

THISTLEDOWN - June 16, 2026 - Race 7

ALLOWANCE - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON A RACE OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER, OPTIONAL OR OHIO BRED. Three Year Olds, 119 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since May 16 Allowed 2 lbs. A Race Since April 16 Allowed 4 lbs. (Ohio Registered Foals Preferred). (NW1 X)

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

Purse: \$28,000

Plus: \$15,000 OTF - Ohio Thoroughbred Fund

Available Money: \$43,000

Value of Race: \$41,500 1st \$27,300, 2nd \$7,600, 3rd \$3,800, 4th \$1,400, 5th \$840, 6th \$560

Weather: Cloudy, 73° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 4:04 **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
25May26 ¹ TDN ²	4	Playing for Keeps (Cedillo, Mauro)	120	L b	3	1	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ⁴	1 ⁴ 3/4	1.20*	drew off, handily
16May26 ⁵ TDN ³	7	Knock Wood (Vigil, Noel)	121	L b	6	3	5 ³ 1/2	5 ³	4 ^{1/2}	2 ^{3/4}	2.70	rallied 4w, up place
13May26 ⁴ TDN ¹	2	Reckless L J (Rivera, Luis)	121	L f	2	5	4 ¹	4 ¹ 1/2	2 ^{Head}	3 ^{3/4}	4.70	inside bid,outfinished
1Jun26 ⁶ TDN ³	5	Finally Friday (Keiser, Chelsey)	119	f	4	4	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	3 ¹	4 ^{Head}	5.00	second flight, evenly
25May26 ¹ TDN ³	1	Color Bearer (Skerrett, Jefferson)	112	L b	1	6	6	6	6	5 ⁸ 1/2	13.60	failed to menace
28May26 ² TDN ¹	6	Party Pooper (Bowen, Rocco)	123	L b	5	2	2 ⁵	2 ⁴	5 ¹ 1/2	6	8.80	pressed 2w, used up

Fractional Times: 22.44 46.08 58.96

Final Time: 1:11.96 **Time from Gate:** 1:13.44

Split Times: (23:64) (12:88) (13:00)

Run-Up: 30 feet

Winner: Playing for Keeps, Chestnut Gelding, by Dark Kestrel out of Buckler, by Concerto. Foaled Mar 28, 2020 in Ohio.

Breeder: Mr. & Mrs. Louis V. Ruberto Jr.

Owner: Ruberto Racing Stable, Inc.

Trainer: Ruberto, Jr., Louis

Scratched Horse(s): Petesoldfashioned (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$19,189

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
4	Playing for Keeps	4.40	2.60	2.40	\$1.00 Exacta	4-7	6.20	13,928
7	Knock Wood		3.00	2.60	\$0.50 Trifecta	4-7-2	8.50	7,205
2	Reckless L J			2.80	\$0.20 Superfecta	4-7-2-5	11.66	4,500
					\$0.50 Pick 3	2-5-4 (3 correct)	90.10	2,443
					\$1.00 Daily Double	5-4	12.80	1,737

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
4	Playing for Keeps	1	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ⁴	1 ⁴ 3/4
7	Knock Wood	3	5 ⁶ 1/2	5 ⁶	4 ⁵	2 ⁴ 3/4
2	Reckless L J	5	4 ⁵ 1/2	4 ⁴ 1/2	2 ⁴	3 ⁵ 1/2
5	Finally Friday	4	3 ⁵ 1/2	3 ⁴ 1/2	3 ⁴	4 ⁶ 1/4
1	Color Bearer	6	6 ¹⁰	6 ⁹	6 ⁷	5 ⁶ 1/4
6	Party Pooper	2	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	5 ⁵ 1/2	6 ¹⁴ 3/4

Trainers: 4 - Ruberto, Jr., Louis; 7 - Tumblin, Kristina; 2 - Radosevich, Jeffrey; 5 - Crumley, Jevon; 1 - Skerrett, Jeffrey; 6 - Urieta, Johanna

Owners: 4 - Ruberto Racing Stable, Inc.; 7 -Robert C. Bennett; 2 - Annechino Racing, LLC; 5 - Crumley Racing and Freese, Richard; 1 -Danielle Agnello; 6 - Rudiculous Stables;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

PLAYING FOR KEEPS broke in full stride to set all the pace and widened through the stretch under left handed urging and won in hand. KNOCK WOOD unhurried early, rallied through the stretch four wide and finished second best. RECKLESS L J saved ground, moved closer in upper stretch then was outfinished for second. FINALLY FRIDAY with the second flight, went evenly. COLOR BEARER failed to menace. PARTY POOPER pressured the winner two wide to the top of the stretch then was used up.