

MOUNTAINEER CASINO RACETRACK & RESORT - May 25, 2026 - Race 2



CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON FOUR RACES OR WHICH HAVE NOT WON TWO RACES SINCE MAY 25, 2025. Three Year Olds, 119 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race At A Mile Or Over Since April 25, 2026 Allowed 3 lbs. Claiming Price \$12,500 (W V A Bred Races Not Considered In Eligibility). (If necessary will be run SAME DISTANCE Main Track.). (C) **Claiming Price:** \$12,500

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

Purse: \$14,500

Available Money: \$14,500

Value of Race: \$13,920 1st \$8,410, 2nd \$2,900, 3rd \$1,450, 4th \$725, 5th \$290, 6th \$145

Weather: Clear, 70° **Track:** Good

Off at: 7:32 **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
8May26 ⁵ BTP ⁴	13	Hope Joe's Right (Oliveros, Charle)	121	L b	6	4	3 ²	2 ^{1/2}	2 ⁴	2 ⁴	1 ²	2.10	prompted rallied clear
4May26 ² MNR ⁵	12	El Ondeado (Gonzalez, Kevin)	120	L b	5	2	2 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	1 ²	2 ^{1/2}	2.40	clear inside hung late
28Apr26 ⁸ MNR ²	7	Why Not Me (Bowen, Rocco)	120	L bf	3	1	1 ^{1 1/2}	3 ⁶	3 ⁷	3 ⁵	3 ^{9 1/2}	1.90*	angled out stiff drive
12May26 ¹ MNR ³	4	Classic King (Gomez, Alejandro)	120	L bf	2	5	5 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	4 ³	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{2 1/4}	10.20	played no factor
14Mar26 ² FG ⁹	9	Motor City Menace (Franca, Carlos)	120	L bf	4	6	6	6	6	6	5 ^{4 1/2}	8.10	never involved
1Nov25 ⁹ RP ¹⁰	1	Spirit of Spootie (Garcia, Francisco)	120	L	1	3	4 ²	4 ²	5 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1/2}	6	13.20	second flight, tired,

Fractional Times: 24.75 48.59 1:14.28

Final Time: 1:43.16 **Time from Gate:** 1:45.00

Split Times: (23:84) (25:69) (28:88)

Run-Up: 48 feet

Winner: Hope Joe's Right, Bay Gelding, by Klimt out of Tizjet, by Tiznow. Foaled Feb 24, 2021 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Kathryn Nikkel & Pegasus Stud LLC

Owner: Jim Tichenor

Trainer: Fernandez, Kelly

Claiming Prices: 13 - Hope Joe's Right: \$12,500; 12 - El Ondeado: \$12,500; 7 - Why Not Me: \$12,500; 4 - Classic King: \$12,500; 9 - Motor City Menace: \$12,500; 1 - Spirit of Spootie: \$12,500;

Scratched Horse(s): Crafty King (Stewards), Legal Titan (Stewards), Maxwell Esquire (Stewards), Mr Harry (Stewards), Remerton (Stewards), Tap Em (Stewards), The Doorman (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$41,604

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
13	Hope Joe's Right	6.20	3.40	2.60	\$2.00 Daily Double	2-13	25.60	14,912
12	El Ondeado		3.40	2.20	\$2.00 Daily Double	2-2	4.60	0
7	Why Not Me			2.20	\$2.00 Perfecta	13-12	16.40	32,304
					\$1.00 Superfecta	13-12-7-4	58.60	14,477
					\$1.00 Trifecta	13-12-7	31.10	20,760

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
13	Hope Joe's Right	4	3 ³	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	2 ²	1 ²
12	El Ondeado	2	2 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	1 ²	2 ²
7	Why Not Me	1	1 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	3 ⁴	3 ⁶	3 ^{2 1/2}
4	Classic King	5	5 ⁷	5 ^{8 1/2}	4 ¹¹	4 ¹¹	4 ¹²
9	Motor City Menace	6	6 ⁷	6 ^{8 3/4}	6 ^{14 1/2}	6 ¹²	5 ^{14 1/4}
1	Spirit of Spootie	3	4 ⁵	4 ^{6 1/2}	5 ¹⁴	5 ^{11 1/2}	6 ^{18 3/4}

Trainers: 13 - Fernandez, Kelly; 12 - Cluley, Denis; 7 - Skelton, Chad; 4 - Gomez, Alejandro; 9 - Mitchell, Jerred; 1 - Uhacz, Wendy

Owners: 13 - Jim Tichenor; 12 - Denis Cluley; 7 - Chad T. Skelton; 4 - Bethancourt Racing, LLC; 9 - Black Balled Racing, LLC; 1 - Catch Me If You Can Stables;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

HOPE JOE'S RIGHT prompted the pace ceding a clear lead to foe in upper stretch coming on the outside late to win clear. EL ONDEADO pressed the pace shaking clear on the inside in upper stretch before hanging late. WHY NOT ME led early then ceded to the far turn angling out in upper stretch putting in a late bid under a stiff drive near mid track. CLASSIC KING played no factor. MOTOR CITY MENACE was never involved. SPIRIT OF SPOATIE raced second flight tiring on the far turn.