

THISTLEDOWN - July 20, 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 At A Mile Or Over Since June 20 Allowed 2 lbs. Such A Race Since May 20 Allowed 4 lbs. Claiming Price \$12,500 (Ohio Registered Foals Preferred). (C)

Claiming Price: \$12,500

Distance: One Mile On The Dirt Current Track Record: (Setting Limits - 1:35.60 - November 19, 1989)

Purse: \$21,700

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

Available Money: \$23,300

Value of Race: \$21,700 1st \$13,454, 2nd \$4,340, 3rd \$2,170, 4th \$1,085, 5th \$651

Weather: Hazy, 80° Track: Fast

Off at: 2:27 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	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
24Jun26 ⁷ TDN ¹	1	Hot Gunner (Gonzalez, Luis)	123 L	1	3	5	5	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1 1/4}	1.70	circled field, all out
24Jun26 ⁷ TDN ⁵	6	Reinvest (Rodriguez, Anthony)	119 L f	5	5	3 ²	3 ¹	4 ¹	3 ¹	2 ^{1 1/2}	6.20	stalked 3w, 2nd best
7Jul26 ⁴ TDN ²	3	Colonel Vargo (Simpson, Jason)	119 L bf	3	2	4 ²	4 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	2 ¹	3 ¹	5.50	2w,bid1/4p,outfinished
24Jun26 ⁷ TDN ³	2	Dark Baron (Vigil, Noel)	121 L	2	1	1 ^{3 1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	3 ²	4 ²	4 ^{1 3/4}	1.60*	pace 6furs,weakened
22Jun26 ⁶ TDN ¹	5	St. Louie Louie (Feliciano, Ricardo)	123 L b	4	4	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	5	5	5	4.40	chased, no rally

Fractional Times: 24.62 49.62 1:14.62

Split Times: (25:00) (25:00) (27:38)

Run-Up: 40 feet

Final Time: 1:42.00 Time from Gate: 1:43.69

Winner: Hot Gunner, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by Exaggerator out of You Flatter Me, by Flatter. Foaled Feb 16, 2022 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Erv Woolsey & Ralph Kinder

Owner: Jack L. Boggs

Trainer: Puhl, Kim

Scratched Horse(s): Gucci Man (Stewards)

Total WPS Pool: \$11,233

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Hot Gunner	5.40	3.80	\$1.00 Exacta	1-6	14.40	7,183
6	Reinvest		4.40	\$0.50 Trifecta	1-6-3	22.15	4,195
3	Colonel Vargo			\$0.20 Superfecta	1-6-3-2	14.58	2,102
				\$0.50 Pick 3	7-8-1 (3 correct)	11.05	2,492
				\$1.00 Daily Double	8-1	7.50	1,795

Past Performance Running Line Preview							
Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
1	Hot Gunner	3	5 ⁸	5 ^{2 3/4}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1 1/4}
6	Reinvest	5	3 ⁴	3 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{2 1/4}	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1 1/4}
3	Colonel Vargo	2	4 ⁶	4 ^{2 1/2}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{2 3/4}
2	Dark Baron	1	1 ^{3 1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{Head}	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{3 3/4}
5	St. Louie Louie	4	2 ^{3 1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{3 1/4}	5 ^{4 1/2}	5 ^{5 1/2}

Trainers: 1 - Puhl, Kim; 6 - Johnson, Gary; 3 - Bailey, Ricardo; 2 - Tumblin, Kristina; 5 - Feliciano, Benny

Owners: 1 -Jack L. Boggs; 6 - Irish Charm Thoroughbreds LLC; 3 - Lion Palm Racing Stable; 2 -Kristina M. Tumblin; 5 -Benny R. Feliciano;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

HOT GUNNER trailed for a half mile, circled his field on the fat turn to make the lead at the quarter pole and proved best under left handed urging while all out. REINVEST stalked the pace three wide, rallied four wide through the stretch and finished second best. COLONEL VARGO allowed to settle, loomed boldly between horses two wide nearing the quarter pole then was outfinished. DARK BARON sprinted to a clear lead soon after the start, set the pace along the inside to the quarter pole then weakened. ST. LOUIE LOUIE chased the early pace two wide, dropped inside on the far turn, shifted out five wide at the top of the stretch then had no rally.