

THISTLEDOWN - August 25, 2025 - Race 1

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR ACCREDITED OHIO FOALS THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES. Three Year Olds, 119 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since July 25 Allowed 2 lbs. A Race Since June 25 Allowed 4 lbs. Claiming Price \$16,000. (SNW3 L) **Claiming Price:** \$16,000
Distance: Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Fancy Threat - 1:08.40 - November 21, 1987)
Purse: \$21,400
Includes: \$3,900 OTF - Ohio Thoroughbred Fund
Available Money: \$21,400
Value of Race: \$21,400 1st \$12,840, 2nd \$4,280, 3rd \$2,140, 4th \$1,070, 5th \$214, 6th \$214, 7th \$214, 8th \$214, 9th \$214
Weather: Cloudy, 64° **Track:** Fast
Off at: 12:55 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic



Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
12Aug25 ⁵ TDN ²	6	John Fitzgerald (Batista, Luis)	119	-	6	4	⁴ Head	² 1/2	¹ Head	¹ 1 3/4	2.80	3wide move,edged clear
12Aug25 ⁵ TDN ³	9	Vecchi (Bracho, Jose)	119	L	b	9	⁷ Head	⁵ 1/2	³ 1/2	² 2 1/4	3.50	rally 8p, 2nd best
12Aug25 ⁵ TDN ⁵	2	Redden (Fernandez, Victor)	119	L	b	2	² 1 1/2	¹ 1 1/2	² 1 1/2	³ 1/2	16.00	pressed,clear,outfinsh
8Aug25 ³ BTP ¹	5	National Story (Chavez, Alexander)	123	L	b	5	⁸ 11	⁸ 14	⁵ Head	⁴ 1/2	7.40	mild rally late 7path
6Aug25 ⁷ TDN ⁴	8	Drill's Boy (Martinez, Miguel)	115	L	b	8	⁶ 1 1/2	⁷ 2	⁶ 1/2	⁵ 1/2	71.80	failed to menace
7Aug25 ¹ TDN ¹	4	Merger (Bowen, Rocco)	119	L	f	4	⁵ 1 1/2	⁶ Head	⁷ 6	⁶ 3/4	2.00*	failed to respond
11Aug25 ⁶ TDN ⁶	3	Danes Heart (Rodriguez, Anthony)	119	L	b	3	³ 1/2	³ Head	⁴ 2	⁷ 14	53.20	stalked inside, faded
6Aug25 ⁷ TDN ⁶	1	Why Kenny Why (Cedillo, Mauro)	119	L	bf	1	9	9	9	⁸ 4 1/2	64.00	no speed, never close
12Aug25 ⁵ TDN ⁶	7	D J's First Step (Terraza, German)	119	L	bf	7	¹ Head	⁴ Head	⁸ 6	9	4.40	injurd aft wire,eq amb

Fractional Times: 22.64 47.20 1:00.72 **Final Time:** 1:14.16
Split Times: (24:56) (13:52) (13:44)
Run-Up: 30 feet

Winner: John Fitzgerald, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by Kennedy out of Smile and a Wink, by Archarcharch. Foaled Apr 04, 2022 in Ohio.
Breeder: Raimonde Farms LTD
Owner: Jill Sweeting
Trainer: Sweeting, Craig

Claiming Prices: 6 - John Fitzgerald: \$16,000; 9 - Vecchi: \$16,000; 2 - Redden: \$16,000; 5 - National Story: \$16,000; 8 - Drill's Boy: \$16,000; 4 - Merger: \$16,000; 3 - Danes Heart: \$16,000; 1 - Why Kenny Why: \$16,000; 7 - D J's First Step: \$16,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$33,659

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
6	John Fitzgerald	7.60	4.00	3.00	\$1.00 Exacta	6-9	13.50	27,230
9	Vecchi		4.20	3.40	\$0.50 Trifecta	6-9-2	57.45	16,843
2	Redden			6.80	\$0.20 Superfecta	6-9-2-5	74.22	11,823

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
6	John Fitzgerald	4	⁴ 2	² 1 1/2	¹ Head	¹ 1 3/4
9	Vecchi	2	⁷ 5 1/4	⁵ 2 1/4	³ 1 1/2	² 1 3/4
2	Redden	6	² Head	¹ 1 1/2	² Head	³ 4
5	National Story	5	⁸ 5 1/4	⁸ 4 3/4	⁵ 4	⁴ 4 1/2
8	Drill's Boy	1	⁶ 3 3/4	⁷ 2 3/4	⁶ 4 1/4	⁵ 5
4	Merger	7	⁵ 2 1/4	⁶ 2 3/4	⁷ 4 3/4	⁶ 5 1/2
3	Danes Heart	8	³ 1 1/2	³ 2	⁴ 2	⁷ 6 1/4
1	Why Kenny Why	9	⁹ 16 1/4	⁹ 18 3/4	⁹ 16 3/4	⁸ 20 1/4
7	D J's First Step	3	¹ Head	⁴ 2	⁸ 10 3/4	⁹ 24 3/4

Trainers: 6 - Sweeting, Craig; 9 - Radosevich, Jeffrey; 2 - Cline, Robert; 5 - Wolochuk, David; 8 - Romero, Jose; 4 - Hamm, Timothy; 3 - Vazquez, Ivan; 1 - Casalnova, Tina; 7 - Lopez, Jacinto

Owners: 6 -Jill Sweeting; 9 - Spicer, Richard and Spittler, D. William; 2 - Cline, Robert C. and Gomez, Marcos; 5 - Boots N Bikinis LLC; 8 -Elias Del Val; 4 - Winblaze LLC; 3 - McFadden, Jr., Joseph A. and Fewster, Melody K.; 1 - North Winds Racing Stable, LLC; 7 - Sparks, Jerry S. and Lopez, Juana;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

JOHN FITZGERALD with the second flight, rallied three wide into the stretch to make the lead before the furlong marker and drew clear under left urging. VECCHI allowed to settle, swung wide, rallied in the middle of the racetrack and finished clear for second. REDDEN pressed the early pace along the inside, made the lead before the turn, shook clear before the quarter pole, set the pace into the stretch then was outfinished. NATIONAL STORY was restless the gate, unhurried and had a mild late rally in the seven path. DRILL'S BOY failed to menace. MERGER with the second flight two then three wide, failed to offer the needed response. DANES HEART stalked the pace along the inside into the stretch then faded. WHY KENNY WHY void of early speed, was never close. D J'S FIRST STEP set the early pace two wide, gave way on the turn, stopped in deep stretch, pulled up injured after the wire and was removed from the racetrack via equine ambulance.