

HORSESHOE INDIANAPOLIS - September 9, 2026 - Race 5



CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR REGISTERED INDIANA BREDS Sired by Registered Indiana Stallions fillies and mares three years old and upward which have never won three races or three year olds. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since August 9 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$12,500. (S C) **Claiming Price:** \$12,500
Distance: Five And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (St. Maximus Gato - 1:01.58 - June 8, 2012)
Purse: \$18,000
Includes: \$3,000 ITDF - Indiana TB Development Fund
Available Money: \$18,000
Value of Race: \$18,000 1st \$10,800, 2nd \$3,600, 3rd \$1,800, 4th \$900, 5th \$540, 6th \$360
Weather: Clear, 88° **Track:** Fast
Off at: 4:14 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
29Jul26 ⁴ IND ⁶	7	Imperial Merlot (Ramos, Joseph)	118	L b	6	1	1 ² 1/2	1 ³	1 ³	1 ¹ 3/4	2.50*	awk,geared down late
7Jul26 ⁸ IND ³	5	Luna Diva (Prescott, Rodney)	122	L b	4	2	2 ^{Head}	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ¹	3.00	inside,bid late
29Jul26 ⁶ IND ⁷	3	Indiana Smoke Show (Moncada, Irving)	122	L	2	4	4 ¹	4 ¹ /2	3 ²	3 ¹	5.70	4path,mild late bid
15Jul26 ¹ IND ³	4	I'malittlethirsty (Murrill, Mitchell)	122	L b	3	6	6	6	6	4 ³ 1/2	5.20	rallied late3path
10Jul26 ² IND ¹	6	Zealous Justice (Jimenez, Albin)	120	L b	5	3	3 ³	3 ²	4 ¹	5 ^{Neck}	2.60	stalked3p,faded str
15Jul26 ¹ IND ²	2	Sheso Elite (Bermudez, Samuel)	122	L b	1	5	5 ³ 1/2	5 ² 1/2	5 ¹ 1/2	6	8.30	saved ground

Fractional Times: 22.09 45.21 57.87 **Final Time:** 1:05.35 **Time from Gate:** 1:07.08
Split Times: (23:12) (12:66) (7:48)
Run-Up: 25 feet

Winner: Imperial Merlot, Chestnut Filly, by Sombeyay out of Indelible Mark, by Scat Daddy. Foaled Feb 18, 2023 in Indiana.
Breeder: Swifty Farms Inc.
Owner: Swifty Farms Inc.
Trainer: Cunningham, Anthony

Claiming Prices: 7 - Imperial Merlot: \$12,500; 5 - Luna Diva: \$12,500; 3 - Indiana Smoke Show: \$12,500; 4 - I'malittlethirsty: \$12,500; 6 - Zealous Justice: \$12,500; 2 - Sheso Elite: \$12,500;

Scratched Horse(s): Highspeed Justice (Trainer)

Total WPS Pool: \$37,285

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
7	Imperial Merlot	7.00	4.60	3.20	\$2.00 Exacta	7-5	25.40	25,280
5	Luna Diva		4.00	2.80	\$0.50 Trifecta	7-5-3	19.80	14,685
3	Indiana Smoke Show			3.00	\$0.10 Superfecta	7-5-3-4	12.29	8,602
					\$0.50 Pick 3	1-1/3/7/9-1/7 (3 correct)	37.00	11,789
					\$1.00 Pick 4	7-1-1/3/7/9-1/7 (4 correct)	540.70	25,857
					\$0.50 Pick 5	2-7-1-1/3/7/9-1/7 (5 correct)	1,579.00	42,841
					\$2.00 Daily Double	7-7	26.00	6,761

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin
7	Imperial Merlot	1	1 ² 1/2	1 ³	1 ³	1 ¹ 3/4
5	Luna Diva	2	2 ² 1/2	2 ³	2 ³	2 ¹ 3/4
3	Indiana Smoke Show	4	4 ⁵ 1/2	4 ⁶ 1/2	3 ⁴ 1/2	3 ² 3/4
4	I'malittlethirsty	6	6 ¹⁰	6 ⁹ 1/2	6 ⁹	4 ³ 3/4
6	Zealous Justice	3	3 ² 1/2	3 ⁴ 1/2	4 ⁶ 1/2	5 ⁷ 1/4
2	Sheso Elite	5	5 ⁶ 1/2	5 ⁷	5 ⁷ 1/2	6 ⁷ 1/2

Trainers: 7 - Cunningham, Anthony; 5 - Duran, Antonio; 3 - Klopp, Randy; 4 - Gorham, Robert; 6 - West, Aaron; 2 - Klopp, Randy

Owners: 7 - Swifty Farms Inc.; 5 - Rancho Monarca LLC; 3 - Breakway Farm LLC; 4 - Mast Thoroughbreds LLC; 6 - Justice Farm; 2 -Liz Klopp;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

IMPERIAL MERLOT bore out at the start, was clear early and raced under a steady drive before gearing down late. LUNA DIVA saved ground, bid late but could not get to the winner. INDIANA SMOKE SHOW raced in the four path with no late bid. I'MALITTLETHIRSTY was unrushed and rallied late in the three path. ZEALOUS JUSTICE stalked the pace in the three path before fading in the stretch. SHESO ELITE saved ground to no avail.