

PARX RACING - July 14, 2026 - Race 6

STARTER OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
(PLUS UP TO 40% PABF) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF \$25,000 OR LESS AND WHICH HAVE NEVER WON A RACE OTHER THAN MAIDEN OR CLAIMING OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON FOUR RACES OR CLAIMING PRICE \$25,000 AND WHICH HAVE NEVER WON FOUR RACES. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since June 14 Allowed 3 lbs. Claiming Price \$25,000 (Races Where Entered For \$16,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances). (C) **Claiming Price:** \$25,000

Distance: Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Iredell - 1:07.21 - December 30, 2017)

Purse: \$32,000

Plus: \$1,408 PABF - Pennsylvania Bonus Program

Available Money: \$33,408

Value of Race: \$33,408 1st \$19,200, 2nd \$6,400, 3rd \$4,928, 4th \$1,920, 5th \$960

Weather: Clear, 89° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 3:09 **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
31Jan26 ⁸ TAM ³	5	Empire Sky (Hernandez, Julio)	122	L b	5	5	5	5	2 ³	1 ^{Neck}	1.60*	wore down pacesetter
15Oct24 ⁶ PRX ⁶	2	Smokin Holiday (Martinez, Francisco)	122	L b	2	3	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{2 1/2}	2 ⁷	10.10	vied, wdnd, nailed
29Jun26 ⁷ PRX ¹	4	Fine Diamond (Silvera, Ruben)	120	L b	4	1	4 ⁵	4 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	3 ²	1.70	close wide, empty lane
19Jun25 ⁶ DEL ⁶	1	Cajun Venom (Lopez, Paco)	122	L b	1	2	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	4 ¹	4 ^{2 1/2}	3.00	forced pace rail, fade
21Jun26 ¹ PRX ¹	3	Huggy (Adorno, Abner)	122	L bf	3	4	3 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	5	5	6.80	vied btwn, gave way

Fractional Times: 22.34 45.89 58.55 **Final Time:** 1:11.58 **Time from Gate:** 1:13.03
Split Times: (23:55) (12:66) (13:03)
Run-Up: 40 feet

Winner: Empire Sky, Gray or Roan Gelding, by Klimt out of Illusional Sky, by Sky Mesa. Foaled Mar 22, 2019 in New York.
Breeder: Forty Oaks Farm, Mahoney Eden Manor,LLC & Classic Bloodstock, LLC
Owner: D and D Stables LLC
Trainer: Kirby, John

Scratched Horse(s): Celestial Dark (Stewards)

Total WPS Pool: \$34,323								
Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Empire Sky	5.20	3.00	2.40	\$2.00 Exacta	5-2	38.40	20,113
2	Smokin Holiday		6.60	3.40	\$0.50 Trifecta	5-2-4	24.80	11,958
4	Fine Diamond			2.60	\$1.00 Pick 3	7-1/3/6-5 (3 correct)	13.10	5,370
					\$2.00 Daily Double	1-5	10.80	5,386

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
5	Empire Sky	5	5 ^{5 3/4}	5 ³	2 ^{2 1/2}	1 ^{Neck}
2	Smokin Holiday	3	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{2 1/2}	2 ^{Neck}
4	Fine Diamond	1	4 ^{3/4}	4 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{5 1/2}	3 ^{7 1/4}
1	Cajun Venom	2	2 ^{Head}	3 ²	4 ⁶	4 ^{9 1/4}
3	Huggy	4	3 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	5 ⁷	5 ^{11 3/4}

Trainers: 5 - Kirby, John; 2 - Linder, Jr., Louis; 4 - Padilla-Preciado, Ernesto; 1 - Linder, Jr., Louis; 3 - Mosco, Robert

Owners: 5 - D and D Stables LLC; 2 - Over The Moon Racing; 4 - Top Notch Racing; 1 -Deborah K. Dougherty; 3 -Maria Luisa Rodriguez;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)
EMPIRE SKY trailed early, split rivals wide into the stretch, surged outside and wore down the pacesetter. SMOKIN HOLIDAY vied in the two path then shook loose inside, widened in the stretch but was nailed nearing the wire. FINE DIAMOND was urged close up four wide down the backstretch then proved empty. CAJUN VENOM forced the pace along the rail then began fading on the turn. HUGGY flashed speed for half mile then gave way.