

THISTLEDOWN - September 15, 2026 - Race 4

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR ACCREDITED OHIO FOALS THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON FOUR RACES OR WHICH HAVE NOT WON A RACE IN 2026. Three Year Olds, 119 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since August 15 Allowed 2 lbs. A Race Since July 15 Allowed 4 lbs. Claiming Price \$16,000 (Claiming Races For \$10,000 Or Less Not Considered In Eligibility). (S C) **Claiming Price:** \$16,000

Distance: Five And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Purity - 1:03.02 - September 7, 2022)
Purse: \$21,900

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

Available Money: \$21,900

Value of Race: \$21,900 1st \$13,140, 2nd \$4,380, 3rd \$2,190, 4th \$1,095, 5th \$657, 6th \$219, 7th \$219

Weather: Cloudy, 76° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 2:31 **Start:** Good for all except 4,5 **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
25Aug26 ¹ TDN ³	5	John Fitzgerald (Chavez, Alexander)	119 L b	5	7	5 ¹	4 ²	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	5.00	hit gate,bmp uppr,drvng
26Aug26 ⁵ TDN ¹	3	May Mayhem (Salazar Becerra, Fernando)	123 L b	3	3	6 ⁸	6 ⁹	3 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	3.30	rallied 5w, just misssd
25Aug26 ¹ TDN ²	2	Red Chili Pepper (Sosa, Laureano)	119 L f	2	4	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	2 ³	3 ²	1.10*	prssd,bmp uppr,outfnsh
19Aug26 ⁴ TDN ³	7	Pecks Not Bad (Parker, Deshawn)	119 L b	7	1	3 ^{Head}	3 ¹	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{5 1/4}	6.00	pressed4-3w, faded
3Sep26 ² TDN ⁵	4	Drill City (Skerrett, Jefferson)	114 L bf	4	6	7	7	6 ⁴	5 ^{5 1/2}	17.70	hopped start,no threat
25Aug26 ¹ TDN ⁶	6	Thedayofthegrey (Fernandez, Victor)	120 L b	6	2	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	5 ⁵	6 ⁸	8.60	pace 3w, used up
18Aug26 ³ TDN ⁶	1	So That's That (Bracho, Jose)	120 L	1	5	4 ²	5 ^{Head}	7	7	17.60	gave way turn

Fractional Times: 22.78 46.50 58.80 **Final Time:** 1:05.26 **Time from Gate:** 1:06.59

Split Times: (23:72) (12:30) (6:46)

Run-Up: 25 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: 5 - John Fitzgerald: \$16,000; 3 - May Mayhem: \$16,000; 2 - Red Chili Pepper: \$16,000; 7 - Pecks Not Bad: \$16,000; 4 - Drill City: \$16,000; 6 - Thedayofthegrey: \$16,000; 1 - So That's That: \$16,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$22,598

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	John Fitzgerald	12.00	5.20	3.20	\$1.00 Exacta	5-3	20.50	18,545
3	May Mayhem		4.00	2.60	\$0.50 Trifecta	5-3-2	29.05	12,145
2	Red Chili Pepper			2.60	\$0.20 Superfecta	5-3-2-7	27.40	9,842
					\$0.50 Pick 3	9-5-5 (3 correct)	203.40	3,548
					\$1.00 Daily Double	5-5	14.00	4,655
					\$0.50 Consolation Pick 3 9-6-5 (3 correct)		98.20	0

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin
5	John Fitzgerald	7	5 ^{2 1/4}	4 ^{1 1/4}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}
3	May Mayhem	3	6 ^{3 1/4}	6 ^{3 1/4}	3 ³	2 ^{Head}
2	Red Chili Pepper	4	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	3 ^{1 1/2}
7	Pecks Not Bad	1	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	4 ^{3 1/2}	4 ^{3 1/2}
4	Drill City	6	7 ^{11 1/4}	7 ^{12 1/4}	6 ¹¹	5 ^{8 3/4}
6	Thedayofthegrey	2	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	5 ⁶	6 ^{14 1/4}
1	So That's That	5	4 ^{Neck}	5 ^{3 1/4}	7 ¹⁵	7 ^{22 1/4}

Trainers: 5 - Sweeting, Craig; 3 - Johnson, Gary; 2 - Hamm, Timothy; 7 - Jackson, James; 4 - Meyers, Shane; 6 - Cline, Robert; 1 - Poole, Joseph

Owners: 5 -Jill Sweeting; 3 - Irish Charm Thoroughbreds LLC; 2 - Blazing Meadows Farm LLC; 7 - Elkhorn Oaks, Inc.; 4 - Keys to Riches Stable LLC and Meyers, Shane; 6 - Cline, Robert C. and Wilkinson, Richard M.; 1 -John J. Sugar;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

JOHN FITZGERALD hit the gate coming out, shifted outside quickly, circled his field steadily to engage the leader in upper stretch, drifted inward when coaxed with a right handed crop bumping RED CHILLI PEPPER before the furlong marker and proved best under strong handling. MAY MAYHEM allowed to settle, rallied through deep stretch five wide and just missed. RED CHILI PEPPER pressed the pace two wide into the turn, made the lead nearing the top of the stretch, was bumped by the winner before the furlong marker, dug in gamely but was outfinished in the late stages. PECKS NOT BAD pressed the pace four then three wide and faded in the lane. DRILL CITY hopped at the start and was no threat. THEDAYOFTHEGREY set a pressured pace three wide until late on the turn then was used up. SO THAT'S THAT pressed the pace along the inside into the turn then flattened out.