

MOUNTAINEER CASINO RACETRACK & RESORT - June 7, 2026 - Race 5

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NOT WON A RACE SINCE JUNE 7, 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

[Video Race Replay](#)

Value of Race: \$8,820 1st \$5,220, 2nd \$1,800, 3rd \$900, 4th \$450, 5th \$180, 6th \$90, 7th \$90, 8th \$90

Weather: Clear, 75° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 8:50 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
12May26 ⁵ MNR ²	4	Liam the Brave (Weatherly, Bailey)	123	L b	4	1	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ³	1 ⁵	1 ^{9 1/2}	1.40*	drew off, much best
26May26 ⁶ MNR ²	2	Jonny Quist (Negron, Luis) <small>VA CERTIFIED</small>	123	L b f	2	2	2 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1 1/4}	3.10	stalked, saved place
9May26 ⁵ FP ³	9	Contrabandista (Oliveros, Charle)	123	L b f	8	7	6 ^{1/2}	7 ¹	3 ¹	3 ³	3 ²	5.10	rallied far turn, hung
25May26 ³ MNR ³	6	Tappin Royalty (Pagan, Michael)	118	L	6	3	3 ^{Head}	4 ¹	7 ⁵	5 ^{1/2}	4 ^{Nose}	29.70	faded turn, evenly,
26May26 ⁶ MNR ³	3	Gold Buckle (Yaranga, Yuri)	123	L b	3	6	5 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	4 ^{1/2}	4 ¹	5 ^{3 1/2}	13.70	tracked pace weakened,
11May26 ⁴ MNR ⁶	1	Gambling Tzar (Gonzalez, Kevin)	123	L b f	1	5	7 ²	6 ^{Head}	6 ^{Head}	6 ⁴	6 ^{8 1/4}	18.60	never involved
26May26 ⁶ MNR ⁷	8	Ready for Action (Garcia, Francisco)	123	L b	7	4	4 ¹	2 ^{Head}	5 ¹	7 ⁵	7 ^{6 1/4}	24.60	mid move bid tired,
13Mar26 ³ TAM ⁹	5	Supreme Song (Gomez, Alejandro)	123	L	5	8	8	8	8	8	8	4.00	always outrun


Fractional Times: 25.21 49.71 1:15.49

Final Time: 1:42.99 **Time from Gate:** 1:44.66

Split Times: (24:50) (25:78) (27:50)

Run-Up: 48 feet

Winner: Liam the Brave, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by [Liam's Map](#) out of Oil Painting, by Distorted Humor. Foaled Mar 13, 2019 in Kentucky.

 Winner's sire standing at Lane's End

Breeder: St. Elias Stables, LLC

Owner: Christi Lynn Esposito

Trainer: Esposito, Christi

1 Claimed Horse(s): Liam the Brave

New Trainer: Ramon Preciado

New Owner: Gregory Klausua

Claiming Prices: 4 - Liam the Brave: \$4,000; 2 - Jonny Quist: \$4,000; 9 - Contrabandista: \$4,000; 6 - Tappin Royalty: \$4,000; 3 - Gold Buckle: \$4,000; 1 - Gambling Tzar: \$4,000; 8 - Ready for Action: \$4,000; 5 - Supreme Song: \$4,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Jazz With Denis (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$74,694

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
4	Liam the Brave	4.80	2.60	2.20	\$2.00 Perfecta	4-2	16.20	52,008
2	Jonny Quist		3.20	2.60	\$1.00 Superfecta	4-2-9-6	165.90	15,099
9	Contrabandista			3.60	\$1.00 Trifecta	4-2-9	28.60	30,719

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
4	Liam the Brave	1	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ³	1 ⁵	1 ^{9 1/2}
2	Jonny Quist	2	2 ¹	3 ¹	2 ³	2 ⁵	2 ^{9 1/2}
9	Contrabandista	7	6 ^{2 1/4}	7 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{3 1/2}	3 ⁵	3 ^{10 3/4}
6	Tappin Royalty	3	3 ¹	4 ^{1 1/4}	7 ⁶	5 ⁹	4 ^{12 3/4}
3	Gold Buckle	6	5 ^{2 1/4}	5 ^{2 1/4}	4 ^{4 1/2}	4 ⁸	5 ^{12 3/4}
1	Gambling Tzar	5	7 ^{2 3/4}	6 ^{2 1/4}	6 ⁶	6 ^{9 1/2}	6 ^{16 1/4}
8	Ready for Action	4	4 ^{1 1/4}	2 ¹	5 ⁵	7 ^{13 1/2}	7 ^{24 1/2}
5	Supreme Song	8	8 ^{4 3/4}	8 ^{3 1/2}	8 ¹¹	8 ^{18 1/2}	8 ^{30 3/4}

Trainers: 4 - Esposito, Christi; 2 - Silva, Juan; 9 - Jansen, Kenny; 6 - McDonald, William; 3 - Spiess, Shane; 1 - Vazquez, Juan; 8 - Cady, Khalil; 5 - Gilbert, Julia

Owners: 4 -Christi Lynn Esposito; 2 - Tijuana Racing Stables; 9 -Kenny Jansen; 6 -William R. McDonald; 3 - Tracey Wisner Racing LLC; 1 -Juan C. Vazquez; 8 - Trinity Elite LLC; 5 -Julia Gilbert;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

LIAM THE BRAVE away alertly set the pace drawing off into upper stretch adding on late as much the best. JONNY QUIST stalked the pace chasing to upper stretch proving no match for the winner there extending inside of rival late to save place. CONTRABANDISTA rallied outside on the far turn chasing down the stretch coming up a little short. TAPPIN ROYALTY stalked the pace fading on the far turn racing evenly down the lane. GOLD BUCKLE tracked the pace chasing on the far turn weakening in upper stretch. GAMBLING TZAR was never involved. READY FOR ACTION gave a middle move to threaten at the half then tired on the far turn. SUPREME SONG was always outrun.

VA CERTIFIED Denotes Virginia-Certified Thoroughbred