

STARTER OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
(PLUS UP TO 15% MBF) FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF \$20,000 OR LESS AND WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES OR CLAIMING \$20,000-\$16,000 AND NEVER WON THREE RACES. Weight, 126 lbs. Claiming Price \$20,000, if for \$16,000, allowed 4 lbs. (NW3 L) **Claiming Price:** \$20,000
Distance: One Mile On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Top Line Growth - 1:34.07 - June 8, 2019)
Purse: \$27,780
Includes: \$1,000 Starters Bonus
Includes: \$780 MBF - Maryland Bred Fund
Available Money: \$27,780
Value of Race: \$27,780 1st \$15,600, 2nd \$5,980, 3rd \$2,600, 4th \$1,300, 5th \$780, 6th \$520, 7th \$500, 8th \$500
Weather: Clear, 30° **Track:** Fast
Off at: 12:04 **Start:** Good for all except 6 **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments	
27Dec25 ⁶ AQU ⁵	4	Who's the King (Sanchez, Mychel)	126	L	3	4	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ² 1/2	1 ² 1/2	1 ⁵ 1/2	1 ⁷	1.50*	ins,steady hand ride	
13Dec25 ¹ LRL ³	1	Schrader (Hernandez, Jorge) VA CERTIFIED	126	L	bf	1	2	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ^{Head}	2 ⁷	2 ⁷ 1/4	3.20	stalk ins-2w,2nd best	
10Jan26 ¹ LRL ³	8	Mugatu (Toledo, Jevian)	126	L	bf	7	8	8	6 ³	5 ^{Head}	5 ²	3 ¹ 1/4	2.20	stp slw,3-4w,mildly
10Jan26 ¹ LRL ⁶	7	The Count Is On (Rocco, Jr., Joseph)	126	L	b	6	1	3 ²	3 ²	3 ¹ 1/2	4 ³ 4	36.10	stalk 2-3w,weakened	
10Jan26 ¹ LRL ⁵	5	Brindano (Rodriguez, Darwin)	119	L	bf	4	5	6 ¹ 1/2	8	8	7 ¹	5 ¹ 1/4	27.00	swung widest,by faders
16Jan26 ¹ LRL ³	6	Square Slice (Lyapustina, Tais)	126	L		5	7	7 ²	7 ¹	6 ¹ 1/2	4 ^{Head}	6 ¹ 1/2	16.90	bobbled st,ins,no bid
10Jan26 ¹ LRL ⁷	9	Keen Surge (Gomez, Kevin)	122	L	b	8	3	5 ¹ 1/2	5 ¹ 1/2	7 ¹ 1/2	8	7 ¹ 1/4	49.80	asked 2-3w,gave way
27Dec25 ² LRL ²	3	Brighty (Torrealba, J.G.)	126	L	b	2	6	4 ²	4 ^{Head}	4 ¹ 1/2	6 ^{Head}	8	6.20	trck inside,tired

Fractional Times: 24.69 48.59 1:13.49 1:25.48 **Final Time:** 1:38.33
Split Times: (23:90) (24:90) (11:99) (12:85)
Run-Up: 20 feet

Winner: Who's the King, Bay Gelding, by Not This Time out of Willet, by Jump Start. Foaled Mar 22, 2021 in Kentucky.
Breeder: James Iselin, Eli Gindi, David Asoulin & Louis Asoulin
Owner: Madison Avenue Racing Stable, Inc. and Kernan, Jr., Morris E.
Trainer: Ness, Jamie

Claiming Prices: 9 - Keen Surge: \$16,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Happy Jaunt (Stewards)

Total WPS Pool: \$36,021

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
4	Who's the King	5.00	3.00	2.40	\$1.00 Exacta	4-1	6.90	36,678
1	Schrader		3.80	2.40	\$1.00 Trifecta	4-1-8	15.40	18,459
8	Mugatu			2.20	\$1.00 Superfecta	4-1-8-7	226.30	12,914

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
4	Who's the King	4	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ² 1/2	1 ² 1/2	1 ⁵ 1/2	1 ⁷
1	Schrader	2	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ² 1/2	2 ² 1/2	2 ⁵ 1/2	2 ⁷
8	Mugatu	8	8 ¹⁰	6 ⁵ 1/4	5 ⁷ 1/2	5 ¹³ 1/2	3 ¹⁴ 1/4
7	The Count Is On	1	3 ²	3 ² 1/2	3 ⁵ 1/2	3 ¹² 1/2	4 ¹⁵ 1/2
5	Brindano	5	6 ⁶ 1/2	8 ⁹ 1/4	8 ¹⁰ 1/2	7 ¹⁵ 3/4	5 ¹⁶ 1/4
6	Square Slice	7	7 ⁸	7 ⁸ 1/4	6 ⁷ 1/2	4 ¹³ 1/2	6 ¹⁷ 1/2
9	Keen Surge	3	5 ⁶	5 ⁴ 3/4	7 ⁹	8 ¹⁶ 3/4	7 ¹⁹
3	Brighty	6	4 ⁴	4 ⁴ 1/2	4 ⁶	6 ¹⁵ 1/2	8 ²⁰ 1/4

Trainers: 4 - Ness, Jamie; 1 - McMahon, Hugh; 8 - Eubanks, Annette; 7 - Dilodovico, Damon; 5 - Pradenas, Sergio; 6 - Klesaris, Robert; 9 - Perri, Gina; 3 - Sanchez-Salomon, Rodolfo

Owners: 4 - Madison Avenue Racing Stable, Inc. and Kernan, Jr., Morris E.; 1 - Sola Dei Gloria Stable; 8 - Rising Sun Racing Stables, Inc.; 7 - Stormy Stable LLC; 5 -Elena A. Pradenas; 6 -Michael Hoensing; 9 - Lady Smith Stable LLC; 3 - High Schticking Thoroughbreds LLC;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

WHO'S THE KING contested the early pace leaving the start then took command, set a moderate pace off of the rail into the turn, drew off under mild urging into the stretch then coasted to the wire under hand urging in deep stretch. SCHRADER contested the early pace then ceded the front to WHO'S THE KING, stalked that rival through moderate fractions while saving ground into the turn, tipped to the two path at the quarter marker, could not keep pace with the winner into the lane and was a clear second best. MUGATU broke a bit slowly and was allowed to settle in the early stages, made a three then four wide bid nearing the quarter marker, flattened out in the stretch but stayed on in the late stages to earn the show honors. THE COUNT IS ON raced close up to the early pace, stalked the pace two then three wide into the turn, could not find the needed response into upper stretch and weakened in the drive. BRINDANO was unhurried in the early stages, coaxed three then four wide nearing the quarter marker, swung five wide into the stretch, needed more in the final stages but passed tiring rivals to improve position. SQUARE SLICE had an equipment repair in the paddock prior to the start, bobbled at the break and was off a bit slowly, settled while saving ground to the turn, maintained an inside path to the stretch and did not offer the needed late response. KEEN SURGE settled while never far back in the early stages, tracked the pace two then three wide nearing the quarter marker, lacked the needed response into upper stretch and gave way in the drive. BRIGHTY was well placed while saving ground in the early going, tracked the moderate pace from the inside into the turn, could not keep pace to upper stretch and tired in the final furlong.

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