOOD PRODUCT stalked the pace from three wide, moved in on the far turn but lacked a final closing run. ITS A BOY failed to threaten four wide.

Track Attendance: 0 **Handle:** \$28,118
Off Track Wagering **Handle:** \$26,016