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**KEENELAND - April 16, 2026 - Race 8**

STARTER ALLOWANCE - Thoroughbred

FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF \$25,000 OR LESS SINCE DECEMBER 16, 2024. Weight, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of Two Races At A Mile Or Over Since February 16 Allowed 3 lbs. Such A Race Since Then Allowed 5 lbs. (Races Where Entered For \$20,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances). ( C ) **Claiming Price:** \$25,000 - \$0

**Distance:** One And One Sixteenth Miles On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Knicks Go - 1:40.79 - October 4, 2020)

**Purse:** \$73,000

**Includes:** \$24,000 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund

**Available Money:** \$73,000

**Value of Race:** \$72,700 1st \$44,129, 2nd \$14,235, 3rd \$7,118, 4th \$3,559, 5th \$2,135, 6th \$912, 7th \$612

**Weather:** Clear, 77° **Track:** Fast

**Off at:** 4:51 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

| Last Raced                           | Pgm | Horse Name (Jockey)               | Wgt | M/E | PP | Start | 1/4                | 1/2                | 3/4                | Str                | Fin                | Odds                | Comments                    |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|----|-------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| 6Mar26 <sup>8</sup> FG <sup>1</sup>  | 8   | Awesome Ruta (Ortiz, Jose)        | 120 | L   | 6  | 1     | 2 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 2 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 2 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 1 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 1 <sup>1</sup> 1/4 | 1.12*               | prss 2w.up 1/4,hld swy      |
| 27Feb26 <sup>3</sup> SA <sup>2</sup> | 1   | Trusty Rusty (Hernandez, Juan)    | 118 | L   | bf | 1     | 3 <sup>Head</sup>  | 4 <sup>2</sup>     | 3 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 2 <sup>2</sup>     | 2 <sup>4</sup>     | 3.58                | ins,3p2nd,kept at bay       |
| 11Mar26 <sup>8</sup> TP <sup>1</sup> | 7   | Evening News (Villarreal, Oscar)  | 118 | L   | bf | 5     | 4                  | 1 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 1 <sup>Head</sup>  | 3 <sup>2</sup> 1/2 | 3 <sup>Nose</sup>  | 19.59               | ins winner,saved show       |
| 21Mar26 <sup>6</sup> TP <sup>6</sup> | 6   | Goes the Clown (Leparoux, Julien) | 118 | L   | b  | 4     | 3                  | 7                  | 7                  | 4 <sup>Head</sup>  | 4 <sup>1</sup> 3/4 | 25.42               | 3p,5p3/16,wllng,ms shw      |
| 7Mar26 <sup>9</sup> TP <sup>6</sup>  | 9   | Time for Trouble (Torres, Jaime)  | 118 | L   | b  | 7     | 2                  | 5 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 6 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 6 <sup>4</sup> 1/2 | 5 <sup>2</sup>     | 7.90                | 4p1st,2p2nd,no factor       |
| 20Mar26 <sup>8</sup> OP <sup>4</sup> | 4   | American Law (Gaffalione, Tyler)  | 118 | L   | bf | 3     | 6                  | 4 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 3 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 4 <sup>2</sup> 1/2 | 5 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 6 <sup>22</sup> 1/4 | 3.83 track 3-4p,chased,fade |
| 6Mar26 <sup>8</sup> FG <sup>3</sup>  | 3   | Liar's Poker (Concepcion, Axel)   | 118 | L   | b  | 2     | 5                  | 6 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 5 <sup>1</sup>     | 5 <sup>Head</sup>  | 7                  | 9.30                | 2-3p,ins2nd,wknd,eased      |

**Fractional Times:** 24.27 48.51 1:12.87 1:38.44

**Final Time:** 1:45.39 **Time from Gate:** 1:47.36

**Split Times:** (24:24) (24:36) (25:57) (6:95)

**Run-Up:** 50 feet

**Winner:** Awesome Ruta, Bay Horse, by Mendelssohn out of Awesome Prayer, by Awesome Again. Foaled Feb 04, 2021 in Kentucky.

