

PENN NATIONAL - June 18, 2026 - Race 4

ALLOWANCE - Thoroughbred

(PLUS UP TO 40% PABF) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs. Non-winners Of Two Races Other Than Maiden, Claiming, Or Starter Allowed 2 lbs. One Such Race Allowed 4 lbs. Preference to horses which have not started for a claiming price of less than \$25,000 in the last three starts and which are stabled on the grounds of Penn National. (If deemed inadvisable by management to run this race over the turf course, it will be run on the main track at Five Furlongs.) (Rail at 14 feet).

Distance: Five Furlongs On The Turf - Originally Scheduled For About 5 Furlongs On Turf **Current Track Record:** (Bop - 54.61 - August 3, 2002)

Purse: \$50,000

Plus: \$1,375 PABF - Pennsylvania Bonus Program



Available Money: \$51,375

Value of Race: \$49,875 1st \$30,000, 2nd \$10,000, 3rd \$6,875, 4th \$3,000

Weather: Clear, 84° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 7:14 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Video Review

[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	3/16	3/8	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
27Nov25 ⁷ CD ⁴	7	Nothing Better (Cora, David) 	125 L b	2 2	1 ¹	1 ²	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1 1/4}	1.10*	drifted out1/8,driving
23Oct25 ² PID ³	6	Spirited Sol (Rojas, Martina) 	125 L b	1 4	4	4	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{3 1/2}	2 ^{4 1/4}	5.90	ins,bid3w3/16,2nd best
29May26 ⁴ PEN ⁷	8	Fierce and Strong (Hernandez, Julio)	125 L b	3 3	3 ^{1/2}	4	4	3 ²	3 ^{5 1/4}	1.20	checked3/8,4w upper
22May26 ⁵ PEN ¹	9	Heaven Street (Cruz, Angel)	125 L b	4 1	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	4	4	4	5.20	prompted3w,empty lane

Fractional Times: 22.37 44.74

Final Time: 56.23 **Time from Gate:** 57.50

Split Times: (22:37) (11:49)

Run-Up: 40 feet **Temporary Rail:** 14 feet

Winner: Nothing Better, Chestnut Gelding, by Munnings out of One True Love (IRE), by Duke of Marmalade (IRE). Foaled Feb 16, 2017 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Don Alberto Corporation

Owner: Colts Neck Stables LLC

Trainer: Duarte, Jr., Jorge

Scratched Horse(s): Five Dreams (RegVet-Illness), Hey Boots (Stewards), Showstopper Copper (RegVet-Injured), Tudox Opportunity (Main-Track-Only), Witty (Re-entered)

Total WPS Pool: \$18,245

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
7	Nothing Better	4.20	3.00	\$0.50 Pick 3	6-3-7 (3 correct)	103.35	7,403
6	Spirited Sol		4.80	\$1.00 Daily Double	3-7	26.30	5,419
8	Fierce and Strong			\$1.00 Exacta	7-6	5.10	8,132

Past Performance Running Line Preview


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7	Nothing Better	2	1 ¹	1 ²	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1 1/4}
6	Spirited Sol	4	4 ²	2 ²	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1 1/4}
8	Fierce and Strong	3	3 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{3 1/2}	3 ⁵	3 ^{5 1/2}
9	Heaven Street	1	2 ¹	3 ²	4 ⁷	4 ^{10 3/4}


Trainers: 7 - Duarte, Jr., Jorge; 6 - DePasquale, Kimberly; 8 - Salvaggio, Jr., Michael; 9 - Kreiser, Timothy

Owners: 7 - Colts Neck Stables LLC; 6 - Winterhawk Farm; 8 - Ultra Championship Racing LLC; 9 - Bush Racing Stable;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

NOTHING BETTER set the pace on the inside and was clear and then drifted out nearing the furlong marker and then straightened out inside the furlong grounds and maintained a safe margin to the wire to prove best under a drive. SPIRITED SOL was well placed on the inside, made a two to three wide bid leaving the turn but needed more late and had to settle for being clearly second best. FIERCE AND STRONG stalked the early pace and then checked in between rivals by the three eighths marker and moved out to be four wide into the lane and ran on willingly to best the rest. HEAVEN STREET prompted the winner three wide and then was ridden along on the turn and came up empty in the lane. This race had a timing discrepancy or malfunction and was re-timed using video technology to arrive at the most accurate time.

 Denotes OBS Graduate

 Denotes Virginia-Certified Thoroughbred