

MOUNTAINEER CASINO RACETRACK & RESORT - April 28, 2026 - Race 8



CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NOT WON A RACE SINCE APRIL 28, 2025. Three Year Olds, 119 lbs.;

Older, 123 lbs. Claiming Price \$4,000 (W V A Bred Races Not Considered In Eligibility). (NW1 Y X) **Claiming Price:** \$4,000

Distance: One Mile On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Present Course - 1:33.44 - November 19, 2014)

Purse: \$9,000

Available Money: \$9,000

Value of Race: \$8,910 1st \$5,220, 2nd \$1,800, 3rd \$900, 4th \$450, 5th \$180, 6th \$90, 7th \$90, 8th \$90, 9th \$90

Weather: Clear, 70° **Track:** Good

Off at: 10:00 **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	
24Feb26	7	TUP ⁸	6	Saqeel (Negron, Luis)	123	L bf	5 8	8 ⁹	5 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	1 ³	1 ^{13 1/2}	3.80	fired turn going away
12Mar26	3	MVR ²	3	Why Not Me (Bowen, Rocco)	123	L bf	2 3	2 ⁴	2 ¹	3 ²	3 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	2.70	stalked, saved place
13Mar26	7	TP ⁹	5	Liam the Brave (Weatherly, Bailey)	123	L b	6 5	7 ^{1/2}	6 ²	5 ⁶	5 ⁷	3 ^{4 1/4}	1.70*	had late action
3Apr26	3	MVR ⁶	7	Statesboro (Chavez, Alexander)	123	L b	4 2	1 ^{Head}	1 ³	1 ³	2 ²	4 ⁴	24.00	set pace, weakened,
27Mar26	4	MVR ⁴	1	Gold Buckle (Oliveros, Charle)	123	L b	1 7	3 ¹	4 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	5 ^{5 1/2}	14.60	stalked pace, short
22Jan26	5	MVR ⁶	10	Drewpower (Whitacre, Brandon)	123	L bf	9 9	9	9	9	7 ^{1/2}	6 ^{5 1/4}	44.70	never involved
12Apr26	5	MNR ⁴	4	Life Is Hard (Tapara, Luis)	123	L	3 1	6 ^{Head}	8 ¹	8 ^{Head}	8 ¹⁵	7 ^{6 3/4}	3.70	played no factor
27Mar26	4	MVR ⁵	8	Forever Lasting (Yaranga, Yuri)	123	L f	7 4	4 ¹	7 ⁵	6 ²	6 ^{Head}	8 ²⁸	54.30	gave early retreat
12Apr26	5	MNR ⁵	9	First Citizen (Martinez, Miguel)	123	L b	8 6	5 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Head}	7 ^{Head}	9	9	52.60	eased to wire

Fractional Times: 24.51 48.93 1:14.88

Final Time: 1:41.52 **Time from Gate:** 1:43.15

Split Times: (24:42) (25:95) (26:64)

Run-Up: 48 feet

Winner: Saqeel, Bay Gelding, by Daaher out of Nabedhah, by Hard Spun. Foaled Feb 10, 2018 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Shadwell Farm, LLC

Owner: Tijuana Racing Stables

Trainer: Silva, Juan

Claiming Prices: 6 - Saqeel: \$4,000; 3 - Why Not Me: \$4,000; 7 - Liam the Brave: \$4,000; 5 - Statesboro: \$4,000; 1 - Gold Buckle: \$4,000; 10 - Drewpower: \$4,000; 4 - Life Is Hard: \$4,000; 8 - Forever Lasting: \$4,000; 9 - First Citizen: \$4,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Gambling Tzar (Stewards)

Total WPS Pool: \$58,202

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
6	Saqeel	9.60	4.60	2.40	\$2.00 Pick 3	5-3-6 (3 correct)	119.60	29,575
3	Why Not Me		3.40	2.40	\$2.00 Pick 4	9-1/5-3-6 (4 correct)	1,224.20	64,045
7	Liam the Brave			2.20	\$2.00 Pick 5	8-9-1/5-3-6 (5 correct)	5,523.20	71,807
					\$2.00 Daily Double	3-6	123.60	17,972
					\$2.00 Perfecta	6-3	36.00	49,278
					\$1.00 Superfecta	6-3-7-5	352.90	22,524
					\$1.00 Super High Five	6-3-7-5-1	1,616.10	4,310
					\$1.00 Trifecta	6-3-7	47.30	36,615

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
6	Saqeel	8	8 ^{7 1/4}	5 ^{5 1/2}	2 ³	1 ³	1 ^{13 1/2}
3	Why Not Me	3	2 ^{Head}	2 ³	3 ³	3 ⁵	2 ^{13 1/2}
7	Liam the Brave	5	7 ^{6 3/4}	6 ^{5 3/4}	5 ^{5 1/2}	5 ^{6 1/2}	3 ¹⁴
5	Statesboro	2	1 ^{Head}	1 ³	1 ³	2 ³	4 ^{18 1/4}
1	Gold Buckle	7	3 ⁴	4 ⁴	4 ⁵	4 ⁶	5 ^{22 1/4}
10	Drewpower	9	9 ^{16 1/4}	9 ^{13 3/4}	9 ^{13 3/4}	7 ^{13 1/2}	6 ^{27 3/4}
4	Life Is Hard	1	6 ^{6 1/2}	8 ^{12 3/4}	8 ^{13 3/4}	8 ¹⁴	7 ³³
8	Forever Lasting	4	4 ⁵	7 ^{7 3/4}	6 ^{11 1/2}	6 ^{13 1/2}	8 ^{39 3/4}
9	First Citizen	6	5 ⁶	3 ⁴	7 ^{13 1/2}	9 ²⁹	9 ^{67 3/4}

Trainers: 6 - Silva, Juan; 3 - Skelton, Chad; 7 - Esposito, Christi; 5 - Winters, Michelle; 1 - Spiess, Shane; 10 - Brown, John; 4 - Mathes, Julie; 8 - Spiess, Shane; 9 - Romero, Jose

Owners: 6 - Tijuana Racing Stables; 3 - Chad T. Skelton; 7 - Christi Lynn Esposito; 5 - Michelle Winters; 1 - Tracey Wisner Racing LLC; 10 - Gage Pinkerton; 4 - Bruno Schickedanz; 8 - Tracey Wisner Racing LLC; 9 - Carolyn A. Morrow;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

SAQEEL fired on the far turn clearing in upper stretch winning going away. WHY NOT ME stalked the pace chasing to upper stretch extending for place. LIAM THE BRAVE slow early raced evenly to upper stretch finding late action. STATESBORO set the pace being passed to upper stretch weakening late. GOLD BUCKLE stalked the pace wearing down to upper stretch. DREWPOWER was never involved. LIFE IS HARD played no factor. FOREVER LASTING gave early retreat. FIRST CITIZEN was eased to wire.

Total Attendance: 0

Handle: \$1,307,849