

KENTUCKY DOWNS - September 4, 2025 - Race 4

ALLOWANCE - Thoroughbred
FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON A RACE OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING OR STARTER OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Non-winners Of \$45,000 Over A Mile On The Turf Since August 4 Allowed 2 lbs. (Races Where Entered For \$40,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances). (NW1 X)

Distance: One And One Half Miles On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Grand Sonata - 2:24.93 - September 7, 2024)

Purse: \$190,000

Includes: \$90,000 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund

Plus: \$9,960 Other Sources

Available Money: \$199,960

Value of Race: \$199,600 1st \$114,000, 2nd \$38,000, 3rd \$19,000, 4th \$11,700, 5th \$7,900, 6th \$1,200, 7th \$1,560, 8th \$1,560, 9th \$1,560, 10th \$1,560, 11th \$1,560

Weather: Showery, 75° Track: Firm

Off at: 2:09 Start: Good for all Timing Method: Electronic



[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	1/4	1/2	1m	11/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
9Aug25 ⁴ SAR ³	3	Common Defense (Hernandez, Jr., Brian)	122 L	3	4 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	6 ²	2 ^{1/2}	1 ⁴	1 ⁸	1.52*	3-2w bid upr,hand ride
24Jul25 ³ CNL ³	1	Bee Well (Kingsley, Taylor)	112 L	1	9 ²	8 ^{Head}	9 ^{1 1/2}	7 ^{1/2}	5 ²	2 ^{3/4}	41.05	altrd in 3/16,no match
16Aug25 ⁵ SAR ⁷	6	Ambition (Asmussen, Keith)	122 L b	6	7 ^{1 1/2}	7 ^{1/2}	7 ^{2 1/2}	6 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	3 ^{3/4}	34.83	2p,shifted 5p,moved up
9Aug25 ¹¹ CNL ⁶	7	Time Song (Dettori, Lanfranco)	122 L h	7	2 ²	1 ²	1 ¹	1 ^{Head}	2 ¹	4 ^{3/4}	3.47	spd off rail,wknd 1/8
26Jul25 ⁷ CNL ³	5	Mickey Shillelagh (Cheminaud, Vincent)	122 L b	5	3 ^{1/2}	2 ¹	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	5 ^{2 1/2}	6.04	up close,4-w upr,yield
13Jun25 ⁸ CD ⁴	9	Malcolm X (PER) (Leparoux, Julien)	122 L	9	10 ³	10 ^{4 1/2}	8 ^{1/2}	10	9 ^{3 1/2}	6 ^{1 3/4}	63.63	angl widest str,no bid
26Jul25 ⁷ CNL ⁴	10	My Boy Tony (Saez, Luis)	122 L b	10	8 ^{1/2}	9 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{Head}	4 ¹	6 ^{1/2}	7 ^{Head}	5.90	ins far turn, yielded
17Aug25 ⁴ ELP ³	8	Fort Thomas (Morales, Edgar)	122 L b	8	6 ¹	6 ¹	5 ¹	5 ^{Head}	8 ^{1/2}	8 ^{1/2}	14.99	5w far trn,no response
17Aug25 ⁴ ELP ⁴	2	Kid Cairo (Ortiz, Jose)	122 L	2	11	11	10 ^{Head}	8 ^{1/2}	7 ^{Head}	9 ^{3/4}	8.46	4-6w far turn,no bid
2Aug25 ⁸ GP ⁶	12	Culpa (Gaffalione, Tyler)	118 L	11	5 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	9 ¹	10	10	22.69	failed to sustain bid
8Aug25 ¹⁰ ELP ¹	4	Alpha Omega (Rosario, Joel)	122 L b	4	1 ^{1/2}	4 ^{Head}	11	---	---	---	48.20	pulled up, walked off

Fractional Times: 23.45 47.83 1:11.33 1:35.66 2:00.61 Final Time: 2:26.33

Split Times: (24:38) (23:50) (24:33) (24:95) (25:72)

Run-Up: 10 feet Temporary Rail: 25 feet

Winner: Common Defense, Dark Bay or Brown Colt, by Karakontie (JPN) out of Allusion, by Street Cry (IRE). Foaled Jan 25, 2021 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Tony Holmes, Norevale Farm & Union Dale

Owner: David A. Bernsen LLC, Holmes, Tony, Holmes, Michael, Dooley, Leo and Dooley, Sarah

Trainer: McPeck, Kenneth

Scratched Horse(s): Small Field (Also-Eligible), Sun Thunder (PrivVet-Injured), Vintage Year (Also-Eligible)

