

HORSESHOE INDIANAPOLIS - September 25, 2025 - Race 1

EQUIBASE

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred  
FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON \$18,000 TWICE OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER, RESTRICTED OR STATE BRED OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES OR WHICH HAVE NOT WON A RACE IN 2025 OR CLAIMING PRICE \$50,000. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race At A Mile Or Over Since August 25 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$50,000 (Races Where Entered For \$30,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances). ( C ) **Claiming Price:** \$50,000  
**Distance:** One Mile On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Laddie Boy - 1:34.81 - October 3, 2017)  
**Purse:** \$36,000  
**Includes:** \$13,680 State Bred  
**Available Money:** \$36,000  
**Value of Race:** \$36,000 1st \$21,600, 2nd \$7,200, 3rd \$3,600, 4th \$2,160, 5th \$1,440  
**Weather:** Cloudy, 68° **Track:** Sloppy (Sealed)  
**Off at:** 2:18 **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
12Aug25 <sup>5</sup> IND <sup>1</sup>	1	Midnight West (Esquivel, Emmanuel)	122	L	1	1	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>2 1/2</sup>	1 <sup>3/4</sup>	0.30*	rail,drew off str,drv
28Aug25 <sup>8</sup> IND <sup>3</sup>	3	Winters Lion (Contreras, Luis)	122	L b	2	3	4 <sup>2</sup>	4 <sup>2</sup>	4 <sup>3 1/2</sup>	3 <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>2 3/4</sup>	9.10	stlk2p,bid3p3/16,closd
11Jun25 <sup>2</sup> IND <sup>1</sup>	6	Friar Newton (Ramos, Joseph)	122	L	5	2	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>3 1/4</sup>	5.20	press3p,no late bid
28Aug25 <sup>8</sup> IND <sup>5</sup>	4	Secret Chat (De La Cruz, Fernando)	122	L	3	4	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>Head</sup>	4 <sup>2 1/2</sup>	4 <sup>5</sup>	5.30	jost st,stk4p,faded
26Jul25 <sup>4</sup> CNL <sup>3</sup>	5	Rambo Approved (URU) (Roman, Evin)	122	L bf	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	14.20	sqzd back start,traild

**Fractional Times:** 24.53 48.18 1:11.93 1:24.23 **Final Time:** 1:37.41  
**Split Times:** (23:65) (23:75) (12:30) (13:18)  
**Run-Up:** 45 feet

**Winner:** Midnight West, Bay Gelding, by Get Stormy out of Cupids Gallop, by Victory Gallop. Foaled Mar 25, 2020 in Kentucky.  
**Breeder:** Arianna Maya Kela Ladd  
**Owner:** Contreras Stable, Inc., Fisher, Edward J. and Fisher, Linda  
**Trainer:** Contreras, Cipriano

**1 Claimed Horse(s):** **Midnight West**                      New Trainer: Aaron Shorter                      New Owner: Keene Thoroughbreds LLC

**Claiming Prices:** 1 - Midnight West: \$50,000;

**Scratched Horse(s):** Malibu Springs (RegVet-Unsound)

**Total WPS Pool:** \$68,551

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Midnight West	2.60	2.10	2.10	\$2.00 Exacta	1-3	7.80	24,123
3	Winters Lion		3.60	2.20	\$0.50 Trifecta	1-3-6	7.55	18,946
6	Friar Newton			2.40				

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
1	Midnight West	1	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>2 1/2</sup>	1 <sup>3/4</sup>
3	Winters Lion	3	4 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	4 <sup>2</sup>	4 <sup>3</sup>	3 <sup>3 1/2</sup>	2 <sup>3/4</sup>
6	Friar Newton	2	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>2 1/2</sup>	3 <sup>3 1/2</sup>
4	Secret Chat	4	3 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>3</sup>	4 <sup>5 1/2</sup>	4 <sup>6 3/4</sup>
5	Rambo Approved (URU)	5	5 <sup>3 1/2</sup>	5 <sup>4</sup>	5 <sup>6 1/2</sup>	5 <sup>8</sup>	5 <sup>11 3/4</sup>

**Trainers:** 1 - Contreras, Cipriano; 3 - Shorter, Aaron; 6 - Lobo, Paulo; 4 - Barnett, Bobby; 5 - Lobo, Paulo

**Owners:** 1 - Contreras Stable, Inc., Fisher, Edward J. and Fisher, Linda; 3 - Keene Thoroughbreds LLC; 6 - Las Monjitas Stable; 4 - Blackwood, Don and Meyers, Jeff; 5 - Brownwood Farm LLC;

**Footnotes** | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

MIDNIGHT WEST led inside, drew off in the stretch and lasted under a steady drive. WINTERS LION stalked the pace in the two path, bid in the three path in early stretch and closed strongly. FRIAR NEWTON pressed the pace in the three path but had no late bid. SECRET CHAT was jostled at the start, stalked the pace in the four path and faded in the stretch. RAMBO APPROVED (URU) was squeezed back at the start and trailed.