**Breeder:** Brian Levings

**Owner:** Baron Racing Stables (Dwight D. Baron)

**Trainer:** Sharp, Joe

**Scratched Horse(s):** Carolo Rapido (Trainer), Clooney (RegVet-Unsound)

**Total WPS Pool:** \$311,447

| Pgm | Horse        | Win  | Place | Show | Wager Type                | Winning Numbers   | Payoff | Pool    |
|-----|--------------|------|-------|------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------|---------|
| 8   | Awesome Ruta | 4.24 | 2.56  | 2.30 | \$1.00 Exacta             | 8-1               | 5.72   | 159,783 |
| 1   | Trusty Rusty |      | 3.54  | 2.54 | \$0.50 Trifecta           | 8-1-7             | 28.49  | 79,113  |
| 7   | Evening News |      |       | 6.74 | \$0.50 Superfecta         | 8-1-7-6           | 115.60 | 58,902  |
|     |              |      |       |      | \$1.00 Pick 3             | 1-8-8 (3 correct) | 45.84  | 38,100  |
|     |              |      |       |      | \$1.00 Daily Double       | 8-8               | 5.51   | 64,432  |
|     |              |      |       |      | \$1.00 Consolation Pick 3 | 1-8-5 (3 correct) | 13.18  | 0       |
|     |              |      |       |      | \$1.00 Consolation        | 8-5               | 2.31   | 0       |
|     |              |      |       |      | Double                    |                   |        |         |

**Past Performance Running Line Preview**

| Pgm | Horse Name       | Start | 1/4                | 1/2                | 3/4                | Str                | Fin                 |
|-----|------------------|-------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 8   | Awesome Ruta     | 1     | 2 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 2 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 2 <sup>Head</sup>  | 1 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 1 <sup>1</sup> 1/4  |
| 1   | Trusty Rusty     | 7     | 3 <sup>2</sup>     | 4 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 3 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 2 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 2 <sup>1</sup> 1/4  |
| 7   | Evening News     | 4     | 1 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 1 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 1 <sup>Head</sup>  | 3 <sup>3</sup> 1/2 | 3 <sup>5</sup> 1/4  |
| 6   | Goes the Clown   | 3     | 7 <sup>4</sup> 1/2 | 7 <sup>5</sup>     | 7 <sup>6</sup> 1/4 | 4 <sup>6</sup>     | 4 <sup>5</sup> 1/4  |
| 9   | Time for Trouble | 2     | 5 <sup>3</sup> 1/2 | 6 <sup>4</sup> 1/2 | 6 <sup>4</sup> 3/4 | 6 <sup>6</sup> 1/2 | 5 <sup>7</sup>      |
| 4   | American Law     | 6     | 4 <sup>2</sup>     | 3 <sup>1</sup>     | 4 <sup>2</sup>     | 5 <sup>6</sup>     | 6 <sup>9</sup>      |
| 3   | Liar's Poker     | 5     | 6 <sup>4</sup>     | 5 <sup>3</sup> 1/2 | 5 <sup>4</sup> 1/2 | 7 <sup>11</sup>    | 7 <sup>31</sup> 1/4 |

**Trainers:** 8 - Sharp, Joe; 1 - Hess, Jr., Robert; 7 - Andrade, Hugo; 6 - Hess, Jr., Robert; 9 - Foster, Eric; 4 - Shaffer, Sarah; 3 - Londono, Genevieve

**Owners:** 8 - Baron Racing Stables (Dwight D. Baron); 1 - Paradise Farms Corp.; 7 - San Jose Racing Stable LLC; 6 -Chevan Maharaj; 9 - Wargel, William J., Maxis Stable and Foster Family Racing; 4 - Flying P Stable; 3 - Elkin Family Racing, LLC;

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

AWESOME RUTA pressed the leader from the three path, vied in the two path around the far turn, led leaving the quarter pole as an outer rival took aim then held sway from that pursuer through the final furlong. TRUSTY RUSTY stalked along the inside, then from the three path around the far turn, took aim outside of the top pair nearing the lane but was kept at bay thereafter. EVENING NEWS brushed with an inner foe at the start, set the pace near the inside as the eventual winner prompted, vied with that one around the far turn, got headed at the quarter pole, gave way thereafter yet saved show at the wire. GOES THE CLOWN brushed with an outer foe leaving the gate, trailed in the three path, shifted out to the five path entering the lane then ran on willingly to miss show. TIME FOR TROUBLE settled off of the pace in the four path, took the far turn in the two path and failed to factor. AMERICAN LAW tracked from the three to four path, chased around the far turn and faded. LIAR'S POKER settled in the two to three path, saved ground around the far turn, but weakened and was eased through the lane.