

**THISTLEDOWN - June 22, 2026 - Race 1**

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR ACCREDITED OHIO FOALS FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD 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 May 22 Allowed 2 lbs. A Race Since April 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:** Five And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Purity - 1:03.02 - September 7, 2022)

**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 \$438, 6th \$219, 7th \$219, 8th \$219

**Weather:** Cloudy, 66° **Track:** Sloppy (Sealed)

**Off at:** 12:54 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
10Jun26 <sup>3</sup> TDN <sup>5</sup>	8	Kiss Valentina (Skerrett, Jefferson)	112 L bf	8	1	1 <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>3</sup> 1/2	1 <sup>4</sup>	1 <sup>3</sup> 1/4	8.10	unchallenged, driving,
1Jun26 <sup>1</sup> TDN <sup>3</sup>	2	Val's Twinstar (Gonzalez, Luis)	119 L	2	6	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	2 <sup>4</sup>	2 <sup>3</sup>	4.10	chased, clear second
1Jun26 <sup>1</sup> TDN <sup>7</sup>	3	Come On Arlene (Bowen, Rocco)	119 L f	3	5	3 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	3 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	4 <sup>2</sup>	3 <sup>5</sup> 1/4	18.10	stalked pace, improved
25May26 <sup>6</sup> TDN <sup>5</sup>	1	Driven for Success (Rivera, Luis)	119 L	1	8	7 <sup>5</sup>	6 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	3 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	4 <sup>Head</sup>	2.60*	improved upper, empty
1Jun26 <sup>1</sup> TDN <sup>5</sup>	6	Kettle Kiss (Barbaran, Erik)	121 L b	6	7	8	8	8	7 <sup>4</sup>	2.90	passed tiring rivals
1Jun26 <sup>1</sup> TDN <sup>4</sup>	7	Mandolin Breeze (Rodriguez, Anthony)	119 L b	7	2	5 <sup>Head</sup>	4 <sup>Head</sup>	6 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	6 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	10.50	failed to menace
1Jun26 <sup>1</sup> TDN <sup>2</sup>	5	Brief Encounter (Parker, Deshawn)	121 bf	5	3	4 <sup>1/2</sup>	5 <sup>1/2</sup>	5 <sup>1/2</sup>	7 <sup>10</sup> 1/4	3.30	brief speed
1Jun26 <sup>1</sup> TDN <sup>9</sup>	4	The Kid's Prayer (Houghton, T.)	119 L b	4	4	6 <sup>1/2</sup>	7 <sup>4</sup>	8	8	39.40	no threat

**Fractional Times:** 22.56 46.44 59.20

**Final Time:** 1:06.12 **Time from Gate:** 1:07.47

**Split Times:** (23:88) (12:76) (6:92)

**Run-Up:** 25 feet

**Winner:** Kiss Valentina, Dark Bay or Brown Mare, by National Flag out of Kiss for Dodie, by Statement. Foaled Feb 14, 2020 in Ohio.

**Breeder:** Barbara Madrigal

**Owner:** Barbara Madrigal

**Trainer:** Castro, Raquel

**Claiming Prices:** 8 - Kiss Valentina: \$16,000; 2 - Val's Twinstar: \$16,000; 3 - Come On Arlene: \$16,000; 1 - Driven for Success: \$16,000; 6 - Kettle Kiss: \$16,000; 7 - Mandolin Breeze: \$16,000; 5 - Brief Encounter: \$16,000; 4 - The Kid's Prayer: \$16,000;

**Total WPS Pool:** \$27,509

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
8	Kiss Valentina	18.20	12.80	7.60	\$1.00 Exacta	8-2	76.80	18,388
2	Val's Twinstar		6.00	3.40	\$0.50 Trifecta	8-2-3	349.25	11,317
3	Come On Arlene			8.00	\$0.20 Superfecta	8-2-3-1	703.90	5,466

**Past Performance Running Line Preview**

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin
8	Kiss Valentina	1	1 <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>3</sup> 1/2	1 <sup>4</sup>	1 <sup>3</sup> 1/4
2	Val's Twinstar	6	2 <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>3</sup> 1/2	2 <sup>4</sup>	2 <sup>3</sup> 1/4
3	Come On Arlene	5	3 <sup>3</sup>	3 <sup>6</sup>	4 <sup>9</sup> 1/2	3 <sup>6</sup> 1/4
1	Driven for Success	8	7 <sup>5</sup> 1/2	6 <sup>8</sup>	3 <sup>8</sup>	4 <sup>11</sup> 1/2
6	Kettle Kiss	7	8 <sup>10</sup> 1/2	8 <sup>14</sup> 1/2	7 <sup>14</sup> 1/2	5 <sup>11</sup> 1/2
7	Mandolin Breeze	2	5 <sup>5</sup>	4 <sup>7</sup> 1/2	6 <sup>12</sup>	6 <sup>12</sup> 1/2
5	Brief Encounter	3	4 <sup>4</sup> 1/2	5 <sup>7</sup> 1/2	5 <sup>11</sup> 1/2	7 <sup>15</sup>
4	The Kid's Prayer	4	6 <sup>5</sup>	7 <sup>10</sup> 1/2	8 <sup>18</sup> 1/2	8 <sup>25</sup> 1/4

**Trainers:** 8 - Castro, Raquel; 2 - Shanyfelt, Valerie; 3 - Hamm, Timothy; 1 - Radosevich, Jeffrey; 6 - Radosevich, Jeffrey; 7 - Rettele, Richard; 5 - Jackson, James; 4 - Rettele, Richard

**Owners:** 8 - Barbara Madrigal; 2 - Shanyfelt Stables Inc.; 3 - Check Racing, LLC, Hamm, Shane and Blazing Meadows Farm, LLC; 1 - Samuel Klein, Jr. LLC; 6 - Annechino Racing, LLC; 7 - Emerson Equistions LLC and Bestard, Brian; 5 - James R. Jackson; 4 - RCL Racing Stable;

**Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)**

KISS VALENTINA broke in front and quickly opened a clear advantage, set all the pace unchallenged and won as much the best under mild right handed urging. VAL'S TWINSTAR chased the winner from the inside into the turn, shifted out to the four path before the quarter pole and finished clear for second. COME ON ARLENE stalked the pace and went evenly. DRIVEN FOR SUCCESS settled, improved position along the inside in upper stretch then came up empty. KETTLE KISS trailed into the stretch then passed tiring rivals five wide. MANDOLIN BREEZE failed to menace. BRIEF ENCOUNTER had brief speed. THE KID'S PRAYER was no threat.