

MOUNTAINEER CASINO RACETRACK & RESORT - October 4, 2026 - Race 6



CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs.
Claiming Price \$4,000 (W V A Bred Races Not Considered In Eligibility). (NW2 L X) **Claiming Price:** \$4,000
Distance: Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Hustler - 1:07.81 - August 11, 2001)

Purse: \$9,000
Available Money: \$9,000
Value of Race: \$8,730 1st \$5,220, 2nd \$1,800, 3rd \$900, 4th \$450, 5th \$180, 6th \$90, 7th \$90
Weather: Clear, 64° **Track:** Fast
Off at: 9:22 **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	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
14Sep26 ⁸ PID ⁹	4	Brave Words (Gonzalez, Kevin)	124	L	b	3 2	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Head}	2 ⁴	1 ^{2 1/4}	9.20	rail bid driving,
16Sep26 ⁸ MNR ⁶	3	Mexicali Mike (Negron, Luis) VA CERTIFIED	124	L	b	2 3	1 ^{1/2}	1 ¹	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{5 3/4}	1.60	abreast foe outbid
14Sep26 ⁴ MNR ³	8	New York New York (Leon, Jose)	124	L	b	7 7	6 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{1 1/2}	1.60*	angled out bid 4 wide,
16Sep26 ¹ IND ⁷	7	Hunted Prayer (Yaranga, Yuri)	120	L	b	6 1	3 ^{Head}	4 ⁴	4 ¹	4 ^{2 1/2}	10.40	chased, wore down
23Sep26 ⁴ MNR ²	2	K's Red Bull (Arroyo, Jr., Norberto)	124	L	b	1 4	7	7	6 ⁶	5 ^{5 1/2}	18.10	slow early, no menace
14Sep26 ² MNR ⁷	6	Union Branch (Whitacre, Grant)	124	L	b	5 6	4 ¹	2 ^{Head}	5 ³	6 ¹¹	13.90	chased pace, gave way
13Sep26 ¹ MNR ⁷	5	Il Vagabundo (Batista, Luis)	120	L	b	4 5	5 ⁵	6 ³	7	7	5.60	never involved

Fractional Times: 23.24 47.32 1:00.38 **Final Time:** 1:13.80 **Time from Gate:** 1:14.62
Split Times: (24:08) (13:06) (13:42)
Run-Up: 36 feet

Winner: Brave Words, Bay Gelding, by Thousand Words out of Brave Michelle, by Mr. Greeley. Foaled Feb 24, 2022 in Kentucky.
Breeder: Daniel & Joseph Colbert & Victoria &Hillary Ocampo
Owner: Jeff W. Zook
Trainer: Zook, Jeff

Claiming Prices: 4 - Brave Words: \$4,000; 3 - Mexicali Mike: \$4,000; 8 - New York New York: \$4,000; 7 - Hunted Prayer: \$4,000; 2 - K's Red Bull: \$4,000; 6 - Union Branch: \$4,000; 5 - Il Vagabundo: \$4,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Whisky Reserve (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$47,363

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
4	Brave Words	20.40	7.80	3.60	\$2.00 Perfecta	4-3	59.80	42,306
3	Mexicali Mike		3.60	2.40	\$1.00 Superfecta	4-3-8-7	245.30	14,463
8	New York New York			2.20	\$1.00 Trifecta	4-3-8	68.00	21,707

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
4	Brave Words	2	2 ^{1/2}	3 ¹	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{2 1/4}
3	Mexicali Mike	3	1 ^{1/2}	1 ¹	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{2 1/4}
8	New York New York	7	6 ⁷	5 ^{5 1/4}	3 ⁴	3 ⁸
7	Hunted Prayer	1	3 ¹	4 ^{1 1/4}	4 ^{4 1/4}	4 ^{9 1/2}
2	K's Red Bull	4	7 ^{7 1/2}	7 ^{8 3/4}	6 ^{8 1/4}	5 ¹²
6	Union Branch	6	4 ¹	2 ¹	5 ^{5 1/4}	6 ^{17 1/2}
5	Il Vagabundo	5	5 ²	6 ^{5 3/4}	7 ^{14 1/4}	7 ^{28 1/2}

Trainers: 4 - Zook, Jeff; 3 - Bernardini, Jay; 8 - Silva, Juan; 7 - Spiess, Shane; 2 - Shafer, Gabe; 6 - Shuler, John; 5 - Gotera, Juan

Owners: 4 -Jeff W. Zook; 3 -Richard Burnsworth; 8 - Tijuana Racing Stables; 7 -Shane Spiess; 2 -Amanda Ripley; 6 - Shuler Stables LLC; 5 - Vicente Stella Stables LLC;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

BRAVE WORDS pressed the pace dueling to upper stretch shaking clear on the inside. MEXICALI MIKE set the pace dueling abreast rival down the lane ceding late. NEW YORK NEW YORK slow early angled out into upper stretch bidding four wide. HUNTED PRAYER chased the pace weakening in upper stretch. K'S RED BULL slow early was no menace. UNION BRANCH chased close up through the turn then gave way in upper stretch. IL VAGABUNDO was never involved.

VA CERTIFIED Denotes Virginia-Certified Thoroughbred