

THISTLEDOWN - September 3, 2026 - Race 1

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 Since August 3 Allowed 2 lbs. A Race Since July 3 Allowed 4 lbs. Claiming Price \$12,500 (Ohio Registered Foals Preferred). (C) **Claiming Price:** \$12,500
Distance: Five And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Purity - 1:03.02 - September 7, 2022)

Purse: \$21,700
Plus: \$1,600 OTF - Ohio Thoroughbred Fund
Available Money: \$23,300

Value of Race: \$21,700 1st \$13,020, 2nd \$4,340, 3rd \$2,170, 4th \$1,085, 5th \$651, 6th \$434
Weather: Cloudy, 88° **Track:** Fast
Off at: 12:51 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic



[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments	
22Jul26 ² TDN ¹	6	Go West (Gonzalez, Luis)	121	L	5	1	5 ²	3 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{1 1/4}	4.30	rallied 5w, in time	
24Aug26 ⁵ TDN ¹	1	Colonel Vargo (Simpson, Jason)	123	L	bf	1	5	3 ^{1/2}	4 ^{Head}	5 ^{3 1/2}	1.10*	bulled thru, up 2nd	
19Aug26 ¹ TDN ¹	3	Big Prankster (Rivera, Luis)	123	L		2	3	4 ¹	5 ⁴	4 ^{Head}	3 ^{3 1/4}	2.70	4w,bid,bmp,outfinished
26Aug26 ² TDN ⁷	5	Aye Aye Sir (Barbaran, Erik)	119	L	b	4	2	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	4 ^{1 1/2}	27.30	set pressured pace,
17Aug26 ⁷ TDN ³	4	Liltontwophones (Keiser, Chelsey)	119	L	bf	3	6	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{Head}	5 ^{2 1/4}	8.60	prssd,bmp 1/8p,wknd
3Aug26 ⁷ TDN ¹	7	Zippin Gigi (Bracho, Jose)	121	L	bf	6	4	6	6	6	6	5.30	trailed

Fractional Times: 22.62 45.74 58.10 **Final Time:** 1:04.48 **Time from Gate:** 1:05.78
Split Times: (23:12) (12:36) (6:38)
Run-Up: 25 feet

Winner: Go West, Bay Gelding, by Street Sense out of Sushi Empire, by Empire Maker. Foaled Apr 06, 2018 in Kentucky.
Breeder: Bonne Chance Farm, LLC
Owner: Gene Burkholder
Trainer: Puhl, Kim

Scratched Horse(s): Toddchero (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$9,974

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
6	Go West	10.60	3.40	2.40	\$1.00 Exacta	6-1	13.10	7,437
1	Colonel Vargo		2.80	2.10	\$0.50 Trifecta	6-1-3	9.75	5,382
3	Big Prankster			2.20	\$0.20 Superfecta	6-1-3-5	28.96	2,864

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin
6	Go West	1	5 ²	3 ^{2 1/2}	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{1 1/4}
1	Colonel Vargo	5	3 ^{1/2}	4 ^{2 3/4}	5 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1 1/4}
3	Big Prankster	3	4 ¹	5 ^{2 3/4}	4 ^{Neck}	3 ^{1 1/2}
5	Aye Aye Sir	2	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	4 ^{4 3/4}
4	Liltontwophones	6	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	5 ^{6 1/4}
7	Zippin Gigi	4	6 ⁴	6 ^{6 3/4}	6 ⁴	6 ^{8 1/2}

Trainers: 6 - Puhl, Kim; 1 - Bailey, Ricardo; 3 - Radosevich, Jeffrey; 5 - Huepenbecker, Loren; 4 - Vlaun, Manuel; 7 - Juarez-Mendoza, Rey

Owners: 6 -Gene Burkholder; 1 - Lion Palm Racing Stable; 3 -Paul Woosley; 5 -Craig Bargowski; 4 -Manuel Vlaun; 7 -Rey Juarez-Mendoza;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

GO WEST never far back, rallied five wide through the stretch under right handed urging and was along in time. COLONEL VARGO pressed the early pace inside, dropped back before a half mile, shifted out three wide at the top of the stretch, bumped with KERRI'S MIRACLE then was bounced around between horses inside the furlong marker, bulled her way through and got up for second. BIG PRANKSTER chased the pace three wide, bid four wide in upper stretch, was bumped from her inside nearing the furlong marker, bumped with the runner up repeatedly through the late stages and was outfinished. AYE AYE SIR set a pressured pace two wide then along the inside into the stretch, drifted out and weakened late. LILTONTWOPHONES pressed the pace three then two wide into the stretch, was carried out by the leader nearing the furlong marker, bumped repeatedly with the runner up then weakened. ZIPPIN GIGI trailed.