

PENN NATIONAL - November 28, 2025 - Race 2

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
(PLUS UP TO 40% PABF) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NOT WON A RACE SINCE AUGUST 28.
Three Year Olds, 124 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race At A Mile Or Over Since October 28 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming
Price \$7,500 (Races Where Entered For \$6,250 Or Less Not Considered In Eligibility). (NW1 3MX) **Claiming Price:** \$7,500
Distance: One Mile On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Johnny Jump Up - 1:35.64 - October 27, 2017)

Purse: \$14,000
Plus: \$700 PABF - Pennsylvania Bonus Program
Available Money: \$14,700
Value of Race: \$14,700 1st \$8,400, 2nd \$3,500, 3rd \$1,540, 4th \$840, 5th \$420
Weather: Cloudy, 32° **Track:** Fast
Off at: 6:18 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic



Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
1Oct25 ⁹ PRX ⁵	5	The King Cheek (Chuan, Martin)	123	L b	5	2	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ¹	1 ¹ /2	1 ³	1.60*	prompted, led, clear
30Oct25 ⁹ PEN ²	1	Tactical Humor (Cruz, Angel)	123	L b	1	3	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ^{Head}	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ^{Nose}	6.20	set pace, held 2nd
5Nov25 ⁵ PEN ⁸	6	Hardy Choice (Corujo, Wilfredo)	123	L b	6	4	4 ¹ 1/2	4 ¹ 1/2	4 ³	4 ⁴	3 ² 1/2	4.30	4-w, mild rally
13Nov25 ⁸ PEN ⁶	7	Fightertown (Mena, Raul)	123	L b	7	5	3 ²	3 ³	3 ²	3 ^{Head}	4 ⁵ 1/2	3.90	3-w, evenly late
5Nov25 ⁵ PEN ¹⁰	3	Strawberry Treat (Chiappe, Ricardo)	123	L	3	1	7 ¹	6 ¹ /2	6 ⁵	6 ⁵	5 ³ 3/4	19.10	4-w, no threat
7Sep25 ⁶ MTH ⁴	2	Gun Right (Rodriguez, Angel)	123	L b	2	7	5 ¹	5 ³	5 ¹ 1/2	5 ¹ /2	6 ⁵ 3/4	3.70	inside, lacked rally
30Oct25 ⁹ PEN ⁴	8	Rustys Gfivefifty (Flores, Emilio)	123	L b	8	8	6 ⁵	7 ³	7 ¹	7 ²	7 ⁵ 1/4	52.30	2-w, tired
13Nov25 ³ PEN ²	4	Stately Order (Cora, David)	123	L b	4	6	8	8	8	8	8	32.90	inside, no factor

Fractional Times: 23.86 47.21 1:12.18 1:25.31 **Final Time:** 1:38.64
Split Times: (23:35) (24:97) (13:13) (13:33)
Run-Up: 70 feet

Winner: The King Cheek, Bay Gelding, by Laoban out of Selfie, by War Chant. Foaled Feb 24, 2018 in New York.
Breeder: Pucker Ridge Farm LLC
Owner: Madison Avenue Racing Stable, Inc., Kernan, Jr., Morris E. and Jagger, Inc.
Trainer: Ness, Jamie

1 Claimed Horse(s): Hardy Choice New Trainer: Bruce M. Kravets New Owner: Stevark Stable, Inc. and Rentz, Randy

Claiming Prices: 5 - The King Cheek: \$7,500; 1 - Tactical Humor: \$7,500; 6 - Hardy Choice: \$7,500; 7 - Fightertown: \$7,500; 3 - Strawberry Treat: \$7,500; 2 - Gun Right: \$7,500; 8 - Rustys Gfivefifty: \$7,500; 4 - Stately Order: \$7,500;

Total WPS Pool: \$25,928

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	The King Cheek	5.20	2.80	3.00	\$1.00 Exacta	5-1	15.00	15,844
1	Tactical Humor		5.00	4.60	\$0.50 Trifecta	5-1-6	39.45	7,834
6	Hardy Choice			4.60	\$1.00 Daily Double	4-5	11.30	4,088
					\$0.10 Superfecta	5-1-6-7	31.66	8,110

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
5	The King Cheek	2	2 ¹	2 ¹	2 ^{Head}	1 ¹ /2	1 ³
1	Tactical Humor	3	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ^{Head}	2 ¹ /2	2 ³
6	Hardy Choice	4	4 ⁴ 1/2	4 ⁵ 1/2	4 ³	4 ²	3 ³
7	Fightertown	5	3 ² 1/2	3 ² 1/2	3 ¹	3 ²	4 ⁵ 1/2
3	Strawberry Treat	1	7 ¹²	6 ¹⁰	6 ⁷ 1/2	6 ⁶ 1/2	5 ¹¹
2	Gun Right	7	5 ⁶	5 ⁷	5 ⁶	5 ⁶	6 ¹⁴ 3/4
8	Rustys Gfivefifty	8	6 ⁷	7 ¹⁰ 1/2	7 ¹² 1/2	7 ¹¹ 1/2	7 ²⁰ 1/2
4	Stately Order	6	8 ¹³	8 ¹³ 1/2	8 ¹³ 1/2	8 ¹³ 1/2	8 ²⁵ 3/4

Trainers: 5 - Ness, Jamie; 1 - Kulp, Brandon; 6 - Kreiser, Timothy; 7 - DeMario, Charles; 3 - Zalalas, Michael; 2 - Kulp, Brandon; 8 - McClellan, Erin; 4 - O'Callaghan, Carl

Owners: 5 - Madison Avenue Racing Stable, Inc., Kernan, Jr., Morris E. and Jagger, Inc.; 1 - Flat Out Racing; 6 - Mason Dixon Stable; 7 -Timothy Whitehead; 3 - Z and Z Stables; 2 - Tesla Stables and Flat Out Racing; 8 -Roger A. Nickol; 4 - Sparling, Richard and Colony, Pamela C.;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

THE KING CHEEK prompted TACTICAL HJMOR while racing two-wide, took the lead from that one nearing the eighth pole and drew clear late. TACTICAL HUMOR saved ground setting the pace, responded when headed h THE KING CHEEK nearing the eighth pole but was unable to match strides with him late. HARDY CHOICE was allowed to settle, came four-wide into the stretch and finished in a mild rally. FIGHTERTOWN was forwardly placed while racing three-wide and went evenly late. STRAWBERRY TREAT was unhurried early, came four-wide into the stretch and failed to seriously threaten. GUN RIGHT saved ground racing in the middle of the field but lacked a rally when asked. RUSTYS GFIVEFIFTY was allowed to settle early while racing two-wide and tired. STATELY ORDER saved ground racing in the back of the field and was not a factor.