

MOUNTAINEER CASINO RACETRACK & RESORT - August 9, 2026 - Race 8

STAKES West Virginia Derby Grade 3 - Thoroughbred
FOR THREE YEAR OLDS.

Distance: One And One Eighth Miles On The Dirt Current Track Record: (Soto - 1:46.29 - August 9, 2003)

Purse: \$400,000 Guaranteed

Available Money: \$400,000

Value of Race: \$400,000 1st \$243,600, 2nd \$80,000, 3rd \$40,000, 4th \$20,000, 5th \$8,000, 6th \$2,800, 7th \$2,800, 8th \$2,800

Weather: Clear, 84° Track: Fast

Off at: 8:27 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
11Jul26 ¹² IND ⁴	5	Zihnal (Velazquez, John)	118	L b	5	4	2 ¹	2 ²	1 ¹	1 ⁴	1 ^{6 1/4}	3.10	drew out plenty left
20Jun26 ¹² TDN ³	3	Trendsetter (Kimura, Kazushi)  	124	b	3	1	7 ¹	5 ^{Head}	5 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{3 1/2}	4.80	ins move angled out
20Jun26 ¹² TDN ⁶	8	Bull by the Horns (Husbands, Micah)	124	L	8	8	6 ^{1/2}	7 ²	6 ^{1/2}	4 ⁴	3 ^{1 1/4}	12.80	4wi turn even finish
11Jul26 ⁷ PRM ³	6	Maximum Effort (Vazquez, Ramon)	118	L b	6	5	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Head}	3 ¹	3 ⁴	4 ^{5 1/4}	8.50	loomed 3/4 weakened,
21Jun26 ⁵ WO ³	2	Baytown Dreamer (Parker, Deshawn)	118	L bf	2	7	5 ^{Head}	6 ^{1/2}	7 ¹⁷	6 ²	5 ^{3 1/2}	68.00	no menace late 6 wide
11Jul26 ⁷ PRM ¹	4	J J Grey (Esquivel, Emmanuel)	124	L	4	3	4 ¹	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{Head}	7 ¹⁸	6 ^{1 1/2}	0.90*	stalked 3/4 spent lane
27Jun26 ⁸ GP ³	7	Wayne's Law (Herrera, Diego) 	118	b	7	2	1 ¹	1 ^{Head}	2 ¹	5 ^{Head}	7 ^{17 1/2}	10.40	prompted pace used up,
28Jul26 ⁶ IND ³	1	Nehalem (Gonzalez, Kevin)	118	L b	1	6	8	8	8	8	8	108.40	always outrun

Fractional Times: 23.97 48.24 1:12.96 1:39.20 Final Time: 1:52.47 Time from Gate: 1:53.89

Split Times: (24:27) (24:72) (26:24) (13:27)

Run-Up: 50 feet

Winner: Zihnal, Bay Gelding, by [Quality Road](#) out of Theodora B., by Ghostzapper. Foaled Apr 13, 2023 in Kentucky.

 Winner's sire standing at Lane's End

Breeder: George Strawbridge Jr.

Owner: Augustin Stables

Trainer: Thomas, Jonathan

Total WPS Pool: \$290,700

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Zihnal	8.20	5.00	3.80	\$2.00 Perfecta	5-3	37.40	165,014
3	Trendsetter		5.20	3.60	\$1.00 Trifecta	5-3-8	112.00	101,985
8	Bull by the Horns			8.20	\$1.00 Superfecta	5-3-8-6	355.20	68,188
					\$1.00 Super High Five	5-3-8-6-2	1,992.90	10,629

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
5	Zihnal	4	2 ¹	2 ^{Head}	1 ¹	1 ⁴	1 ^{6 1/4}
3	Trendsetter	1	7 ⁴	5 ^{2 3/4}	5 ³	2 ⁴	2 ^{6 1/4}
8	Bull by the Horns	8	6 ^{3 1/2}	7 ^{3 1/4}	6 ^{3 1/2}	4 ^{8 1/2}	3 ^{9 3/4}
6	Maximum Effort	5	3 ²	3 ²	3 ²	3 ^{4 1/2}	4 ¹¹
2	Baytown Dreamer	7	5 ^{3 1/2}	6 ^{2 3/4}	7 ⁴	6 ^{12 1/2}	5 ^{16 1/4}
4	J J Grey	3	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{2 1/4}	4 ³	7 ^{14 1/2}	6 ^{19 3/4}
7	Wayne's Law	2	1 ¹	1 ^{Head}	2 ¹	5 ^{12 1/2}	7 ^{21 1/4}
1	Nehalem	6	8 ⁵	8 ^{5 1/4}	8 ²¹	8 ^{32 1/2}	8 ^{38 3/4}

Trainers: 5 - Thomas, Jonathan; 3 - Colebrook, Ben; 8 - Joseph, Jr., Saffie; 6 - Asmussen, Steven; 2 - McEntee, Paul; 4 - McPeek, Kenneth; 7 - Sanchez, Amador; 1 - Vaughn, Terry

Owners: 5 - Augustin Stables; 3 -Davant Latham; 8 - Peachtree Stable and Corrado, Mark; 6 - Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC; 2 - Baytown Partnership and Win The Day Racing, LLC; 4 - Shamrock Stables LLC (Rob Hutcherson), MJM Racing and Magdalena Racing; 7 - Baalbek Corp.; 1 -Terry Vaughn;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

ZIHNAL broke well laying on the pace through the backside edging to daylight on the far turn moving to a solid lead in upper stretch having plenty left the final eighth winning comfortably. TRENDSETTER gave a middle move racing inside to upper stretch angling out a bit nearing the sixteenth pole finishing a clear second best. BULL BY THE HORNS raced four wide under a drive on the far turn moving evenly down the lane under left hand urging. MAXIMUM EFFORT stalked the pace chasing through the far turn into upper stretch weakening there between horses. BAYTOWN DREAMER raced evenly losing ground to upper stretch proving no menace there six wide. J J GREY stalked the pace giving chase on the far turn fading in upper stretch. WAYNE'S LAW prompted the pace to the far turn ceding there wilting into upper stretch. NEHALEM was always outrun.

 Denotes OBS Graduate

 Denotes Virginia-Certified Thoroughbred