

THISTLEDOWN - July 7, 2026 - Race 4

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 June 7 Allowed 2 lbs. A Race Since May 7 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, 79° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 2:24 **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
10Jun26 ⁶ TDN ⁵	6	Zippin Gigi (Bracho, Jose)	120	L bf	6	1	1 ¹	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ²	1 ^{2 1/2}	8.20	fast pace, drew clear
24Jun26 ⁷ TDN ⁴	1	Colonel Vargo (Simpson, Jason)	121	L bf	1	4	3 ^{1/2}	5 ²	5 ¹	2 ^{Head}	4.50	shifted4w, up place
24Jun26 ⁷ TDN ²	3	Tricky Tiger (Chavez, Alexander)	119	L b	3	3	4 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	2.40	inside bid, outfinishd
24Jun26 ⁷ TDN ⁶	5	John's Rock (Bowen, Rocco)	121	L b	5	2	6	6	6	4 ¹	7.20	late gain outside
10Jun26 ⁶ TDN ²	2	Go West (Gonzalez, Luis)	121	L	2	5	5 ⁵	4 ³	3 ^{1/2}	5 ^{3 1/4}	1.80*	mid move3w, leveled off
19May26 ⁵ TDN ³	4	El Muchacho Alegre (Salazar Becerra, Fernando)	119	L b	4	6	2 ¹	2 ^{1 1/2}	4 ³	6	4.70	2w, gave way late

Fractional Times: 22.56 45.58 57.88

Final Time: 1:10.92 **Time from Gate:** 1:12.22

Split Times: (23:02) (12:30) (13:04)

Run-Up: 30 feet

Winner: Zippin Gigi, Chestnut Gelding, by Run Away and Hide out of La Pequena Gigi, by Sky Mesa. Foaled Apr 24, 2019 in Kentucky.

Breeder: George Yager

Owner: Rey Juarez-Mendoza

Trainer: Juarez-Mendoza, Rey

Claiming Prices: 5 - John's Rock: \$12,500;

Total WPS Pool: \$29,750

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
6	Zippin Gigi	18.40	11.80	7.40	\$1.00 Exacta	6-1	48.20	22,399
1	Colonel Vargo		6.40	3.40	\$0.50 Trifecta	6-1-3	74.25	12,511
3	Tricky Tiger			3.00	\$0.20 Superfecta	6-1-3-5	104.24	9,396
					\$0.50 Pick 3	7-2-6 (3 correct)	63.35	3,058
					\$1.00 Daily Double	2-6	47.40	2,865

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
6	Zippin Gigi	1	1 ¹	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ²	1 ^{2 1/2}
1	Colonel Vargo	4	3 ²	5 ⁶	5 ^{5 1/2}	2 ^{2 1/2}
3	Tricky Tiger	3	4 ^{2 1/2}	3 ³	2 ²	3 ^{2 1/2}
5	John's Rock	2	6 ^{7 1/2}	6 ⁸	6 ^{6 1/2}	4 ^{2 3/4}
2	Go West	5	5 ^{2 1/2}	4 ³	3 ²	5 ^{3 3/4}
4	El Muchacho Alegre	6	2 ¹	2 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{2 1/2}	6 ⁷

Trainers: 6 - Juarez-Mendoza, Rey; 1 - Bailey, Ricardo; 3 - Rivera, Nestor; 5 - Rivera, Nestor; 2 - Puhl, Kim; 4 - Calderon, Ivan

Owners: 6 - Rey Juarez-Mendoza; 1 - Lion Palm Racing Stable; 3 - Rivera Racing Stables, LLC.; 5 - Rivera Racing Stables, LLC.; 2 - Gene Burkholder; 4 - Calderon Racing Stable;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

ZIPPIN GIGI broke in front, set all the pace while getting quick fractions and drew off under right handed urging to win going away. COLONEL VARGO raced along the inside through the turn, shifted out four wide in upper stretch, rallied between horses late and got up for second. TRICKY TIGER stalked the early pace three and four wide, dropped inside at the quarter pole, bid in upper stretch then was outfinished for second. JOHN'S ROCK raced wide and closed a gap late outside rivals. GO WEST offered a mild bid three wide into the stretch then leveled off. EL MUCHACHO ALEGRE pressured the winner two wide into the stretch and gave way late.