Total WPS Pool: \$310,044

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
3	Common Defense	5.04	3.36	3.14	\$0.50 Pick 3	4-10-3 (3 correct)	117.28	52,861
1	Bee Well		23.98	11.98	\$1.00 Daily Double	10-3	97.82	50,696
6	Ambition			14.26	\$1.00 Exacta	3-1	73.84	221,504
					\$0.10 Superfecta	3-1-6-7	589.81	73,711
					\$0.50 Trifecta	3-1-6	664.45	119,027

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	1/4	1/2	1m	11/4	Str	Fin
3	Common Defense	4 ³	5 ^{3 1/4}	6 ^{2 3/4}	2 ^{Head}	1 ⁴	1 ⁸
1	Bee Well	9 ^{6 1/2}	8 ^{4 3/4}	9 ^{7 3/4}	7 ^{3 3/4}	5 ⁶	2 ⁸
6	Ambition	7 ^{4 1/2}	7 ^{4 1/4}	7 ^{4 3/4}	6 ^{3 1/4}	4 ^{5 1/2}	3 ^{8 3/4}
7	Time Song	2 ^{1/2}	1 ²	1 ¹	1 ^{Head}	2 ⁴	4 ^{9 1/2}
5	Mickey Shillelagh	3 ^{2 1/2}	2 ²	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	3 ⁵	5 ^{10 1/4}
9	Malcolm X (PER)	10 ^{8 1/2}	10 ^{7 1/2}	8 ^{7 1/4}	10 ^{5 3/4}	9 ⁹	6 ^{12 3/4}
10	My Boy Tony	8 ⁶	9 ⁵	4 ^{1 1/2}	4 ²	6 ⁸	7 ^{14 1/2}
8	Fort Thomas	6 ^{3 1/2}	6 ^{3 1/4}	5 ^{1 3/4}	5 ³	8 ^{8 1/2}	8 ^{14 1/2}
2	Kid Cairo	11 ^{11 1/2}	11 ¹²	10 ^{9 1/4}	8 ^{4 1/4}	7 ^{8 1/2}	9 ¹⁵
12	Culpa	5 ³	3 ³	2 ¹	9 ^{4 3/4}	10 ^{12 1/2}	10 ^{24 3/4}
4	Alpha Omega	1 ^{1/2}	4 ³	11 ^{9 1/4}	---	---	---

Trainers: 3 - McPeck, Kenneth; 1 - Kingsley, Jr., Archibald; 6 - Asmussen, Steven; 7 - Thomas, Jonathan; 5 - McGaughey III, Claude; 9 - Zaneli, Jr., Dante; 10 - Kenneally, Eddie; 8 - Arnold II, George; 2 - Casse, Mark; 12 - Joseph, Jr., Saffie; 4 - Eurtan, Peter

Owners: 3 - David A. Bernsen LLC, Holmes, Tony, Holmes, Michael, Dooley, Leo and Dooley, Sarah; 1 -Richard C. Colton, Jr.; 6 - Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds LLC; 7 - Baron Racing Stables (Dwight D. Baron); 5 -Fred M. Allor; 9 - El Herraje LLC; 10 - Three D Thoroughbred Racing LLC; 8 -Susan S. Bunning; 2 - Ironhorse Racing Stable LLC and Parks, Brenda Bruck; 12 - Alonso, Daniel and Shining Stables LLC; 4 - C R K Stable LLC;

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COMMON DEFENSE drafted back to race mid pack, near the inside through the backstretch, made a three to two wide bid though the upper lane inside of rivals and finished strongly to widen its lead under a steady hand ride. BEE WELL raced with the second flight early on, three deep through the upper lane, altered in near the three sixteenths pole after waiting briefly, moved up but was no match for the winner racing near the rail. AMBITION raced mid pack down the backstretch, two deep through the far turn into the lane, shifted out five wide and moved up to improve position. TIME SONG showed good early speed racing just off the inside and weakened a bit the final eighth of a mile. MICKEY SHILLELAGH forwardly placed to lay up close early, four deep into the upper stretch and yielded late. MALCOLM X (PER) unhurried early racing near the back, angled out to race widest through the stretch run and never threatened. MY BOY TONY angled in early to save ground, continued its inside bid through the far turn into the lane and yielded through the drive. FORT THOMAS drafted back near the middle of the pace, raced five wide from the outside of rivals and had no response. KID CAIRO lag early on, raced four to six wide from the outside through the far turn and never threatened. CULPA raced four wide around the first turn, three deep around the far turn failed to

sustain a bid. ALPHA OMEGA was done early, pulled up and walked off under his own power.

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