

HORSESHOE INDIANAPOLIS - August 18, 2025 - Race 5

STARTER OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF \$8,000 OR LESS IN 2024 - 2025 OR CLAIMING PRICE \$12,000. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race At A Mile Or Over Since July 18 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$12,000 (Races Where Entered For \$6,250 Or Less Not Considered In Estimating Allowances). If this race is taken off the turf, it will be run at 1 mile and 70 yards on the main track. (Rail at 24 feet). (C) **Claiming**

Price: \$12,000

Distance: One Mile On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Cloudy - 1:33.19 - June 20, 2022)

Purse: \$23,000

Includes: \$8,280 State Bred

Available Money: \$23,000

Value of Race: \$23,000 1st \$13,800, 2nd \$4,600, 3rd \$2,300, 4th \$1,150, 5th \$230, 6th \$230, 7th \$173, 8th \$173, 9th \$115, 10th \$115, 11th \$114

Weather: Clear, 82° **Track:** Good

Off at: 4:17 **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	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
2Jul25 ⁸ IND ³	2	Elevated Game (Contreras, Luis)	122	L	f	2 1	3 ¹	3 ¹ 1/2	2 ¹	1 ^{Head}	1 ⁵ 1/4	2.60*	bid1/4,3p str,rallied
2Jul25 ⁸ IND ⁴	5	Nip N Tuck (Esquivel, Emmanuel)	122	L	b	5 7	5 ¹	5 ¹ 1/2	5 ^{Head}	3 ¹ 1/2	2 ^{Head}	3.40	rail,rallied1/8 late
2Aug25 ⁶ ELP ¹⁰	3	Daddy Justify (Pedroza, Jr., Marcelino)	122	L	b	3 3	6 ^{Head}	7 ¹ 1/2	7 ¹	5 ¹ 1/2	3 ^{3/4}	13.90	angld3p1/4,late rally
17Jul25 ² IND ²	4	Hydro Frost (Roman, Evin)	122	L	bf	4 2	1 ⁵	1 ³	1 ²	2 ³ 1/2	4 ¹ 1/4	5.90	clear,couldn't last
31Jul25 ⁸ IND ³	6	Nacho Chrome (Burgos, Alberto)	122	L	bf	6 9	10 ²	10 ²	10 ²	7 ¹ 1/2	5 ² 3/4	8.40	inside,improved late
5Jun25 ⁵ CD ⁶	7	Nikolaou (Sanjur, Santo)	122	L		7 8	9 ¹ 1/2	9 ²	8 ¹	8 ¹	6 ¹ 1/2	19.80	4path,improved late
8Jul25 ⁵ IND ⁶	10	Hold Your Applause (De La Cruz, Fernando)	122	L	bf	10 5	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ^{Head}	3 ¹ 1/2	4 ¹	7 ¹	6.50	chase3p,bid1/2,gv way
25Jul25 ¹ BTP ¹	9	Mission Mike (Bermudez, Samuel)	124	L		9 11	11	11	11	10 ¹	8 ^{Neck}	18.10	passed tired rivals
7Aug25 ⁶ IND ⁴	1	Heavy Hitter (Lagunes, Gabriel)	122	L		1 4	8 ^{Head}	8 ¹ 1/2	9 ¹ 1/2	9 ¹ 1/2	9 ¹	8.50	angld4p1/4,no bid
8Aug25 ² IND ⁸	11	Epimythium (Sheehy, Danny)	122	L	b	11 10	7 ¹ 1/2	6 ¹	6 ¹	6 ¹	10 ⁵ 1/2	63.50	stalk3p,faded stretch
23Jun25 ⁸ IND ¹	8	Backyard Justice (Ulloa, Andres)	119	L	b	8 6	4 ^{Head}	4 ¹ 1/2	4 ¹	11	11	18.10	stalk4p,gave way5/16

Fractional Times: 22:52 47.04 1:11.01 1:22.97

Final Time: 1:35.41

Split Times: (24:52) (23:97) (11:96) (12:44)

Run-Up: 95 feet **Temporary Rail:** 24 feet

Winner: Elevated Game, Gray or Roan Gelding, by Summer Front out of Golden Joop, by Medaglia d'Oro. Foaled Apr 26, 2021 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Fitriani Hay

Owner: Mark David Hixson

Trainer: Matthews, Randy

Claiming Prices: 2 - Elevated Game: \$12,000; 5 - Nip N Tuck: \$12,000; 6 - Nacho Chrome: \$12,000; 7 - Nikolaou: \$12,000; 8 - Backyard Justice: \$12,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Couperin (Main-Track-Only)

