

LAUREL PARK - June 20, 2026 - Race 9

STAKES Ben's Cat S. Black Type - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE-YEAR-OLDS AND UPWARD. (Registered MD Bred/MD Sired and/or VA Bred/VA Sired). Which have not been permitted Lasix within 48 hours of Post Time. By free subscription. \$500 to pass the entry box, \$500 additional to start with \$100,000 Guaranteed, of which 60% to the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 6% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 1% to sixth. Weights: Three-Year-Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Non-winners of an open Sweepstakes in 2026 allowed 2 lbs.; of a restricted Sweepstakes in 2026, 4 lbs.; non-winners of \$30,000 once in 2026, 6 lbs. (Maiden, Claiming and Starter races not considered in estimating allowances). Trophy to the owner of the winner. Closed Saturday, June 6, 2026 with 39 nominations. (If deemed inadvisable by management to run this race on the Turf course, it will be run on the main track at Six Furlongs) (Rail at 87 feet).

Distance: Six Furlongs On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Jazzy Idea - 1:07.29 - October 27, 2012)

Purse: \$100,000 Guaranteed

Available Money: \$100,000


Value of Race: \$99,000 1st \$60,000, 2nd \$20,000, 3rd \$10,000, 4th \$6,000, 5th \$3,000

Weather: Clear, 85° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 4:22 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

[Video Race Replay](#)

[GPS Race Chart](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
29May26 ³ LRL ¹	6	Witty (Barbosa, Jeiron)	122	bf	4	2	3 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1/2}	0.90*	stalk, outside bid, drvg
16May26 ¹² LRL ⁹	7	Had to Have Him (Toledo, Jevian)	120	b	5	5	1 ^{Head}	1 1 1/2	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ^{Head}	2.40	rushed, rail, game
18Apr26 ⁸ LRL ³	5	Whenigettoheaven (Hazlewood, Yedsit) 	120	b	3	1	2 ¹ 1/2	3 ² 1/2	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ¹	2.10	rail, angled 1/16, game
16May26 ¹² LRL ⁸	3	Tidewater (Briceno, Jean)	120	b	1	3	4 ³	4 ²	4 ⁴	4 ³ 1/2	11.80	rail, 3w upper, willing
11Jun26 ² PEN ³	4	Thataway (Lyapustina, Tais)	120	v	2	4	5	5	5	5	28.80	3-path turn, no bid

Fractional Times: 23.56 45.85 56.78

Final Time: 1:08.77 **Time from Gate:** 1:09.58

Split Times: (22:29) (10:93) (11:99)

Run-Up: 15 feet **Temporary Rail:** 87 feet

Winner: Witty, Gray or Roan Gelding, by Great Notion out of Zeezee Zoomzoom, by Congrats. Foaled Apr 09, 2019 in Pennsylvania.

Breeder: Elizabeth M. Merryman

Owner: Merryman, Elizabeth M. and Detampel, Marc

Trainer: Merryman, Elizabeth

Scratched Horse(s): Brightshininglight (Trainer), Wickeddivine (Main-Track-Only)

Total WPS Pool: \$80,188

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
6	Witty	3.80	2.20	2.10	\$0.50 Pick 3	2/3-7-1/2/6 (3 correct)	8.30	6,737
7	Had to Have Him		2.80	2.10	\$1.00 Daily Double	7-6	11.80	4,843
5	Whenigettoheaven			2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	6-7	3.90	49,520
					\$1.00 Superfecta	6-7-5-3	8.70	15,374
					\$1.00 Trifecta	6-7-5	6.00	28,379

Past Performance Running Line Preview


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6	Witty	2	3 ¹ 1/2	2 ¹ 1/2	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1/2}
7	Had to Have Him	5	1 ^{Head}	1 ¹ 1/2	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}
5	Whenigettoheaven	1	2 ^{Head}	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ^{1/2}
3	Tidewater	3	4 ²	4 ⁴	4 ³	4 ¹ 1/2
4	Thataway	4	5 ⁵	5 ⁶	5 ⁷	5 ⁵

Trainers: 6 - Merryman, Elizabeth; 7 - Salzman, Jr., John; 5 - Ramsey, Nolan; 3 - Aguirre, Jr., Anthony; 4 - Gaudet, Lacey

Owners: 6 - Merryman, Elizabeth M. and Detampel, Marc; 7 - Gracie Mae Stables and Great Lake Stable; 5 - Kenneth L. Ramsey; 3 - Little Man Farm; 4 - Black and Blue Stable;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

WITTY broke well, sat comfortably outside horses down the backstretch, advanced outside HAD TO HAVE HIM in upper stretch, took command when set down in mid stretch and held sway under steady encouragement. HAD TO HAVE HIM , reluctant to loa into the starting gate, rushed up after breaking last, sprinted clear entering the turn and moved to the inner rail, was hooked by the winner in mid stretch and dug in gamely. WHENIGETTOHEAVEN broke alertly and was in front mid way down the backstretch, saved ground on the turn, chased in the stretch, altered to the outside approaching the sixteenth pole and gained late. TIDEWATER saved ground around the turn, eased out to the three path in upper stretch and finished willingly. THATAWAY raced in the three path on the turn and was not a factor.

 Denotes Virginia-Certified Thoroughbred