

THISTLEDOWN - August 8, 2026 - Race 1

STAKES Best of Ohio Pay the Man S. - Thoroughbred
FOR FILLIES & MARES THREE-YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD REGISTERED OHIO FOALS (WHICH REFLECTS \$35,000 FROM THE OHIO THOROUGHBRED FUND). Foaled in the State of Ohio as per requirements set forth by the Ohio State Racing Commission. Nomination fee of \$50. \$350 to enter with an additional \$650 to start, with a purse of \$100,000, of which 60% to the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 5% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 2% to sixth. Weights: Three-Year-Olds 119 lbs. Older 123 lbs. Nominations Close Wednesday, July 29th, 2026. Starters to be named through the entry box Saturday August 1st, 2026. A Trophy will be presented to the Winning Owner, Trainer, and Jockey. This stake will not split. In the event more than fourteen (14) horses pass the entry box at the time of closing of entries, preference will be given to those horses having accumulated the highest 2025-2026 earnings as published by Equibase. Fees to be refunded to excluded horses. (S)

Distance: One And One Eighth Miles On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Smarten - 1:47.40 - June 17, 1979)

Purse: \$100,000 Added

Available Money: \$100,000

Value of Race: \$100,000 1st \$60,000, 2nd \$20,000, 3rd \$10,000, 4th \$5,000, 5th \$3,000, 6th \$2,000

Weather: Cloudy, 84° Track: Fast

Off at: 12:14 Start: Good for all Timing Method: Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
14Jul26 ⁷ TDN ²	3	Candlelight Hours (Houghton, T.)	123	f	3	2	4 ¹	3 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	1 ¹	1 ^{1 1/2}	2.60	perfect trip, driving,
13Jul26 ⁵ TDN ¹	1	Silver Kiss (Keiser, Chelsey)	123	--	1	1	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	3 ¹	2 ¹	2 ^{3 1/4}	0.60*	chck bmp7/8p,prob best
17Jul26 ⁸ BTP ³	4	La Artista (Spieth, Scott)	123	--	4	6	7 ^{Head}	7 ^{Head}	6 ¹	3 ⁴	3 ^{6 1/4}	11.50	inside bid, outfinishd
17Jul26 ⁸ BTP ²	9	Lionistic (Rivera, Luis)	123	b	9	4	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{1 3/4}	7.30	bmp 15/16,pace,tired
17Jul26 ⁸ BTP ⁵	2	Here's the Spider (Batista, Luis)	123	bf	2	5	5 ^{1/2}	5 ^{Head}	4 ¹	5 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{1 1/4}	24.60	mid move2p, empty
17Jul26 ⁸ BTP ⁴	7	Derby Day Kiss (Gonzalez, Santiago)	123	b	7	9	8 ^{1 1/2}	8 ^{3 1/2}	7 ^{1 1/2}	6 ⁴	6 ^{4 1/2}	76.30	failed to menace
17Jul26 ⁴ BTP ¹	5	Striking Lady (Simpson, Jason)	119	b	5	3	3 ¹	4 ¹	5 ¹	7 ^{1 1/2}	7 ^{2 3/4}	23.10	bumped 7/8p
26Jun26 ⁸ BTP ⁶	6	Jac's Cocoabella (Haldar, David)	120	--	6	8	9	9	9	8 ¹²	8 ^{26 3/4}	132.70	outrun
13Jul26 ⁵ TDN ³	8	Banana Pudding (Bracho, Jose) 	123	--	8	7	6 ^{1 1/2}	6 ^{1 1/2}	8 ³	9	9	38.80	stopped,eased wire

Fractional Times: 22.80 47.58 1:12.76 1:40.06 Final Time: 1:54.44 Time from Gate: 1:56.42

Split Times: (24:78) (25:18) (27:30) (14:38)

Run-Up: 42 feet

Winner: Candlelight Hours, Chestnut Mare, by Dominus out of Nava, by Even the Score. Foaled Apr 09, 2019 in Ohio.

Breeder: Elkhorn Oaks Inc.

Owner: Elkhorn Oaks, Inc.

Trainer: Jackson, James

Total WPS Pool: \$33,114

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
3	Candlelight Hours	7.20	2.40	2.20	\$1.00 Exacta	3-1	6.70	28,866
1	Silver Kiss		2.10	2.10	\$0.50 Trifecta	3-1-4	17.45	17,141
4	La Artista			3.40	\$0.20 Superfecta	3-1-4-9	21.46	10,294

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
3	Candlelight Hours	2	4 ²	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	1 ¹	1 ^{1 1/2}
1	Silver Kiss	1	2 ¹	2 ¹	3 ^{1/2}	2 ¹	2 ^{1 1/2}
4	La Artista	6	7 ⁵	7 ^{4 1/2}	6 ^{3 1/2}	3 ²	3 ^{4 3/4}
9	Lionistic	4	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	4 ⁶	4 ¹¹
2	Here's the Spider	5	5 ³	5 ³	4 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{8 1/2}	5 ^{12 3/4}
7	Derby Day Kiss	9	8 ^{5 1/4}	8 ^{4 3/4}	7 ^{4 1/2}	6 ¹¹	6 ¹⁴
5	Striking Lady	3	3 ¹	4 ²	5 ^{2 1/2}	7 ¹⁵	7 ^{18 1/2}
6	Jac's Cocoabella	8	9 ^{6 3/4}	9 ^{8 1/4}	9 ⁹	8 ^{16 1/2}	8 ^{21 1/4}
8	Banana Pudding	7	6 ^{3 1/2}	6 ³	8 ⁶	9 ^{28 1/2}	9 ⁴⁸

Trainers: 3 - Jackson, James; 1 - Wolochuk, David; 4 - Kintz, S.; 9 - Radosevich, Jeffrey; 2 - Fernandez, Edward; 7 - Cline, Robert; 5 - Bailey, Ricardo; 6 - Vazquez, Ivan; 8 - Johnson, Gary

Owners: 3 - Elkhorn Oaks, Inc.; 1 - Vigil, Alan, Boots N Bikinis LLC and Blue Snow Racing Stables; 4 - Thorobeam Farm; 9 - Annechino Racing LLC; 2 - Executive Management LLC; 7 -Bryan Metz; 5 - Lion Palm Racing Stable; 6 -Robert L. Donald; 8 - Irish Charm Thoroughbreds LLC;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

CANDLELIGHT HOURS vied for the lead along the inside into the far turn, made the lead before the quarter pole, set the balance of the pace and proved best under right handed urging. SILVER KISS was bumped near the fifteen sixteenths pole by the leading LIONISTIC, checked over that ones heels nearing the first turn, shifted out bumping STRIKING LADY, prompted the pace three wide into the stretch, kept on two wide but couldn't get by the winner. LA ARTISTA allowed to settle, offered a mild bid along the inside into the stretch then was outfinished. LIONISTIC bumped the runner up near the fifteenth sixteenths pole, set the pace two wide into the far turn, drifted to the six path entering the stretch and tired. HERE'S THE SPIDER moved up two wide on the far turn then came up empty. DERBY DAY KISS failed to menace. STRIKING LADY was bumped from her inside entering the clubhouse turn then had no response. JAC'S COCOABELLA was outrun. BANANA PUDDING settled two wide, was through after a half, stopped in upper stretch and was eased to the wire.

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