

PENN NATIONAL - August 28, 2026 - Race 2

STARTER OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
(PLUS UP TO 40% PABF) FOR FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF \$16,000 OR LESS AND WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES OR CLAIMING PRICE \$16,000 AND WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since July 28 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$16,000 (Races Where Entered For \$12,500 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances)(PA Bred Never Won Two & Three Lifetime Races Not Considered In Eligibility) Preference to horses stabled on Penn National grounds after consideration for condition eligibility and PA Breds. (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 21 feet). (NW2 L) **Claiming Price:** \$16,000

Distance: About Five Furlongs On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Jean Valjean - 55.32 - August 14, 2026)

Purse: \$21,000

Available Money: \$21,000

Value of Race: \$21,000 1st \$12,600, 2nd \$4,200, 3rd \$2,310, 4th \$1,260, 5th \$630

Weather: Clear, 83° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 6:16 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic



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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	3/16	3/8	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
14Aug26 ⁵ DEL ²	1	Midsummer Mo (Chuan, Martin)	123	L b	1	8	7 ^{Head}	7 ^{Head}	6 ¹	1 ^{Nose}	4.00	6-w, up late
19Jul26 ⁷ CNL ⁵	2	Ballykeefe (Cora, David)	120	b	2	6	6 ¹	5 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	2 ¹	4.00	5-w, strong finish
14Aug26 ⁵ DEL ⁴	8	Howdidthatworkout (Inirio, Maicol)	121	L b	8	1	1 ¹	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	15.20	set pace, held 3rd
3Jul26 ¹ PEN ²	4	Regal Miss Lily (Chiappe, Ricardo)	123	L b	4	3	3 ^{Head}	4 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	5.30	3-w, lacked rally
23Jul26 ³ PEN ⁵	3	Winning Play (Adorno, Abner)	123	L b	3	2	2 ^{Head}	3 ¹	3 ^{Head}	5 ^{2 1/4}	2.10*	2,3-w, weakened
31Jul26 ¹⁰ SAR ⁷	7	Rockyta (Rodriguez, Angel)	120	L b	7	5	5 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	6 ^{Nose}	3.20	3,4-w, tired
14Aug26 ⁶ PEN ⁵	5	Alyvia's Lil Girl (Castillo, Angel)	120	L b	5	4	4 ^{1/2}	6 ^{1/2}	7 ²	7 ^{2 1/2}	79.50	brief speed, gave way
22Jul26 ⁴ PEN ³	6	Let'em Hate (Ramos, Yabriel)	120	L b	6	7	8	8	8	8	38.30	in back, trailed

Fractional Times: 23.23 46.33 **Final Time:** 58.50 **Time from Gate:** 59.82

Split Times: (23:10) (12:17)

Run-Up: 40 feet **Temporary Rail:** 21 feet

Winner: Midsummer Mo, Bay Mare, by Mendelssohn out of Mo Cerise, by Uncle Mo. Foaled Mar 23, 2021 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Betz Thoroughbreds, Inc.

Owner: Steve Epley, Jr.

Trainer: Epley, Jr., Steve

1 Claimed Horse(s): **Winning Play** New Trainer: David W. Geist New Owner: David W. Geist

Claiming Prices: 8 - Howdidthatworkout: \$16,000; 3 - Winning Play: \$16,000; 7 - Rockyta: \$16,000; 5 - Alyvia's Lil Girl: \$16,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Don Diva (Also-Eligible), Veola (Also-Eligible)

Total WPS Pool: \$39,327

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Midsummer Mo	10.00	4.60	3.00	\$1.00 Daily Double	3-1	17.00	3,273
2	Ballykeefe		4.80	3.40	\$1.00 Exacta	1-2	20.30	27,987
8	Howdidthatworkout			3.40	\$0.10 Superfecta	1-2-8-4	68.03	13,699
					\$0.50 Trifecta	1-2-8	96.75	18,919

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	3/16	3/8	Str	Fin
1	Midsummer Mo	8	7 ^{3 1/4}	7 ⁵	6 ³	1 ^{Nose}
2	Ballykeefe	6	6 ^{2 1/4}	5 ⁴	4 ²	2 ^{Nose}
8	Howdidthatworkout	1	1 ¹	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	3 ¹
4	Regal Miss Lily	3	3 ¹	4 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{2 1/2}
3	Winning Play	2	2 ¹	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ²	5 ⁴
7	Rockyta	5	5 ^{1 3/4}	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	6 ^{6 1/4}
5	Alyvia's Lil Girl	4	4 ^{1 1/4}	6 ^{4 1/2}	7 ⁴	7 ^{6 1/4}
6	Let'em Hate	7	8 ^{3 1/4}	8 ^{5 1/4}	8 ⁶	8 ^{8 3/4}

Trainers: 1 - Epley, Jr., Steve; 2 - Boniface, Kevin; 8 - Farley, Phillip; 4 - Stites, Flint; 3 - Demasi, Kathleen; 7 - Gallegos, Jose; 5 - Gallimore, Trevor; 6 - Kravets, Bruce

Owners: 1 -Steve Epley, Jr.; 2 - Bonita Farm; 8 -Elizabeth Milakovic; 4 -Maria Montez Haire; 3 - Pewter Stable and 3MB Racing LLC; 7 -Rachel L. Gerson; 5 - Candy's Racing Stable; 6 -David B. Anderson;

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MIDSUMMER MO was unhurried, rallied six-wide into the stretch and was u in the final strides. BALLYKEEFE was reserved off the pace, angled out to come five-wide into the stretch and finished strongly to just miss. HOWDIDTHATWORKOUT saved ground setting the pace, was unable to resist the top two late. REGAL MISS LILY was prominently placed racing three-wide but lacked a rally. WINNING PLAY prompted HOWDIDTHATWORKOUT early from along the outside, came three-wide into the stretch and weakened. ROCKYTA was forwardly placed racing three-wide, came four-wide into the stretch and tired. ALYVIA'S LIL GIRL showed brief speed from between horses and gave way. LET'EM HATE raced in the back of the field and trailed.