

PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS - September 29, 2025 - Race 7

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR REGISTERED PA-BRED THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO PA. Restricted Races
Other Than Maiden, Claiming, Or Starter or Which Have Never Won Four Races or Claiming Price \$25,000. Three Year Olds, 121
lbs.; Older, 125 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since August 29 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$25,000 (Claiming Races For \$20,000
Or Less Not Considered In Estimating Allowances). (S C) **Claiming Price:** \$25,000

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

Purse: \$41,000

Available Money: \$41,000

Value of Race: \$40,590 1st \$24,600, 2nd \$8,200, 3rd \$4,100, 4th \$2,050, 5th \$1,025, 6th \$615

Weather: Clear, 71° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 7:10 **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
22Sep25 ³ PID ³	1	Valentine Bug (Ayala, Addiel)	123	L f	1	6	³ Head	⁴ 2	³ 1	¹ Head	7.20	split,suged,in time
15Aug25 ³ PEN ²	3	Tarsus Warrior (Gallardo, Antonio) VA CERTIFIED	123	L b	3	3	¹ 2 1/2	¹ 1/2	¹ Head	² 3/4	1.30*	dug-in, nailed
15Sep25 ⁵ PID ¹	5	Thorn of Hearts (Rodriguez, Israel)	123	bw	5	1	⁴ 1	³ Head	² Head	³ 1 3/4	9.20	all out,fail to pass
19Aug25 ¹ PID ¹	2	Schnittker (Spieth, Scott)	123	L w	2	5	⁵ 1	⁵ 3	⁴ 1	⁴ 1 1/4	3.60	reserved, late gain
15Sep25 ⁵ PID ²	4	Shakin It Up Larry (Martinez, Gaddiel)	123	L b	4	2	² 1 1/2	² 1 1/2	⁵ 4	⁵ 2 3/4	7.60	chased pace,faded
8Sep25 ¹ MNR ²	6	Hector (Villa-Gomez, Huber)	123	L b	6	4	6	6	6	6	3.30	no resp, no threat,

Fractional Times: 22.30 45.15 57.08

Final Time: 1:09.27

Split Times: (22:85) (11:93) (12:19)

Run-Up: 48 feet

Winner: Valentine Bug, Bay Gelding, by Dramedy out of Nightfury, by Kitalpha. Foaled Feb 13, 2017 in Pennsylvania.

Breeder: Eddy R. Martinez & Linda Martinez

Owner: Bernardini, Jay P., Burnsworth, Richard and Buyea, Kristina

Trainer: Bernardini, Jay

Claiming Prices: 1 - Valentine Bug: \$25,000; 2 - Schnittker: \$25,000; 4 - Shakin It Up Larry: \$25,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$27,731

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Valentine Bug	16.40	5.00	4.00	\$2.00 Exacta	1-3	53.20	13,263
3	Tarsus Warrior		3.80	2.20	\$2.00 Trifecta	1-3-5	222.80	8,619
5	Thorn of Hearts			4.80	\$2.00 Pick 3	7-4-1 (3 correct)	1,726.80	3,829
					\$2.00 Superfecta	1-3-5-2	983.40	4,887
					\$2.00 Daily Double	4-1	89.80	3,116

Past Performance Running Line Preview

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1	Valentine Bug	6	³ 4	⁴ 2	³ Head	¹ Head
3	Tarsus Warrior	3	¹ 2 1/2	¹ 1/2	¹ Head	² Head
5	Thorn of Hearts	1	⁴ 4	³ 2	² Head	³ 3/4
2	Schnittker	5	⁵ 5	⁵ 4	⁴ 1 1/4	⁴ 2 1/2
4	Shakin It Up Larry	2	² 2 1/2	² 1/2	⁵ 2 1/4	⁵ 3 3/4
6	Hector	4	⁶ 6	⁶ 7	⁶ 6 1/4	⁶ 6 1/2

Trainers: 1 - Bernardini, Jay; 3 - Kulp, Brandon; 5 - Miller, Jr., Henry; 2 - Guciardo, John; 4 - Russell, Randall; 6 - Potts, Ron

Owners: 1 - Bernardini, Jay P., Burnsworth, Richard and Buyea, Kristina; 3 - Warrior's Reward LLC; 5 - Lady Smith Stable, LLC; 2 - Heehaw Racing; 4 -Randall R. Russell; 6 -Ron G. Potts;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

VALENTINE BUG was well placed tracking the leaders saving ground, cut the corner turning for home, tipped out three wide in mid-stretch splitting rivals and surged late to be up in time. TARSUS WARRIOR sped to the lead shortly away from the gate, rated well in hand on a clear lead into the turn, responded willingly when engaged turning for home to battle through the lane and was caught in the final stride. THORN OF HEARTS tracked the leaders from four wide through the turn, rallied to loom in mid-stretch in an all-out drive and failed to pass in deep stretch. SCHNITTKER reserved off the pace to the quarter pole and rallied with late interest in the lane. SHAKIN IT UP LARRY chased the pacesetter mounting a mild threat at the quarter pole and flattened out in the lane. HECTOR failed to respond when called upon early on the turn and was never a threat.

VA CERTIFIED Denotes Virginia-Certified Thoroughbred