

KEENELAND - October 12, 2025 - Race 8

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of Two Races Since August 12 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$16,000 (Races Where Entered For \$12,500 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances). **Claiming**

Price: \$16,000

Distance: Seven Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Gamine - 1:20.20 - November 7, 2020)

Purse: \$51,000

Includes: \$17,000 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund

Available Money: \$51,000

Value of Race: \$49,385 1st \$30,039, 2nd \$9,690, 3rd \$3,230, 4th \$2,423, 5th \$1,454, 6th \$638, 7th \$637, 8th \$637, 9th \$637

Weather: Clear, 71° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 4:46 **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	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
27Sep25 ² CD ⁵	13	J J's Joker (Torres, Jaime)	121	L b	9	2	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	1 ¹	9.94	stalk 4w,edge past lat
31May25 ² CD ⁹	10	One Cool Dude (Morales, Edgar)	121	L b	7	3	3 ¹	2 ^{Head}	1 ¹	2 ² 1/2	2.97	vied 3w,led,bestd late
14Sep25 ⁶ CD ⁶	5	Background (Asmussen, Keith)	121	L	4	6	6 ⁴ 1/2	6 ² 1/2	6 ² 1/2	3 ^{1/2}	7.40	2-3p,edge shw btw late
11Sep25 ⁸ CD ⁶	6	Lightning Struck (Cedillo, Abel)	121	L bf	5	5	1 ^{Head}	3 ¹	5 ^{Head}	4 ^{Nose}	7.40	ins pair,yield,kept on
24Sep25 ⁵ CD ⁴	9	Sutherland (Ortiz, Jr., Irad)	121	L bf	6	1	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	3 ¹ 1/2	5 ^{Nose}	2.17*	vied 2wbtw,faded 1/16
8Sep25 ¹⁰ PRM ⁵	2	Gluckstadt (Terraza, German)	121	L bf	2	8	7 ²	7 ³	4 ¹	6 ⁴ 3/4	8.59	3-4p,6p1/4,flatnd out
13Sep25 ⁹ PRM ⁴	3	Denington (Saez, Gabriel)	121	L	3	7	8 ¹ 1/2	8 ^{Head}	8 ^{1/2}	7 ¹	21.00	inside, no impact
14Sep25 ⁶ CD ⁴	11	Mucho Mojo (Concepcion, Axel)	121	L b	8	4	5 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	7 ¹	8 ¹ 1/2	6.78	3pbtw,drft out1/8,wknd
24Sep25 ⁵ CD ⁷	1	Hometown Hero (Leparoux, Julien)	121	L bf	1	9	9	9	9	9	61.74	brush start,2w,outrun

Fractional Times: 22.71 45.96 1:11.17

Final Time: 1:24.85

Split Times: (23:25) (25:21) (13:68)

Run-Up: 43 feet

Winner: J J's Joker, Bay Gelding, by Practical Joke out of Cabbage Key, by A.P. Indy. Foaled Apr 03, 2020 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Doug and Felicia Branham

Owner: Mertkan Kantarmaci

Trainer: Kantarmaci, Mertkan

3 Claimed Horse(s): **Gluckstadt**
Lightning Struck
Mucho Mojo

New Trainer: Lacey Gaudet
New Trainer: Steven M. Asmussen
New Trainer: Eric N. Foster

New Owner: Linda S. Gaudet
New Owner: Steven M. Asmussen
New Owner: Foster Family Racing, Miller, Douglas E., Wargel, William J. and R.K. Eckrich Racing LLC

Claiming Prices: 13 - J J's Joker: \$16,000; 10 - One Cool Dude: \$16,000; 5 - Background: \$16,000; 6 - Lightning Struck: \$16,000; 9 - Sutherland: \$16,000; 2 - Gluckstadt: \$16,000; 3 - Denington: \$16,000; 11 - Mucho Mojo: \$16,000; 1 - Hometown Hero: \$16,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Guanare (RegVet-Unsound), Lend It Tewmey (Trainer), Overbore (Trainer), Xander (Trainer)

Total WPS Pool: \$388,935

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
13	J J's Joker	21.88	9.22	5.92	\$1.00 Exacta	13-10	48.11	264,686
10	One Cool Dude		5.02	4.16	\$0.50 Trifecta	13-10-5	179.70	143,217
5	Background			5.04	\$0.10 Superfecta	13-10-5-6	136.12	86,706
					\$0.50 Pick 3	6-2-13 (3 correct)	105.60	53,505
					\$1.00 Daily Double	2-13	38.60	47,283

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
13	J J's Joker	2	4 ¹ 1/2	4 ¹ 1/4	2 ¹	1 ¹
10	One Cool Dude	3	3 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	1 ¹	2 ¹
5	Background	6	6 ² 1/4	6 ¹ 3/4	6 ³ 3/4	3 ³ 1/2
6	Lightning Struck	5	1 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	5 ³ 1/2	4 ⁴
9	Sutherland	1	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	3 ¹	5 ⁴
2	Gluckstadt	8	7 ⁶ 3/4	7 ⁴ 1/4	4 ² 1/2	6 ⁴
3	Denington	7	8 ⁸ 3/4	8 ⁷ 1/4	8 ⁷ 1/4	7 ⁸ 3/4
11	Mucho Mojo	4	5 ²	5 ¹ 3/4	7 ⁶ 1/4	8 ⁹ 3/4
1	Hometown Hero	9	9 ¹⁰ 1/4	9 ⁷ 1/2	9 ⁷ 3/4	9 ¹¹ 1/4

Trainers: 13 - Kantarmaci, Mertkan; 10 - Blair, Jordan; 5 - Asmussen, Steven; 6 - Diodoro, Robertino; 9 - Kantarmaci, Mertkan; 2 - Martinez, Kelli; 3 - Johnston, Lane; 11 - Habeeb, Donald; 1 - Moreno, Tito

Owners: 13 -Mertkan Kantarmaci; 10 -Todd Grantham; 5 -Steven M. Asmussen; 6 - 8 Star Racing; 9 - Krakow Racing LLC; 2 - D and L Farms; 3 -Tom D Adams; 11 - Thomas, Michael J., Weiter, Joseph A., Allen, Jeff W. and Habeeb, Donald J.; 1 - Las Mercedes Stable;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

J J'S JOKER stalked four wide, sustained gradual progress to bid outside of the leader at the sixteenth pole and edged past late. ONE COOL DUDE prompted three deep, vied around the turn, led turning for home, held sway through midstretch but was collared by an outer challenger at the sixteenth pole and got bested late. BACKGROUND tracked in the two path, pursued in the three path into upper stretch, stayed on between horses in the final furlong and edged show late. LIGHTNING STRUCK vied for the lead inside of a pair of rivals, yielded entering the lane, yet kept on mildly between horses in the final sixteenth. SUTHERLAND vied two wide and between horses, got headed by his outer counterpart turning for home, kept on through midstretch but faded through the final sixteenth. GLUCKSTADT brushed with an inner foe leaving the gate, raced off of the pace in the three to four path, fanned out to the six path entering the lane, advanced outside of rivals in upper stretch but flattened out in the final furlong and tired late. DENINGTON raced at the rear along the inside and made little impact. MUCHO MOJO tracked from the three path and between horses, yielded in the four to five path entering the lane, drifted out in midstretch and weakened. HOMETOWN HERO brushed with an outer rival leaving the gate, raced at the rear two wide and got outrun.

