

HASTINGS RACECOURSE - September 6, 2025 - Race 4

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES OR CLAIMING PRICE \$17,500. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since August 5 Allowed 2 lbs. A Race Since July 5 Allowed 4 lbs. Claiming Price\$17,500, For Each \$1,250 To \$15,000 2 lbs. (Races Where Entered For \$12,500 Or Less Not Considered For Allowances). British Columbia Bred Claiming Price \$22,000. (NW3 L) **Claiming Price:** \$17,500 - \$15,000
Distance: Six And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Torque Converter - 1:15.00 - July 1, 1996)
All money values represented in Canadian currency unless noted otherwise

Purse: \$20,000

Plus: \$1,800 Other Sources

Available Money: \$21,800

Value of Race: \$19,200 (US\$13,885) 1st \$11,000 (US\$7,955) , 2nd \$4,000 (US\$2,893) , 3rd \$2,000 (US\$1,446) , 4th \$1,000 (US\$723) , 5th \$800 (US\$579) , 6th \$400 (US\$289)

Weather: Hazy, 75° C **Track:** Fast

Off at: 4:13 **Start:** Good for all except 5 **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
8Aug25 ¹ HST ¹	1	Viva La Vino (Reyes, Antonio)	124	L	1	3	1 ¹	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Nose}	0.90*	led rail, held
8Aug25 ⁴ HST ¹	2	Wandalita (Santo, Kimal)	117	L	2	1	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{2 1/2}	2 ^{2 3/4}	2.25	tracked , just missed
21Jun25 ⁵ HST ⁵	5	Higher Image (Khelawan, Kerron)	120	L	5	6	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	3 ³	3 ^{5 1/4}	16.40	step slow, stalked 3 w
8Aug25 ¹ HST ³	4	Miss Union (Perez, Amadeo)	120	L	4	4	5 ^{Head}	5 ^{1/2}	5 ²	4 ²	4.05	settled, rallied 3 wid
4Aug25 ² HST ⁴	3	Matsqui (Balgobin, Richard)	115	L f	3	5	6	6	6	5 ^{3/4}	14.60	settled, never menaced
8Aug25 ¹ HST ⁵	6	Merry Blue (Mamdeen, Christopher)	120	L f	6	2	3 ¹	3 ¹	4 ¹	6	24.90	tracked rail, faded

Fractional Times: 23.97 48.41 1:11.18 **Final Time:** 1:17.76

Split Times: (24:44) (22:77) (6:58)

Run-Up: 35 feet

Winner: Viva La Vino, Chestnut Mare, by Sungold out of Vinoterra, by Finality. Foaled Mar 15, 2019 in BC.

Breeder: Mr. & Mrs. R. J. Bennett

Owner: Estate of R.J.Bennett and Lois Bennett

Trainer: Heads, Barbara

Claiming Prices: 1 - Viva La Vino: \$22,000; 2 - Wandalita: \$15,000; 5 - Higher Image: \$22,000; 4 - Miss Union: \$17,500; 3 - Matsqui: \$22,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$26,761

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Viva La Vino	3.80	2.30	2.10	\$1.00 Triactor	1-2-5	39.70	8,126
2	Wandalita		3.00	2.50	\$2.00 Daily Double	3-1	3.60	651
5	Higher Image			4.80	\$1.00 Exactor	1-2	3.80	10,754
					\$0.20 Superfecta	1-2-5-4	11.43	4,012

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
1	Viva La Vino	3	1 ¹	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Nose}
2	Wandalita	1	2 ¹	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Nose}
5	Higher Image	6	4 ^{3 1/2}	4 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{2 3/4}
4	Miss Union	4	5 ⁴	5 ⁴	5 ^{6 1/2}	4 ⁸
3	Matsqui	5	6 ⁴	6 ^{4 1/2}	6 ^{8 1/2}	5 ¹⁰
6	Merry Blue	2	3 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{5 1/2}	6 ^{10 3/4}

Trainers: 1 - Heads, Barbara; 2 - Rycroft, Nicole; 5 - Krasner, Cindy; 4 - Henson, Steve; 3 - Freeman, Mark; 6 - Scott, Kevin

Owners: 1 - Estate of R.J.Bennett and Lois Bennett; 2 - K.D Rycroft Racing Stables LTD, Dale, Dennis, Cashman, Paul, Morgan, David and Morgan, Jesse; 5 - LH Stables; 4 - J G Williamson Racing; 3 - Renfrew Racing, B and B Racing, No Trump Stable, Elder, Matt and Breen, Bill; 6 -Kevin N. Scott;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

VIVA LA VINO away well and raced to the lead from along the rail entering the first turn, set a pressured pace from the inside of WANDALITA in the run down the backstretch and through the final turn, and prevailed over that stubborn rival following a stretch long battle. WANDALITA away alertly and tracked the leader into the first turn while racing one out from the rail, forced the issue from the outside of VIVA LA VINO in the run down the backside and through the final turn, and closed determinedly two wide in the drive to just miss. HIGHER IMAGE was off a step slow, but raced up to grab a stalking trip two out from the rail entering the backside, launched her bid two wide entering the final turn, and closed determinedly four wide in the drive to garner a share in a solid effort. MISS UNION settled off the early pace while racing three wide into the backstretch, launched his bid two out from the rail entering the final turn, and improved her position over the final furlong without ever threatening. MATSQUI settled at the back of the pack while saving ground at the rail entering the first turn, bided his time at the back of the pack in the run down the backstretch and into the final turn, rallied two wide into the turn, but failed to seriously menace. MERRY BLUE broke sharply and tracked the leaders into the first turn while saving ground along the inside, continued to save ground into the final turn, but faded in the late stages.