

PENN NATIONAL - August 22, 2025 - Race 4

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

(PLUS UP TO 40% PABF) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NOT WON A RACE SINCE MAY 22 OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON FOUR RACES. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race At A Mile Or Over Since July 22 Allowed 2 lbs. Such A Race Since June 22 Allowed 4 lbs. Claiming Price \$10,000, if for \$9,000, allowed 2 lbs. (Races Where Entered For \$8,000 Or Less Not Considered In Eligibility In Beaten Condition). (C) **Claiming Price:** \$10,000 - \$9,000

Distance: One Mile And Seventy Yards On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Vault - 1:39.55 - November 6, 2019)

Purse: \$18,000

Plus: \$900 PABF - Pennsylvania Bonus Program

Available Money: \$18,900

Value of Race: \$18,900 1st \$10,800, 2nd \$4,500, 3rd \$1,980, 4th \$1,080, 5th \$540

Weather: Clear, 78° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 7:17 **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
31Jul25 ⁶ PEN ²	2	Hardy Choice (Cora, David)	121 L b	2 1	1 ^{1/2}	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ³	1 ^{5 1/4}	1.40*	drew off, kept to task
7Aug25 ³ PEN ⁷	7	Skimble Shanks (Ramos, Yabriel)	121 L b	7 5	3 ¹	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{2 1/2}	2 ²	2 ²	2 ^{1 1/2}	3.90	challenged, no match
16Jul25 ⁶ PEN ²	4	Ampersand (Hernandez, Jorge)	121 L	4 7	5 ³	5 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	4 ³	4 ³	3 ^{3/4}	3.30	steady effort, up show
11Jul25 ² PEN ²	1	Sweet Spite (Beato, Inoel)	122 L b	1 2	4 ¹	4 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ¹	3 ¹	4 ^{6 1/2}	15.40	rail bid, flattened out
25Jul25 ⁴ PEN ⁷	6	Stately Order (Hernandez, Julio)	121 L bf	6 3	2 ^{Head}	3 ¹	5 ⁴	5 ¹	5 ¹	5 ^{4 1/2}	5.30	through after half
23Jul25 ¹⁰ PRX ²	5	Deplane (Torres, Jomar)	121 L bf	5 6	6 ^{Head}	6 ⁸	6 ⁸	6 ⁸	6 ⁸	6 ^{9 3/4}	29.60	failed to respond
7Jul25 ⁶ PRX ⁶	3	Hermoso Hombre (Castillo, Angel)	121 L b	3 4	7	7	7	7	7	7	8.00	eased, walked off

Fractional Times: 23.87 47.62 1:12.27 1:38.11 **Final Time:** 1:42.22

Split Times: (23:75) (24:65) (25:84) (4:11)

Run-Up: 70 feet

Winner: Hardy Choice, Bay Gelding, by Hard Spun out of Critic's Choice, by Smart Strike. Foaled Feb 12, 2020 in Kentucky.

Breeder: C. Kidder, N. Cole & N. Strong

Owner: Mason Dixon Stable

Trainer: Kreiser, Timothy

2 Claimed Horse(s): **Ampersand** New Trainer: Elisha Perez New Owner: Rodzina Racing LLC
Skimble Shanks New Trainer: Erin C. McClellan New Owner: Roger A. Nickol

Claiming Prices: 2 - Hardy Choice: \$10,000; 7 - Skimble Shanks: \$10,000; 4 - Ampersand: \$10,000; 1 - Sweet Spite: \$10,000; 6 - Stately Order: \$10,000; 5 - Deplane: \$10,000; 3 - Hermoso Hombre: \$10,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$41,310

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
2	Hardy Choice	4.80	3.00	2.10	\$0.50 Pick 3	7-10-2 (3 correct)	61.40	3,518
7	Skimble Shanks		3.40	2.40	\$0.50 Pick 4	3-7-10-2 (4 correct)	174.25	7,900
4	Ampersand			2.40	\$1.00 Daily Double	10-2	8.40	3,848
					\$1.00 Exacta	2-7	10.00	31,068
					\$0.10 Superfecta	2-7-4-1	13.20	12,888
					\$0.50 Trifecta	2-7-4	14.35	18,986

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
2	Hardy Choice	1	1 ^{1/2}	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ³	1 ^{5 1/4}
7	Skimble Shanks	5	3 ^{1/2}	2 ¹	2 ¹	2 ³	2 ^{5 1/4}
4	Ampersand	7	5 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{2 1/2}	4 ⁵	4 ⁶	3 ^{6 3/4}
1	Sweet Spite	2	4 ^{1 1/2}	4 ²	3 ^{3 1/2}	3 ⁵	4 ^{7 1/2}
6	Stately Order	3	2 ^{1/2}	3 ¹	5 ^{5 1/2}	5 ⁹	5 ¹⁴
5	Deplane	6	6 ^{5 1/2}	6 ⁴	6 ^{9 1/2}	6 ¹⁰	6 ^{18 1/2}
3	Hermoso Hombre	4	7 ^{5 3/4}	7 ¹²	7 ^{17 1/2}	7 ¹⁸	7 ^{28 1/4}

Trainers: 2 - Kreiser, Timothy; 7 - Kravets, Bruce; 4 - McMahon, Demelza; 1 - Fields, Kevin; 6 - Perez, Elisha; 5 - Wyner, Harold; 3 - Aristone, Philip

Owners: 2 - Mason Dixon Stable; 7 - Stevark Stable, Inc.; 4 - Larry E. Rabold; 1 - Prancing Horse Farm, LLC; 6 - Rodzina Racing LLC; 5 - John Fanelli; 3 - Frederick T. Galiardo;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

HARDY CHOICE set a pressured pace to the second turn, drew off and widened while kept to task. SKIMBLE SHANKS pressed the pace three wide, was roused on the turn to loom a threat, dropped back and finished second best. AMPERSAND raced mid pack, rallied around the turn and got up for show in a steady effort. SWEET SPITE stalked the pace, bid along the rail into the second turn, dropped back and flattened out. STATELY ORDER pressed the pace, was through after a half and dropped back steadily. DEPLANE was unhurried early, saved ground and failed to respond. HERMOSO HOMBRE was eased and walked off.