

PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS - October 7, 2026 - Race 1

STARTER OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
(PLUS UP TO 30% PABF) FOR FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF \$5,000 OR LESS IN 2025 - 2026 OR CLAIMING PRICE \$10,000. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since September 7 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: Five And One Half Furlongs On The All Weather Track **Current Track Record:** (Good Bye Greg - 1:02.03 - October 5, 2017)

Purse: \$19,000

Available Money: \$19,000

Value of Race: \$18,050 1st \$11,400, 2nd \$3,800, 3rd \$1,900, 4th \$950

Weather: Cloudy, 70° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 3:32 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
22Sep26 ⁵ PID ¹	1	Half Birthday (Montanez, Rosario)	125	L b	1	3	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{Neck}	1.40	stalk, rail rally
21Sep26 ⁵ PID ¹	4	Garnet and Gold (Rojas, Martina)	123	L w	3	4	4	4	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{3 1/4}	8.60	crcl'd 5w,good gain,mis
22Sep26 ⁵ PID ²	3	Irish Victory (Spieth, Scott)	123	L	2	1	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1 1/4}	8.40	set press pace,weaken
22Sep26 ⁵ PID ³	6	Kanazawa (Rodriguez, Israel)	123	L b	4	2	2 ¹	2 ¹	4	4	0.70*	pressed,no bid,lugged

Fractional Times: 21.91 45.12 57.37 **Final Time:** 1:03.66 **Time from Gate:** 1:05.35

Split Times: (23:21) (12:25) (6:29)

Run-Up: 40 feet

Winner: Half Birthday, Chestnut Mare, by Freud out of Strategic Missile, by Strategic Mission. Foaled Apr 18, 2019 in New York.

Breeder: Sequel Thoroughbreds, Karin Millard &Erin Pfister

Owner: Controversial Racing

Trainer: Davis, Scooter

Scratched Horse(s): Time for an Angel (Veterinarian), Triple R Rated (Re-entered)

Total WPS Pool: \$21,881

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Half Birthday	4.80	8.00	\$2.00 Exacta	1-4	20.60	4,340
4	Garnet and Gold		12.60	\$2.00 Trifecta	1-4-3	24.40	2,364
3	Irish Victory						

Past Performance Running Line Preview

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1	Half Birthday	3	3 ²	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Neck}
4	Garnet and Gold	4	4 ²	4 ²	3 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Neck}
3	Irish Victory	1	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	3 ^{3 1/2}
6	Kanazawa	2	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	4 ²	4 ^{4 3/4}

Trainers: 1 - Davis, Scooter; 4 - Rice, Adam; 3 - Spieth, Aldana; 6 - Arriagada, Juan

Owners: 1 - Controversial Racing; 4 -Adam Rice; 3 - Aldana Gonzalez Racing LLC; 6 -T. L. Wise;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

HALF BIRTHDAY stalked the pace to the head of the lane from the inside saving ground, rallied up the fence in upper stretch to take command late and held the runner-up safe at the line. GARNET AND GOLD tracked the leaders from last in the compact field, circled five wide at the top of the lane and mounted a good closing bid to just miss. IRISH VICTORY set the pace under steady pressure racing in the three path, responded when called upon turning for home to battle on the lead to midway down the lane and weakened in the final furlong drifting off the inside. KANAZAWA pressed the pace to the quarter pole, lacked a closing response and was lugging-in while tiring in the lane.