

LAUREL PARK - March 1, 2026 - Race 7

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
 (PLUS UP TO 15% MBF) FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, WAIVER CLAIMING, STARTER OR STATE BRED/STATE SIRE OR STATE CERTIFIED RACE OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES OR CLAIMING PRICE \$40,000-\$32,000. Weight, 126 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race At A Mile Or Over Since January 1 Allowed 3 lbs. Claiming Price \$40,000, if for \$32,000, allowed 4 lbs. (Races Where Entered For \$30,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances). (NW2 X) **Claiming Price:** \$40,000 - \$32,000

Distance: One And One Eighth Miles On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Redding Colliery - 1:47.39 - February 15, 2010)

Purse: \$54,295

Includes: \$500 Starters Bonus

Includes: \$795 MBF - Maryland Bred Fund

Available Money: \$54,295

Value of Race: \$54,295 1st \$31,800, 2nd \$10,600, 3rd \$6,095, 4th \$2,650, 5th \$1,590, 6th \$1,060, 7th \$500

Weather: Clear, 50° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 3:00 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic



[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
13Feb26 ⁷ CT ⁶	5	Xcellent Start (Petroche, Fredy)	123	L b	5	6	5 ^{1/2}	5 ¹	6 ^{3 1/2}	5 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	12.10	closed inside, driving
11Feb26 ⁴ AQU ⁴	2	Hagrid's Flame (Chuan, Martin) VA CERTIFIED	123	L b	2	3	2 ⁴	2 ^{2 1/2}	2 ⁴	1 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1 3/4}	3.50	2w bid,drftd late,game
12Feb26 ⁸ LRL ⁷	1	Crossland (Villalobos, Ismerio)	123	L b	1	4	6 ^{4 1/2}	6 ⁴	5 ^{Head}	4 ^{1/2}	3 ^{2 1/2}	28.20	5wd 1/8,flattened
27Jun25 ⁴ PEN ⁷	7	Take the Pledge (Cruz, Angel)	123	L f	7	7	7	7	7	7	4 ^{1/2}	7.30	slow start,6w 1/8
12Feb26 ⁸ LRL ³	3	Certified Loverboy (Sanchez, Mychel)	123	L f	3	1	1 ^{2 1/2}	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	2 ²	5 ²	0.40*	rail, pace, weakened
26Dec25 ⁵ LRL ³	6	Tops the Chart (Vargas, Jose)	113	L	6	5	4 ³	4 ^{5 1/2}	3 ^{Head}	3 ¹	6 ^{3/4}	13.00	stalked, weakened
17Jan26 ⁷ LRL ⁷	4	Cap Com (Chavez, Andres)	123	L bf	4	2	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{1/2}	4 ⁷	6 ^{1 1/2}	7	36.80	rail, gave way

Fractional Times: 24.33 48.72 1:13.39 1:39.94

Final Time: 1:53.61

Split Times: (24:39) (24:67) (26:55) (13:67)

Run-Up: 35 feet

Winner: Xcellent Start, Bay Gelding, by Upstart out of Conquest Ms Curlin, by Curlin. Foaled Feb 27, 2020 in West Virginia.

Breeder: Williams Racing Corp

Owner: Regulator Racing Stable

Trainer: Sanderson, Wade

Claiming Prices: 5 - Xcellent Start: \$40,000; 2 - Hagrid's Flame: \$40,000; 7 - Take the Pledge: \$40,000; 6 - Tops the Chart: \$32,000; 4 - Cap Com: \$40,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$47,624

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Xcellent Start	26.20	7.60	9.20	\$0.50 Pick 3	1-5-5 (3 correct)	168.50	3,405
2	Hagrid's Flame		5.20	6.20	\$1.00 Daily Double	5-5	99.40	5,212
1	Crossland			13.00	\$1.00 Exacta	5-2	85.90	33,550
					\$1.00 Superfecta	5-2-1-7	3,437.10	18,273
					\$1.00 Trifecta	5-2-1	524.70	22,786

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
5	Xcellent Start	6	5 ^{9 1/2}	5 ^{9 1/2}	6 ^{11 3/4}	5 ⁵	1 ^{1/2}
2	Hagrid's Flame	3	2 ^{2 1/2}	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}
1	Crossland	4	6 ¹⁰	6 ^{10 1/2}	5 ^{11 1/2}	4 ^{4 1/2}	3 ^{2 1/4}
7	Take the Pledge	7	7 ^{14 1/2}	7 ^{14 1/2}	7 ^{15 1/4}	7 ⁸	4 ^{4 3/4}
3	Certified Loverboy	1	1 ^{2 1/2}	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{5 1/4}
6	Tops the Chart	5	4 ^{6 1/2}	4 ⁴	3 ^{4 1/2}	3 ^{3 1/2}	6 ^{7 1/4}
4	Cap Com	2	3 ^{6 1/2}	3 ^{3 1/2}	4 ^{4 1/2}	6 ^{6 1/2}	7 ⁸

Trainers: 5 - Sanderson, Wade; 2 - Ness, Jamie; 1 - Hohlbein, Kerry; 7 - Lynch, Cathal; 3 - Geralis, Emanuel; 6 - Dilodovico, Damon; 4 - Singh, Somraj

Owners: 5 - Regulator Racing Stable; 2 - Madison Avenue Racing Stable, Inc. and Kernan, Jr., Morris E.; 1 - 3 Reasons Racing; 7 - Runnymore Racing, LLC; 3 - PlayingTheField Racing, Final Turn Racing Stable LLC and Dark Horse Racing Stable; 6 -Ronald E. Cuneo; 4 - Euro Stable;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

XCELLENT START lacked speed, stayed along the inner rail down the backstretch, eased out to the two path leaving the far turn, closed resolutely inside horses and was up approaching the finish. HAGRID'S FLAME , put in a forward position entering the first turn, chased the leader down the backstretch, advanced in the two path on the turn, gained the lead turning for home, was clear in mid stretch, drifted out in the drive and gave way grudgingly. CROSSLAND remained along the inner rail on the first turn while well off the lead, raced in the two path entering the far turn, eased out leaving the turn, floated to the five path in mid stretch and flattened out. TAKE THE PLEDGE broke slowly, trained to the stretch, swung to the six path in mid stretch and passed tired horses. CERTIFIED LOVERBOY made the early lead and moved to the inner rail, stayed along the rail, was challenged turning for home, drifted out in upper stretch and weakened the final furlong. TOPS THE CHART stalked the pace, was well positioned entering the stretch and weakened. CAP COM hugged the inner rail down the backstretch, around the far turn, through the stretch and gave way.

VA CERTIFIED Denotes Virginia-Certified Thoroughbred