

PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS - September 22, 2025 - Race 5

ALLOWANCE - Thoroughbred
(PLUS UP TO 30% PABF) FOR FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON A RACE OF \$17,000 OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER, OR PA. Restricted or Which Have Never Won Two Races. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since August 22 Allowed 2 lbs. (Claiming Races For \$20,000 Or Less Not Considered In Estimating Allowances). (NW1\$ X)

Distance: Six Furlongs On The All Weather Track **Current Track Record:** (Surlly Furious - 1:07.77 - July 5, 2022)

Purse: \$38,000

Plus: \$1,140 PABF - Pennsylvania Bonus Program

Available Money: \$39,140

Value of Race: \$37,240 1st \$22,800, 2nd \$7,600, 3rd \$4,940, 4th \$1,900

Weather: Showery, 75° Track: Fast

Off at: 6:01 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	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
15Aug25 ⁷ PID ⁵	1	Awesome Empress (Bays, Brooke)	116	L	bw	1 3	4	3 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{1 1/4}	6.00	stdy ins,alt crs,surge
15Jul25 ⁸ FP ¹	6	Smoked (Gallardo, Antonio)	120	L	b	4 2	1 ^{3 1/2}	1 ²	1 ¹	2 ^{1 3/4}	2.00	clear,drift in, caught
4Sep25 ² PEN ²	5	Dakota Springs (Morales, Pablo)	123	L		3 1	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	3 ⁶	3 ^{12 1/4}	0.90*	bid upper,even late
4Sep25 ¹ PEN ¹	4	Maidstone (Beato, Inoel)	121	L		2 4	3 ^{1/2}	4	4	4	3.50	dropped back, no thret

Fractional Times: 21.81 44.96 57.74 Final Time: 1:11.01

Split Times: (23:15) (12:78) (13:27)

Run-Up: 48 feet

Winner: Awesome Empress, Dark Bay or Brown Mare, by Awesome Slew out of Brilliant Empress, by Brilliant Speed. Foaled Feb 24, 2020 in Florida.

Breeder: J D Farms

Owner: Kathleen A. Guciardo

Trainer: Guciardo, John

Scratched Horse(s): U Ain't That Lucky (Veterinarian), Vicountess (Stewards)

Total WPS Pool: \$14,339

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Awesome Empress	14.00	4.20	\$2.00 Exacta	1-6	30.20	8,095
6	Smoked		4.40	\$2.00 Trifecta	1-6-5	57.60	3,934
5	Dakota Springs			\$2.00 Daily Double	5-1	49.00	2,470
				\$2.00 Pick 3	2-5-1 (3 correct)	285.40	6,759
				\$2.00 Pick 4	2/8-2-5-1 (4 correct)	392.20	8,048
				\$2.00 Pick 5	6-2/8-2-5-1 (5 correct)	2,392.20	17,092

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
1	Awesome Empress	3	4 ⁴ / ₄	3 ³ / ₂	2 ¹	1 ¹ / ₄
6	Smoked	2	1 ³ / ₄	1 ²	1 ¹	2 ¹ / ₄
5	Dakota Springs	1	2 ³ / ₄	2 ²	3 ¹	3 ³
4	Maidstone	4	3 ⁴	4 ⁴	4 ⁷	4 ¹⁵ / ₄

Trainers: 1 - Guciardo, John; 6 - Rivelli, Larry; 5 - Kulp, Brandon; 4 - McClellan, Erin

Owners: 1 -Kathleen A. Guciardo; 6 - Patricia's Hope LLC and Down The Stretch Racing Stables, Inc. (Larry Rivelli); 5 - Flat Out Racing; 4 - Commonwealth New Era Racing;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

AWESOME EMPRESS was reserved racing at the rear of the field into the turn, was held up off heels through the turn, rallied turning for home, searched for racing room upper, steadied inside at the eighth pole, was taken up to alter course to the clear and surged in the final hundred yards to be going away in spite of troubles. SMOKED sped to a clear lead shortly away from the gate, set a fast pace while maintaining a clear advantage to upper stretch, drifted in midway down the lane putting the winner in cose quarters and was outfinished in deep stretch. DAKOTA SPRINGS stalked the pace through the turn in striking distance, rallied in upper stretch, failed to close the margin on the pacesetter and finished evenly in the final eighth. MAIDSTONE showed brief speed, dropped back on the turn and was not a threat.