

THISTLEDOWN - August 24, 2026 - Race 5
ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER, OPTIONAL OR OHIO BRED OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON FOUR RACES OR CLAIMING PRICE \$25,000. Three Year Olds, 119 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since July 24 Allowed 2 lbs. A Race Since June 24 Allowed 4 lbs. Claiming Price \$25,000 (Claiming Races For \$12,500 Or Less Not Considered In Weight Allowances) (Ohio Registered Foals Preferred). (NW3 X) **Claiming Price:** \$25,000
Distance: Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Fancy Threat - 1:08.40 - November 21, 1987)
Purse: \$31,400
Plus: \$15,000 OTF - Ohio Thoroughbred Fund
Available Money: \$46,400
Value of Race: \$31,400 1st \$18,840, 2nd \$6,280, 3rd \$3,140, 4th \$1,570, 5th \$942, 6th \$314, 7th \$314
Weather: Cloudy, 66° **Track:** Good
Off at: 3:13 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
10Aug26 ⁵ TDN ¹	6	Colonel Vargo (Simpson, Jason)	123	L	bf	6 1	2 ¹ 1/2	1 ^{Head}	1 ¹	1 ² 1/2	1.50*	dueled2w,shook clear
21Jul26 ⁷ TDN ⁶	7	Konteekee (Gonzalez, Luis)	119	L		7 2	4 ^{Head}	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ²	2 ^{1/2}	6.60	dug in 3w, up place
21Jul26 ¹ TDN ¹	1	Mellifluous (Bowen, Rocco) 	121	L	bf	1 7	7	6 ²	5 ^{Head}	3 ¹ 1/2	11.50	best stride late outsd
4Aug26 ⁶ TDN ¹	5	Scrimper (Fernandez, Victor)	123	L	f	5 3	1 ^{Head}	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	4 ^{3/4}	3.20	dueled, outfinished
21Jul26 ⁷ TDN ⁴	4	Vodka N Gingerale (Keiser, Chelsey)	119	L		4 4	5 ³ 1/2	5 ¹	6 ³	5 ¹	2.40	failed to menace
14Aug26 ⁷ PID ⁶	3	Jupiter (Bracho, Jose)	120	L	b	3 5	3 ^{Head}	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	6 ² 3/4	13.60	speed turn, faded
11Aug26 ³ TDN ⁵	2	My Brother Cam (Skerrett, Jefferson)	119	L		2 6	6 ^{1/2}	7	7	7	39.10	no threat

Fractional Times: 23.46 47.00 59.32 **Final Time:** 1:11.62 **Time from Gate:** 1:13.35
Split Times: (23:54) (12:32) (12:30)
Run-Up: 30 feet

Winner: Colonel Vargo, Chestnut Gelding, by Distorted Humor out of Ami's Mesa, by Sky Mesa. Foaled Feb 20, 2020 in Kentucky.
Breeder: Tall Oaks Farm
Owner: Lion Palm Racing Stable
Trainer: Bailey, Ricardo

Claiming Prices: 7 - Konteekee: \$25,000; 3 - Jupiter: \$25,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$30,891

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
6	Colonel Vargo	5.00	3.40	2.40	\$1.00 Exacta	6-7	17.80	21,595
7	Konteekee		5.20	4.40	\$0.50 Trifecta	6-7-1	45.85	11,663
1	Mellifluous			4.80	\$0.20 Superfecta	6-7-1-5	58.68	6,728
					\$0.50 Pick 3	7-3-6 (3 correct)	52.00	5,336
					\$0.50 Pick 4	9-7-3-6 (4 correct)	5,455.30	6,422
					\$0.50 Pick 5	2-9-7-3-6 (5 correct)	8,809.60	10,370
					\$1.00 Daily Double	3-6	5.20	3,460

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
6	Colonel Vargo	1	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	1 ¹	1 ² 1/2
7	Konteekee	2	4 ¹ 3/4	3 ¹	3 ¹ 1/2	2 ² 1/2
1	Mellifluous	7	7 ⁵ 3/4	6 ⁴	5 ⁴	3 ³
5	Scrimper	3	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	2 ¹	4 ⁴ 1/2
4	Vodka N Gingerale	4	5 ¹ 3/4	5 ³	6 ⁴	5 ⁵ 1/4
3	Jupiter	5	3 ¹ 1/2	4 ² 1/2	4 ³ 1/2	6 ⁶ 1/4
2	My Brother Cam	6	6 ⁵ 1/4	7 ⁶	7 ⁷	7 ⁹

Trainers: 6 - Bailey, Ricardo; 7 - Puhl, Kim; 1 - Puhl, Kim; 5 - Zielinski, Richard; 4 - Cannon, John; 3 - Rivera, Nestor; 2 - Ray, Kevin

Owners: 6 - Lion Palm Racing Stable; 7 -Kim A. Puhl; 1 -Jack L. Boggs; 5 -Ronald Zielinski; 4 -John Steve Cannon; 3 - Rivera Racing Stables LLC; 2 - Radiant Racing LLC;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

COLONEL VARGO dueled for the lead two wide into the turn, took over before the quarter pole, set the balance of the pace and drew clear late under left handed urging. KONTEEKEE stalked the pace into the stretch, dug in late three wide and got up for second. MELLIFLUOUS trailed down the backstretch and found his best stride late outside. SCRIMPER dueled with the winner along the inside into the stretch then was outfinished. VODKA N GINGERALE failed to menace. JUPITER had speed near the inside into the turn then faded. MY BROTHER CAM was no threat.

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