

THISTLEDOWN - September 23, 2025 - Race 3

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR REGISTERED OHIO FOALS THREE YEAR OLDS 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 August 23 Allowed 2 lbs. A Race Since July 23 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: Cloudy, 72° **Track:** Good
Off at: 1:55 **Start:** Good for all except 2 **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
11Sep25 ⁶ TDN ⁵	5	Spirit of Akron (Perez, Roberto)	119	L b	4	2	2 ¹ 1/2	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1/2}	7.90	long drive, lasted
29Aug25 ³ TDN ¹	6	Mucho Primo (Martinez, Miguel)	123	L f	5	1	3 ^{Head}	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Neck}	13.50	drifted 7p, up place
6Aug25 ⁴ TDN ⁴	1	Gone in a Flash (Fernandez, Victor)	119	L	1	3	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ²	3 ^{Neck}	2.90	brushed,pace,outfinish
12Aug25 ⁷ TDN ³	3	Dark Vader (Bracho, Jose)	119	L bf	3	4	4 ¹ 1/2	4 ² 1/2	4 ⁴	4 ¹⁰ 3/4	0.30*	finished well 3 wide
11Sep25 ⁴ TDN ¹	2	Ohio Strong (Rodriguez, Anthony)	123	L b	2	5	5	5	5	5	13.50	hit gate,brushed start

Fractional Times: 23.31 46.89 59.78 **Final Time:** 1:12.94
Split Times: (23:58) (12:89) (13:16)
Run-Up: 30 feet

Winner: Spirit of Akron, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by Mor Spirit out of Red Sole Diva, by Speightstown. Foaled Mar 28, 2021 in Ohio.
Breeder: Raimonde Farms LTD
Owner: Lion Palm Racing Stable
Trainer: Bailey, Ricardo

Claiming Prices: 5 - Spirit of Akron: \$16,000; 6 - Mucho Primo: \$16,000; 1 - Gone in a Flash: \$16,000; 3 - Dark Vader: \$16,000; 2 - Ohio Strong: \$16,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Classic Mo (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$29,040

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Spirit of Akron	17.80	6.60	\$1.00 Exacta	5-6	55.00	24,355
6	Mucho Primo		8.80	\$0.50 Trifecta	5-6-1	73.65	18,633
1	Gone in a Flash			\$0.20 Superfecta	5-6-1-3	36.38	13,503
				\$0.50 Pick 3	1-4-5 (3 correct)	29.30	10,797
				\$1.00 Daily Double	4-5	28.90	4,232

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
5	Spirit of Akron	2	2 ¹ 1/2	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1/2}
6	Mucho Primo	1	3 ²	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ²	2 ¹ 1/2
1	Gone in a Flash	3	1 ¹ 1/2	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	3 ³ 4
3	Dark Vader	4	4 ²	4 ²	4 ² 1/2	4 ¹
2	Ohio Strong	5	5 ³ 1/2	5 ⁴ 1/2	5 ⁶ 1/2	5 ¹¹ 3/4

Trainers: 5 - Bailey, Ricardo; 6 - Urieta, Johanna; 1 - Zielinski, Richard; 3 - Zielinski, Richard; 2 - Rettele, Richard

Owners: 5 - Lion Palm Racing Stable; 6 - Urieta's Racing Stable and Romero, Juan; 1 - Siesta Thoroughbred Racing; 3 - Howlett Racing, Inc.; 2 -Loren Huepenbecker;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

SPIRIT OF AKRON was antsy in the gate, pressed the pace two wide into the turn, gained a narrow lead nearing the quarter pole, set the balance of the pace and lasted under right handed urging. MUCHO PRIMO stalked the pace three wide through the turn, drifted out to the seven path under left handed urging in the stretch, dug in late and got up for second. GONE IN A FLASH was brushed at the start, set a pressured pace along the inside for nearly a half mile, kept on but was outfinished in the final strides. DARK VADER never far back, finished with good courage three wide. OHIO STRONG hit the gate while breaking inward, brushed with GONE IN A FLASH then trailed throughout.