Total WPS Pool: \$81,386

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
2	Elevated Game	7.20	4.00	3.20	\$2.00 Exacta	2-5	29.20	57,915
5	Nip N Tuck		4.00	3.20	\$0.50 Trifecta	2-5-3	110.35	31,487
3	Daddy Justify			8.80	\$0.10 Superfecta	2-5-3-4	86.55	21,530
					\$0.50 Pick 3	4-4-2/12 (3 correct)	29.45	13,040
					\$1.00 Pick 4	7-4-4-2/12 (4 correct)	356.70	24,765
					\$0.50 Pick 5	7-7-4-4-2/12 (5 correct)	487.75	76,965
					\$2.00 Daily Double	4-2	16.00	6,168

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
2	Elevated Game	1	3 ⁵ 1/2	3 ³	2 ²	1 ^{Head}	1 ⁵ 1/4
5	Nip N Tuck	7	5 ⁶ 1/2	5 ⁵	5 ⁵ 1/2	3 ³ 1/2	2 ⁵ 1/4
3	Daddy Justify	3	6 ⁷ 1/2	7 ⁶ 1/2	7 ⁶ 1/2	5 ⁶	3 ⁵ 1/4
4	Hydro Frost	2	1 ⁵	1 ³	1 ²	2 ^{Head}	4 ⁶
6	Nacho Chrome	9	10 ¹⁰ 3/4	10 ¹⁰ 1/2	10 ¹⁰	7 ⁸ 1/2	5 ⁷ 1/4
7	Nikolaou	8	9 ⁹ 1/4	9 ⁸ 1/2	8 ⁷ 1/2	8 ¹⁰	6 ¹⁰
10	Hold Your Applause	5	2 ⁵	2 ³	3 ³	4 ⁵	7 ¹⁰ 1/2
9	Mission Mike	11	11 ¹² 3/4	11 ¹² 1/2	11 ¹²	10 ¹¹ 1/2	8 ¹¹ 1/2
1	Heavy Hitter	4	8 ⁹ 1/4	8 ⁸	9 ⁸ 1/2	9 ¹¹	9 ¹¹ 3/4
11	Epimythium	10	7 ⁷ 3/4	6 ⁵ 1/2	6 ⁵ 1/2	6 ⁷ 1/2	10 ¹² 3/4
8	Backyard Justice	6	4 ⁶ 1/2	4 ⁴ 1/2	4 ⁴ 1/2	11 ¹² 1/2	11 ¹⁸ 1/4

Trainers: 2 - Matthews, Randy; 5 - Contreras, Cipriano; 3 - Santamaria, Carlos; 4 - Elliott, Michelle; 6 - Medina, Tomas; 7 - Dixon, Jr., Jerry; 10 - Richardville, Tianna; 9 - Cahill, Steven; 1 - Hester, Haley; 11 - Hayes, Michael; 8 - Granitz, Anthony

Owners: 2 -Mark David Hixson; 5 - Contreras Stable, Inc. and Victory Stables LLC; 3 -Chester Storthz; 4 - Elliott Racing LLC; 6 -Jenry B. Flores; 7 -Mario Forgione; 10 - Thirstyacres Racing, LLC and Biggs, Ty; 9 -Dennis F. Smith; 1 -Haley Hester; 11 - Hayes, Ellen and Hayes, Michael S.; 8 - Granitz, Anthony J. and OKelley, Rod;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

ELEVATED GAME saved ground, bid at the quarter pole, angled to the three path in the stretch, rallied and drew off under mild urging. NIP N TUCK saved ground, rallied at the eighth pole and gained the place late. DADDY JUSTIFY saved ground, angled to the three path near the quarter pole and rallied late to gain the show spot. HYDRO FROST was clear early but couldn't hold off the closers. NACHO CHROME saved ground and improved position late. NIKOLAOU raced in the four path and improved position late outside. HOLD YOUR APPLAUSE chased the pace in the three path, bid at the half-mile pole and gave way in the stretch. MISSION MIKE passed tired rivals. HEAVY HITTER saved ground, angled to the four path near the quarter pole but had no

bid. EPIMYTHIUM stalked the pace in the three path and faded in the stretch. BACKYARD JUSTICE stalked the early pace in the four path and gave way on the far turn.

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