

MOUNTAINEER CASINO RACETRACK & RESORT - November 17, 2025 - Race 4



CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON FOUR RACES OR WHICH HAVE NOT WON A RACE IN 2025. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Claiming Price \$7,500 (W V A Bred Races Not Considered In Eligibility). (NW4 L X)

Claiming Price: \$7,500
Distance: One Mile On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Present Course - 1:33.44 - November 19, 2014)
Purse: \$12,200
Available Money: \$12,200
Value of Race: \$11,834 1st \$7,076, 2nd \$2,440, 3rd \$1,220, 4th \$610, 5th \$244, 6th \$122, 7th \$122
Weather: Clear, 39° **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
5Nov25 ² MVR ¹	9	Sky Key (Gonzalez, Kevin)	126	L b	7	2	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	3 ⁴	2 ³	1 ³	8.30	drew clear driving,
30Oct25 ⁶ HAW ³	2	New Year Surprise (Bendezu, Alexander)	126	L bf	2	4	3 ²	3 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{3/4}	1.10*	hooked lane no match
28Oct25 ¹⁰ FP ⁵	1	Crepe Yarns (Oliveros, Charle)	126	L f	1	5	5 ^{1/2}	6 ¹	5 ¹	4 ²	3 ^{1 3/4}	4.00	finished well mid tk
19Oct25 ⁵ MNR ⁴	5	Road to Stardom (Bracho, Agustin)	126	L f	5	1	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ²	3 ²	4 ^{7 1/2}	2.50	pressed turn weakened,
2Nov25 ⁵ MNR ⁸	3	Duke Skywalker (Stokes, Joe)	126	L b	3	7	7	7	6 ^{Head}	6 ²	5 ³	62.10	played no factor
3Nov25 ⁸ MNR ⁶	4	Red Shaheen (Tapara, Brandon)	121	L b	4	3	1 ²	1 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	5 ¹	6 ^{4 3/4}	7.80	set pace, tired turn
21Sep25 ⁸ MNR ⁸	8	Daneland (Gomez, Alejandro)	126	L b	6	6	6 ²	5 ^{Head}	7	7	7	48.20	folded up far turn

Fractional Times: 25.06 49.53 1:14.56 **Final Time:** 1:41.61
Split Times: (24:47) (25:03) (27:05)
Run-Up: 48 feet

Winner: Sky Key, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by Sky Mesa out of Key Moment, by Candy Ride (ARG). Foaled Jun 02, 2021 in Kentucky.
Breeder: Claim To Fame Racing Stable
Owner: Paul Melancon
Trainer: Melancon, Paul

Claiming Prices: 9 - Sky Key: \$7,500; 2 - New Year Surprise: \$7,500; 1 - Crepe Yarns: \$7,500; 5 - Road to Stardom: \$7,500; 3 - Duke Skywalker: \$7,500; 4 - Red Shaheen: \$7,500; 8 - Daneland: \$7,500;

Scratched Horse(s): Cutlass King (Stewards), Free Rambling Man (Stewards), Gambling Tzar (Stewards), Heartbreak Game (Stewards), Stingy (Stewards)

Total WPS Pool: \$53,520

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
9	Sky Key	18.60	7.60	5.00	\$2.00 Pick 3	5-9-9 (3 correct)	378.40	15,322
2	New Year Surprise		2.80	2.20	\$2.00 Pick 4	6-5-9-9 (4 correct)	1,624.60	63,913
1	Crepe Yarns			2.80	\$2.00 Daily Double	9-9	84.80	13,619
					\$2.00 Perfecta	9-2	47.80	44,122
					\$1.00 Superfecta	9-2-1-5	175.30	15,737
					\$1.00 Trifecta	9-2-1	112.80	26,308

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
9	Sky Key	2	4 ⁴	4 ^{3 1/2}	3 ²	2 ^{1/2}	1 ³
2	New Year Surprise	4	3 ²	3 ²	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1/2}	2 ³
1	Crepe Yarns	5	5 ^{4 1/2}	6 ⁵	5 ^{6 1/2}	4 ^{5 1/2}	3 ^{3 3/4}
5	Road to Stardom	1	2 ²	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{Head}	3 ^{3 1/2}	4 ^{5 1/2}
3	Duke Skywalker	7	7 ⁷	7 ⁶	6 ^{7 1/2}	6 ^{8 1/2}	5 ¹³
4	Red Shaheen	3	1 ²	1 ^{1 1/2}	4 ⁶	5 ^{7 1/2}	6 ¹⁶
8	Daneland	6	6 ⁵	5 ⁵	7 ^{7 3/4}	7 ^{10 1/2}	7 ^{20 3/4}

Trainers: 9 - Melancon, Paul; 2 - DiZeo, Dino; 1 - Delong, Ben; 5 - Poole, Jami; 3 - Fennesy, John; 4 - Lopez, Carlos; 8 - Norris, Stephani

Owners: 9 -Paul Melancon; 2 - Crystal Racing Enterprises; 1 -Adrian M. Salazar; 5 - Hubel Farms LLC (E. J. Hubel); 3 -Clair Walker; 4 - Masters Stable LLC; 8 -Stephani Norris;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

SKY KEY rallied on the far turn hooking the new leader from the outside in upper stretch clearing late while full of run. NEW YEAR SURPRISE stalked the pace pressing to lead on the far turn being collared from the outside in upper stretch proving no match late. CREPE YARNS raced mid track down the lane finishing well. ROAD TO STARDOM stalked the pace pressing for the lead on the far turn weakening near mid track in upper stretch. DUKE SKYWALKER played no factor. RED SHAHEEN set the pace tiring on the far turn. DANELAND folded up on the far turn.