

PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS - September 19, 2025 - Race 4

STARTER OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
(PLUS UP TO 30% PABF) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF \$5,000 OR LESS IN 2024 - 2025 OR CLAIMING PRICE \$10,000. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race At A Mile Or Over Since August 19 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$10,000 (Claiming Races For \$8,500 Or Less Not Considered In Estimating Allowances). (C) **Claiming Price:** \$10,000

Distance: One And One Fourth Miles On The All Weather Track **Current Track Record:** (Grounded - 2:00.66 - October 24, 2024)
Purse: \$27,000

Plus: \$115 Starters Bonus

Plus: \$810 PABF - Pennsylvania Bonus Program

Available Money: \$27,925

Value of Race: \$27,790 1st \$16,200, 2nd \$5,400, 3rd \$3,510, 4th \$1,350, 5th \$675, 6th \$405, 7th \$250

Weather: Clear, 74° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 6:38 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic



[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	1/4	1/2	3/4	1m	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
25Aug25 ⁴ PID ³	5	Starship Empire (Morales, Pablo)	123	L	4	4 ⁶	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{1/2}	3 ¹	2 ^{2 1/2}	1 ^{1 1/4}	3.60	ins 1/4,shiftd 3p,drv
2Sep25 ⁵ PID ⁴	6	I Lucked Out (Martinez, Gaddiel)	123	L bf	5	1 ^{1/2}	1 ²	1 ²	1 ^{2 1/2}	1 ²	2 ^{2 1/4}	1.60*	pace, grudgingly
1Sep25 ⁸ PID ²	2	Goose Hunter (Rosario, Joel) VA CERTIFIED	123	L	2	5 ¹	6 ^{1/2}	7	7	4 ¹	3 ^{2 3/4}	4.60	swung 6-w,moved up
25Aug25 ⁴ PID ¹	9	The Best Distance (Gallardo, Antonio)	125	L b	7	2 ^{2 1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ¹	3 ^{Head}	4 ^{Nose}	2.40	tracked 2p, weakened,
3Sep25 ⁷ PID ⁵	1	Tempus (Martinez, Willie)	123	L	1	7	7	6 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	5 ^{1 1/2}	19.70	2-3w, needed more
8Sep25 ³ PID ¹	8	Colonel Poppy (Montanez, Rosario)	125	L b	6	3 ^{1/2}	4 ⁷	4 ⁶	4 ^{2 1/2}	7	6 ^{1/2}	14.10	stalked 3p, weakened
20Aug25 ⁶ PID ¹	4	Samaritano (Spieth, Scott)	123	L	3	6 ¹	5 ¹	5 ^{Head}	6 ^{1 1/2}	6 ¹	7	25.80	saved ground, no bid

Fractional Times: 24.30 48.34 1:12.89 1:37.92 **Final Time:** 2:03.20

Split Times: (24:04) (24:55) (25:03) (25:28)

Run-Up: 35 feet

Winner: Starship Empire, Gray or Roan Gelding, by Mission Impazible out of Starship Diva, by Eltish. Foaled Mar 23, 2017 in New York.

Breeder: Mustang Farms, Inc.

Owner: Ron G. Potts

Trainer: Potts, Ron

1 Claimed Horse(s): Tempus New Trainer: Ron G. Potts New Owner: Cody Potts

Claiming Prices: 5 - Starship Empire: \$10,000; 1 - Tempus: \$10,000; 8 - Colonel Poppy: \$10,000;

Scratched Horse(s): I'm No Angel (Re-entered), Runaway Harry (Re-entered)

Total WPS Pool: \$68,291

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Starship Empire	9.20	4.20	2.60	\$2.00 Pick 3	7-8-5 (3 correct)	587.20	6,867
6	I Lucked Out		3.60	2.80	\$2.00 Daily Double	8-5	71.40	8,507
2	Goose Hunter			3.00	\$2.00 Exacta	5-6	36.00	40,457
					\$2.00 Superfecta	5-6-2-9	268.60	14,999
					\$2.00 Trifecta	5-6-2	143.00	23,631

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	1/4	1/2	3/4	1m	Str	Fin
5	Starship Empire	4 ^{3 1/2}	3 ^{3 1/2}	3 ^{3 1/2}	3 ^{3 1/2}	2 ²	1 ^{1 1/4}
6	I Lucked Out	1 ^{1/2}	1 ²	1 ²	1 ^{2 1/2}	1 ²	2 ^{1 1/4}
2	Goose Hunter	5 ^{9 1/2}	6 ^{11 1/2}	7 ^{12 1/2}	7 ^{8 1/2}	4 ^{4 1/2}	3 ^{3 1/2}
9	The Best Distance	2 ^{1/2}	2 ²	2 ²	2 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{4 1/2}	4 ^{6 1/4}
1	Tempus	7 ^{11 1/2}	7 ¹²	6 ¹⁰	5 ⁷	5 ^{5 1/2}	5 ^{6 1/4}
8	Colonel Poppy	3 ³	4 ^{3 1/2}	4 ⁴	4 ^{4 1/2}	7 ^{6 3/4}	6 ^{7 3/4}
4	Samaritano	6 ^{10 1/2}	5 ^{10 1/2}	5 ¹⁰	6 ⁷	6 ^{5 3/4}	7 ^{8 1/4}

Trainers: 5 - Potts, Ron; 6 - Girten, Tim; 2 - Vargas, Jose; 9 - Arriagada, Juan; 1 - Dickey, Keith; 8 - Davis, Scooter; 4 - Spieth, Aldana

Owners: 5 -Ron G. Potts; 6 - Girten, Tim and Mazzocco, Marc; 2 -Jose Antonio Vargas; 9 -Juan Arriagada; 1 -Keith C. Dickey; 8 -Scooter Davis; 4 - Endsley Oaks Farm, Inc.;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

STARSHIP EMPIRE stalked the pace setters, raced from the inside near the quarter pole, shifted out three deep past the three sixteenths pole and finished well to edge up under strong handling. I LUCKED OUT set all pace racing in hand under a uncontested early pace and gave way grudgingly late to the wire. GOOSE HUNTER was unhurried early, swung six wide into the lane and moved up well late. THE BEST DISTANCE tracked the early leader two deep from the outside and weakened. TEMPUS was unhurried early, raced two to three wide and needed more in the drive. COLONEL POPPY stalked the pace three deep and weakened through the drive. SAMARITANO settled off the early going, saved ground and never threatened.

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