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THISTLEDOWN - April 22, 2026 - Race 2

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR ACCREDITED OHIO FOALS THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON FOUR RACES OR WHICH HAVE NOT WON A RACE IN 2026. Three Year Olds, 119 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since March 22 Allowed 2 lbs. A Race Since February 22 Allowed 4 lbs. Claiming Price \$16,000 (Claiming Races For \$7,500 Or Less Not Considered In Eligibility). (S C) **Claiming Price:** \$16,000

Distance: Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Fancy Threat - 1:08.40 - November 21, 1987)

Purse: \$21,900

Includes: \$3,900 OTF - Ohio Thoroughbred Fund

Available Money: \$21,900

Value of Race: \$21,900 1st \$13,140, 2nd \$4,380, 3rd \$2,190, 4th \$1,095, 5th \$657, 6th \$219, 7th \$219

Weather: Clear, 70° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 1:25 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
1Sep25 ⁵ TDN ¹	3	Smokin Joe (Rivera, Luis)	119 L f	3 2		1 ¹	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	3.50	long drive, held well
10Apr26 ² MVR ³	6	Sweet Lemon Drop (Gomez, Alejandro)	119 L f	6 3		6 ^{5 1/2}	3 ²	3 ²	2 ¹	36.90	gaining 3w,good effort
30Mar26 ⁶ MVR ²	1	Color Bearer (Skerrett, Jefferson)	114 L b	1 6		2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	2 ²	3 ^{5 1/2}	1.50	pressed rail,outfnsh
13Mar26 ⁵ MVR ¹	4	Authentic Cowtown (Barbaran, Erik)	121 L f	4 5		5 ^{1/2}	4 ^{Head}	4 ²	4 ^{3/4}	1.20*	frctious gate,no menac
10Oct25 ¹ TDN ⁶	7	Merger (Bowen, Rocco)	119 L f	7 1		3 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1/2}	5 ^{Head}	5 ^{Nose}	20.20	speed 3-4w,wknd turn
2Apr26 ¹ MVR ⁵	5	Silent Drill (Diaz, Angel)	119 L	5 4		4 ¹	6 ³	6 ²	6 ^{2 1/2}	15.00	through early
2Apr26 ¹ MVR ⁵	2	Jim's River Runner (Yaranga, Yuri)	119 L bf	2 7		7	7	7	7	40.50	trailed

Fractional Times: 23.64 47.88 1:00.28

Final Time: 1:12.48 **Time from Gate:** 1:13.90

Split Times: (24:24) (12:40) (12:20)

Run-Up: 30 feet

Winner: Smokin Joe, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by Mobil out of Nevergonnahappen, by Elusive Quality. Foaled Mar 05, 2022 in Ohio.

Breeder: Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm, LLC

Owner: HMDC Racing Stables LLC and Taste of Victory Stables

Trainer: Rone, Michael

1 Claimed Horse(s): Smokin Joe

New Trainer: Jeffrey Skerrett

New Owner: Danielle Agnello

Claiming Prices: 3 - Smokin Joe: \$16,000; 6 - Sweet Lemon Drop: \$16,000; 1 - Color Bearer: \$16,000; 4 - Authentic Cowtown: \$16,000; 7 - Merger: \$16,000; 5 - Silent Drill: \$16,000; 2 - Jim's River Runner: \$16,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$27,415

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
3	Smokin Joe	9.00	6.00	3.20	\$1.00 Daily Double	2-3	24.80	5,640
6	Sweet Lemon Drop		18.80	4.60	\$1.00 Exacta	3-6	98.20	21,653
1	Color Bearer			2.20	\$0.50 Trifecta	3-6-1	149.25	14,911
					\$0.20 Superfecta	3-6-1-4	107.56	10,847

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
3	Smokin Joe	2	1 ¹	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}
6	Sweet Lemon Drop	3	6 ³	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{2 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}
1	Color Bearer	6	2 ¹	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}
4	Authentic Cowtown	5	5 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{3 1/2}	4 ^{4 1/2}	4 ⁷
7	Merger	1	3 ¹	5 ^{3 3/4}	5 ^{6 1/2}	5 ^{7 3/4}
5	Silent Drill	4	4 ^{1 1/2}	6 ^{4 1/4}	6 ^{6 1/2}	6 ^{7 3/4}
2	Jim's River Runner	7	7 ^{8 1/2}	7 ^{7 1/4}	7 ^{8 1/2}	7 ^{10 1/4}

Trainers: 3 - Rone, Michael; 6 - Juarez-Mendoza, Rey; 1 - Skerrett, Jeffrey; 4 - Ibarra, Marco; 7 - Hamm, Timothy; 5 - Sweeting, Craig; 2 - Norris, Stephani

Owners: 3 - HMDC Racing Stables LLC and Taste of Victory Stables; 6 -Lee J. Eyerman; 1 -Danielle Agnello; 4 - McDonald, James H. and Authentic Racing LLC; 7 - Blazing Meadows Farm LLC; 5 -Jill Sweeting; 2 -Alicia Avina Cacho;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

SMOKIN JOE made the lead soon after the start, set all the pace in the two path and proved best under strong handling. SWEET LEMON DROP never far back, was steadily gaining ground late three wide. COLOR BEARER pressured the winner from along the rail and was outfinished. AUTHENTIC COWTOWN was fractious in the gate, and failed to menace. MERGER had good early speed three wide and weakened on the turn. SILENT DRILL was through early. JIM'S RIVER RUNNER trailed throughout.