

OAKLAWN PARK - January 4, 2026 - Race 5

EQUIBASE

ALLOWANCE - Thoroughbred

FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NOT WON \$40,000 TWICE OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER, OR STATE BRED SINCE JULY 4, 2025. Weight, 124 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Other Than Maiden Or Claiming At A Mile Or Over Since November 4, 2025 Allowed 3 lbs. Such A Race Since October 4, 2025 Allowed 5 lbs. (NW2\$ 6MX)

Distance: One And One Sixteenth Miles On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Heatherten - 1:40.20 - April 18, 1984)

Purse: \$120,000

Available Money: \$120,000

Value of Race: \$120,000 1st \$72,000, 2nd \$24,000, 3rd \$12,000, 4th \$6,000, 5th \$1,200, 6th \$1,200, 7th \$1,200, 8th \$1,200, 9th \$1,200



[Video Race Replay](#)

Weather: Cloudy, 46° Track: Fast

Off at: 2:05 Start: Good for all except 5 Timing Method: Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments	
28Dec25	4	OP ³	9	Seize the Night (Mendoza, Amir)	114	L	8	7	4 ¹	4 ²	3 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1 3/4}	
16Oct25	7	KEE ⁵	6	Winnemac Avenue (Saez, Luis)	119	L	6	8	8 ^{1 1/2}	6 ^{1/2}	4Head	2 ^{1/2}	21 ^{3/4}	
30Oct25	8	CD ⁹	2	Gun Party (Rosario, Joel)	119	L	2	4	6 ^{1/2}	8 ²	7Head	4Head	3 ²	
20Dec25	8	OP ⁴	8	Woodcourt (Cedillo, Abel)	119	L	7	6	5 ¹	5 ^{2 1/2}	5 ²	6 ^{4 1/2}	3.60	
14Dec25	8	OP ³	10	Empire Builder (Santana, Jr., Ricardo)	119	L	f	9	1	1 ¹	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	5Head	5 ^{3/4}
20Dec25	11	RP ²	4	Presidential (Rosado, Johan)	119	L	b	4	3	2Head	2Head	21 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	63 ^{3/4}
24Sep25	7	CD ⁶	1	Notary (Bacon, Tyler)	119	L	1	5	7Head	7Head	8 ³	7 ^{3 1/2}	33.30	
24Aug25	7	TIM ⁷	3	Otello (Jara, Fernando)	119	L	3	2	3Head	3Head	6Head	8 ^{1/2}	36.60	
21Nov25	9	CD ³	5	Catching Freedom (Torres, Cristian)	119	L	b	5	9	9	9	9	74.90	

Fractional Times: 24.35 48.11 1:12.49 1:37.73

Final Time: 1:44.12

Split Times: (23:76) (24:38) (25:24) (6:39)

Run-Up: 60 feet

Winner: Seize the Night, Chestnut Gelding, by Carpe Diem out of Candle Maker, by Tapit. Foaled Apr 23, 2019 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Cove Springs Farm LLC

Owner: Contreras Stable, Inc. and Knapczyk, Andrew

Trainer: Contreras, Cipriano

Scratched Horse(s): Trademark (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$305,141

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
9	Seize the Night	12.80		6.40	\$1.00 Exacta	9-6	43.70	226,181
6	Winnemac Avenue			7.20	\$0.50 Trifecta	9-6-2	89.30	122,404
2	Gun Party			3.20	\$1.00 Pick 3	5-7/10/14-9 (3 correct)	331.60	24,120
					\$0.50 Pick 4	2/5-5-7/10/14-9 (4 correct)	364.95	107,933
					\$0.50 Pick 5	1-2/5-5-7/10/14-9 (5 correct)	7,147.35	171,908
					\$1.00 Daily Double	7-9	39.90	31,095
					\$0.10 Superfecta	9-6-2-8	64.99	84,420

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
9	Seize the Night	7	4 ^{1 1/4}	4 ^{1 3/4}	3 ²	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1 3/4}
6	Winnemac Avenue	8	8 ^{3 3/4}	6 ^{6 1/4}	4 ³	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1 3/4}
2	Gun Party	4	6 ^{3 1/4}	8 ^{6 3/4}	7 ^{5 1/4}	4 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{3 1/2}
8	Woodcourt	6	5 ^{2 1/4}	5 ^{3 3/4}	5 ³	6 ^{2 3/4}	4 ^{5 1/2}
10	Empire Builder	1	1 ¹	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	5 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{7 3/4}
4	Presidential	3	2 ¹	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	3 ¹	6 ^{8 1/2}
1	Notary	5	7 ^{3 3/4}	7 ^{6 3/4}	8 ^{5 1/4}	7 ^{7 1/4}	7 ^{12 1/4}
3	Otello	2	3 ¹	3 ^{1 1/2}	6 ⁵	8 ^{10 3/4}	8 ^{15 1/2}
5	Catching Freedom	9	9 ^{5 1/4}	9 ^{8 3/4}	9 ^{8 1/4}	9 ^{11 1/4}	9 ¹⁶

Trainers: 9 - Contreras, Cipriano; 6 - DiVito, James; 2 - Asmussen, Steven; 8 - Contreras, Cipriano; 10 - Hernandez, Armando; 4 - Asmussen, Steven; 1 - Hernandez, Armando; 3 - Atras, Rob; 5 - Cox, Brad

Owners: 9 - Contreras Stable, Inc. and Knapczyk, Andrew; 6 - Doubledown Stables, Inc.; 2 - Three Chimneys Farm and Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC; 8 - Contreras Stable, Inc. and Flurry Racing Stables LLC; 10 -Antonio Donato; 4 - Courtland Farms (Donald Adam); 1 -Antonio Donato; 3 - BellaBlue Racing Stable; 5 - Albaugh Family Stables LLC;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

SEIZE THE NIGHT off step slow, five wide into and through much of the first turn when within striking distance, raced four wide onto the backstretch, three wide far turn, dropped inside the two leaders entering the stretch, bid, edged clear. WINNEMAC AVENUE in tight and was off a step slow, raced back, circled into contention four wide second turn, carried out five wide as the winner moved inside turning for home, lodged a brief bid outside that one with a furlong to run but was turned back. GUN PARTY back off the pace, fell back the middle half, rallied three wide turning for home, finished willingly to be clear for the show. WOODCOURT brushed at the start to be off slowly, raced three wide and mid pack first turn, dropped inside for the second bend and went evenly through the lane. EMPIRE BUILDER broke alertly, set the pace in the two path, got out late in the final turn and faltered while a bit rank past the furlong marker. PRESIDENTIAL pressed the pacesetter from the outside, carried out by that one turning for home, faltered the final furlong. NOTARY in traffic into the first turn, in tight, remained back and failed to rally. OTELLO forwardly placed and inside, gave way after five furlongs. CATCHING FREEDOM lost footing at the start, trailed throughout.

