

THISTLEDOWN - May 19, 2026 - Race 5

STARTER OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF \$8,000 OR LESS IN 2025 - 2026 OR CLAIMING PRICE \$12,500. Three Year Olds, 119 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since April 19 Allowed 2 lbs. A Race Since March 19 Allowed 4 lbs. Claiming Price \$12,500 (Ohio Registered Foals Preferred). (C) **Claiming Price:** \$12,500

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

Purse: \$21,700

Plus: \$1,600 OTF - Ohio Thoroughbred Fund

Available Money: \$23,300

Value of Race: \$21,700 1st \$13,020, 2nd \$4,340, 3rd \$2,170, 4th \$1,085, 5th \$651, 6th \$434

Weather: Cloudy, 81° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 2:55 **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
11May26 ¹ TDN ⁴	1	Colonel Vargo (Simpson, Jason)	121	L bf	1	6	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	2 ¹	1 ^{Nose}	2.40	up in final strides
2May26 ⁹ TDN ¹	4	Atkins (Chavez, Alexander)	123	L b	4	3	5 ^{1/2}	5 ²	3 ²	2 ^{2 1/4}	5.60	closed4-3w,missed
21Apr26 ³ TDN ²	5	El Muchacho Alegre (Salazar Becerra, Fernando)	119	L b	5	2	1 ¹	1 ³	1 ³	3 ⁵	1.10*	shortened stride late
3May26 ⁶ LRL ⁷	6	Pit Stop Man (Barbaran, Erik)	121	L b	6	1	6	6	6	4 ^{1/2}	5.50	failed to menace
2May26 ⁹ TDN ⁵	3	Doctor Wu (Tapara, Brandon)	119	L b	3	4	4 ¹	3 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	5 ^{3 3/4}	9.10	chased 3w,weakened
5May26 ³ TDN ²	2	Coastertothemoon (Haldar, David)	119	L b	2	5	3 ^{Head}	4 ^{Head}	5 ^{1/2}	6	16.60	through after half

Fractional Times: 22.62 45.80 58.68

Final Time: 1:11.58 **Time from Gate:** 1:12.59

Split Times: (23:18) (12:88) (12:90)

Run-Up: 30 feet

Winner: Colonel Vargo, Chestnut Gelding, by Distorted Humor out of Ami's Mesa, by Sky Mesa. Foaled Feb 20, 2020 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Tall Oaks Farm

Owner: Lion Palm Racing Stable

Trainer: Bailey, Ricardo

Claiming Prices: 4 - Atkins: \$12,500;

Total WPS Pool: \$42,765

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Colonel Vargo	6.80	3.80	2.20	\$1.00 Exacta	1-4	12.00	21,369
4	Atkins		4.20	2.60	\$0.50 Trifecta	1-4-5	25.35	12,785
5	El Muchacho Alegre			2.40	\$0.20 Superfecta	1-4-5-6	31.66	7,695
					\$0.50 Pick 3	1-1-1 (3 correct)	18.00	6,338
					\$0.50 Pick 4	4-1-1-1 (4 correct)	496.70	9,938
					\$0.50 Pick 5	1-4-1-1-1 (5 correct)	15,192.45	17,876
					\$1.00 Daily Double	1-1	13.40	5,417

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
1	Colonel Vargo	6	2 ¹	2 ³	2 ³	1 ^{Nose}
4	Atkins	3	5 ^{2 1/4}	5 ^{3 3/4}	3 ⁴	2 ^{Nose}
5	El Muchacho Alegre	2	1 ¹	1 ³	1 ³	3 ^{2 1/4}
6	Pit Stop Man	1	6 ^{2 3/4}	6 ^{5 3/4}	6 ⁷	4 ^{7 1/4}
3	Doctor Wu	4	4 ^{1 1/4}	3 ³	4 ⁶	5 ^{7 3/4}
2	Coastertothemoon	5	3 ¹	4 ^{3 1/2}	5 ^{6 1/2}	6 ^{11 1/2}

Trainers: 1 - Bailey, Ricardo; 4 - Vecchio, Caryn; 5 - Calderon, Ivan; 6 - Farrow, Anthony; 3 - Vecchio, Caryn; 2 - Urieta, Johanna

Owners: 1 - Lion Palm Racing Stable; 4 - Caryn Vecchio; 5 - Calderon Racing Stable; 6 -Richard Burnsworth; 3 -Caryn Vecchio; 2 - Urieta's Racing Stable;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

COLONEL VARGO vied for the lead along the inside into the stretch, shifted outside the leader, rallied determinedly under left handed urging and got up in the final strides. ATKINS never far back, closed willingly through the stretch four then three wide and just missed. EL MUCHACHO ALEGRE made the lead quickly to set the pace, drew clear on the turn, maintained his advantage until deep stretch then shortened stride in the final stages. PIT STOP MAN failed to menace. DOCTOR WU chased the pace three wide into the stretch then weakened. COASTERTOTHEMOON chased the pace two wide and was through after a half.