

THISTLEDOWN - August 18, 2025 - Race 5

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR REGISTERED OHIO FOALS FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON FOUR RACES OR WHICH HAVE NOT WON A RACE IN 2025. Three Year Olds, 119 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since July 18 Allowed 2 lbs. A Race Since June 18 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: Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Fancy Threat - 1:08.40 - November 21, 1987)

Purse: \$21,900

Includes: \$3,900 OTF - Ohio Thoroughbred Fund

Available Money: \$21,900

Value of Race: \$21,900 1st \$13,578, 2nd \$4,380, 3rd \$2,190, 4th \$1,095, 5th \$657

Weather: Clear, 80° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 2:57 **Start:** Good for all except 3 **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
11Jun25 ¹ TDN ⁵	5	Cause of Love (Chavez, Alexander)	119	L b	5	2	3 ¹ 1/2	2 ¹	2 ² 1/2	1 ^{Nose}	1.60	2w.,move,just lasted
8May25 ⁵ TDN ⁶	1	High Fire (Rodriguez, Anthony)	119	L b	1	4	5	5	4 ²	2 ² 1/4	8.30	closed fast, missed
8Jul25 ⁴ TDN ³	2	Lady Fortune (Fernandez, Victor)	119	L b	2	5	4 ⁵	3 ² 1/2	3 ³	3 ^{Head}	3.30	mid move3w,outfinished
8Jul25 ⁴ TDN ²	4	Saltmakeshersweet (Aviles, Yan)	119	L f	4	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	4 ⁹ 1/4	1.20*	pace late stretch,wknd
8Jul25 ⁴ TDN ⁴	3	Tale of the Lyon (Bracho, Jose)	119	L b	3	3	2 ¹ 1/2	4 ⁴	5	5	16.20	hoppd start,thru early

Fractional Times: 22.65 46.37 59.20

Final Time: 1:12.91

Split Times: (23:72) (12:83) (13:71)

Run-Up: 30 feet

Winner: Cause of Love, Chestnut Mare, by Giant Oak out of Love First Sight, by Alke. Foaled Apr 03, 2016 in Ohio.

Breeder: Linda Friess & Donald Bookman

Owner: Rivera Racing Stables, LLC.

Trainer: Rivera, Nestor

Claiming Prices: 5 - Cause of Love: \$16,000; 1 - High Fire: \$16,000; 2 - Lady Fortune: \$16,000; 4 - Saltmakeshersweet: \$16,000; 3 - Tale of the Lyon: \$16,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$13,068

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Cause of Love	5.20	2.80	\$1.00 Exacta	5-1	13.10	7,533
1	High Fire		4.80	\$0.50 Trifecta	5-1-2	11.00	5,207
2	Lady Fortune			\$0.20 Superfecta	5-1-2-4	9.14	3,115
				\$0.50 Pick 3	6-4-5 (3 correct)	21.60	2,122
				\$0.50 Pick 4	1/3/5-6-4-5 (4 correct)	45.35	4,155
				\$0.50 Pick 5	1/8-1/3/5-6-4-5 (5 correct)	151.40	8,527
				\$1.00 Daily Double	4-5	11.30	1,305

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
5	Cause of Love	2	3 ²	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Nose}
1	High Fire	4	5 ⁸ 1/2	5 ⁸	4 ⁶	2 ^{Nose}
2	Lady Fortune	5	4 ³ 1/2	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ³	3 ² 1/4
4	Saltmakeshersweet	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	4 ² 1/2
3	Tale of the Lyon	3	2 ^{1/2}	4 ⁴	5 ⁸	5 ¹¹ 3/4

Trainers: 5 - Rivera, Nestor; 1 - Johnson, Gary; 2 - Zielinski, Richard; 4 - Johnson, Gary; 3 - Poole, Joseph

Owners: 5 - Rivera Racing Stables, LLC.; 1 - Irish Charm Thoroughbreds LLC; 2 - Doughton III, John and Siesta Thoroughbred Racing; 4 - Irish Charm Thoroughbreds LLC; 3 -Joseph M. Poole;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

CAUSE OF LOVE stalked the early pace three wide, rallied two wide under left handed urging to make the lead inside the furlong marker, edged clear late and just lasted. HIGH FIRE void of early speed, closed fast outside rivals four wide and just missed getting up in time. LADY FORTUNE offered a mild bid three wide into the turn then was outfinished. SALTMAKESHERSWEET away alertly, set a pressured pace along the inside until deep stretch then weakened. TALE OF THE LYON hopped at the start, pressed the pace along the inside down the backstretch and retreated on the turn.