

PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS - September 29, 2026 - Race 8



CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
(PLUS UP TO 30% PABF) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since August 29 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$6,250 (Claiming Races For \$5,000 Or Less Not Considered In Estimating Allowances). (NW2 L) **Claiming Price:** \$6,250
Distance: One And One Sixteenth Miles On The All Weather Track **Current Track Record:** (Forever Souper - 1:41.23 - September 20, 2024)
Purse: \$14,000
Plus: \$220 Starters Bonus
Plus: \$840 PABF - Pennsylvania Bonus Program
Available Money: \$15,060
Value of Race: \$14,990 1st \$8,400, 2nd \$3,640, 3rd \$1,400, 4th \$700, 5th \$350, 6th \$250, 7th \$250
Weather: Clear, 70° **Track:** Fast
Off at: 6:46 **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	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
22Sep26 ⁶ PID ⁵	2	Grab the Spark (Montanez, Rosario)	119	L	bw	2 3	3 ²	3 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{4 1/2}	1 ^{Head}	5.70	wore down rival
14Sep26 ⁸ PID ⁴	1	Race for Cover (Rodriguez, Israel)	119	L	bw	1 1	1 ²	1 ²	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{2 1/2}	2 ^{4 3/4}	1.50*	lug in to rail,caught
14Sep26 ⁸ PID ⁵	6	Article (Alencar, Walber)	123	L	b	6 7	7	7	7	5 ⁴	3 ^{Nose}	7.80	circled 8w,good int
26Aug26 ⁸ PID ⁴	3	Speaker's Lobby (Martinez, Gaddiel)	123	L	b	3 5	4 ²	4 ¹	3 ²	3 ^{1/2}	4 ^{3/4}	1.70	tracked, no gain
14Sep26 ⁸ PID ⁶	5	He's a Pisces (Kingsley, Taylor)	116	L	b	5 6	6 ¹	6 ¹	5 ²	4 ^{1/2}	5 ^{10 3/4}	17.10	mild bid, flattened
15Sep26 ² PID ⁶	4	Alexander K (Ayala, Addiel)	119	L	bw	4 4	5 ¹	5 ^{1/2}	6 ^{1/2}	7	6 ^{Neck}	10.50	failed to menace,
13Sep26 ¹ MNR ⁶	7	Bengal Cat (Allen, Mike)	123	w		7 2	2 ^{2 1/2}	2 ^{2 1/2}	4 ¹	6 ²	7	22.90	through after half,

Fractional Times: 23.58 48.17 1:12.99 1:37.87 **Final Time:** 1:44.36 **Time from Gate:** 1:45.84
Split Times: (24:59) (24:82) (24:88) (6:49)
Run-Up: 40 feet

Winner: Grab the Spark, Bay Gelding, by Girvin out of Silver to Gold, by Zensational. Foaled Mar 28, 2023 in Florida.
Breeder: Brad Grady & Misty Grady
Owner: Clair Walker
Trainer: Fennessy, John

Claiming Prices: 2 - Grab the Spark: \$6,250; 1 - Race for Cover: \$6,250; 6 - Article: \$6,250; 3 - Speaker's Lobby: \$6,250; 5 - He's a Pisces: \$6,250; 4 - Alexander K: \$6,250; 7 - Bengal Cat: \$6,250;

Total WPS Pool: \$35,770

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
2	Grab the Spark	13.40	5.40	3.20	\$2.00 Daily Double	6-2	114.80	9,109
1	Race for Cover		3.20	2.20	\$2.00 Exacta	2-1	39.20	22,654
6	Article			2.80	\$2.00 Trifecta	2-1-6	155.40	14,177
					\$2.00 Superfecta	2-1-6-3	246.00	9,813
					\$2.00 Pick 4	3/6-2/3-6-2 (4 correct)	360.60	17,857
					\$2.00 Pick 3	2/3-6-2 (3 correct)	232.00	7,938
					\$2.00 Pick 5	3-3/6-2/3-6-2 (5 correct)	2,564.80	32,467

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
2	Grab the Spark	3	3 ^{4 1/2}	3 ^{4 1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{2 1/2}	1 ^{Head}
1	Race for Cover	1	1 ²	1 ²	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{2 1/2}	2 ^{Head}
6	Article	7	7 ^{10 1/2}	7 ⁸	7 ^{7 1/2}	5 ⁸	3 ^{4 3/4}
3	Speaker's Lobby	5	4 ^{6 1/2}	4 ^{5 1/2}	3 ²	3 ⁷	4 ⁵
5	He's a Pisces	6	6 ^{9 1/2}	6 ⁷	5 ⁵	4 ^{7 1/2}	5 ^{5 3/4}
4	Alexander K	4	5 ^{8 1/2}	5 ^{6 1/2}	6 ⁷	7 ¹⁴	6 ^{16 1/2}
7	Bengal Cat	2	2 ²	2 ²	4 ⁴	6 ¹²	7 ^{16 3/4}

Trainers: 2 - Fennessy, John; 1 - Pappada, Michael; 6 - Guciardo, John; 3 - Kintz, S.; 5 - Winters, Michelle; 4 - Rice, Kevin; 7 - Antus, Lawrence

Owners: 2 -Clair Walker; 1 -Julie A. Pappada; 6 - Heehaw Racing; 3 - Ferraro, Robert A., Fisher, James and S. Matthew Kintz Racing and Sales, Inc.; 5 -Michelle Winters; 4 - Rice Racing; 7 -Kathy Antus;

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GRAB THE SPARK stalked the pace saving ground along the rail to midway on the turn, tipped out three wide to rally in the lane and wore down the pacesetter in deep stretch. RACE FOR COVER set the pace on a clear, well rated leadto the head of the lane, maintained a clear lead to mid-stretch, lugged in nearly hitting the rail in mid-stretch racing erratically and was caught in the final yards. ARTICLE was slow early to be the trailer, circled eight wide at the top of the lane and showed good interest to be along for the show. SPEAKER'S LOBBY tracked the leaders to be well placed midway on the far turn and finished evenly lacking a closing bid. HE'S A PISCES unhurried to race near the rear of the field, closed the gap with a mild bid turning for home and flattened out finishing evenly. ALEXANDER K failed to menace. BENGAL CAT prompted the pace for a half mile and came up empty on the far turn.

Track Attendance: 186 **Handle:** \$12,524
Off Track Wagering **Handle:** \$485,690