

THISTLEDOWN - September 23, 2025 - Race 4

MAIDEN CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 119 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Claiming Price \$7,500 (Ohio Registered Foals Preferred). **Claiming Price:** \$7,500
Distance: Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Fancy Threat - 1:08.40 - November 21, 1987)
Purse: \$13,100
Plus: \$1,600 OTF - Ohio Thoroughbred Fund
Available Money: \$14,700
Value of Race: \$13,100 1st \$7,860, 2nd \$2,620, 3rd \$1,310, 4th \$655, 5th \$393, 6th \$131, 7th \$131
Weather: Cloudy, 72° **Track:** Good
Off at: 2:25 **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	
27Aug25 ³ TDN ³	1	Eileen's Desperado (Salazar Becerra, Fernando)	123	L	1	4	2 ² 1/2	1 ^{Head}	1 ⁴	1 ³ 3/4	1.20*	2w,move drew off	
16Aug25 ⁹ MTH ⁶	3	Valid Connection (Diaz, Angel) VA CERTIFIED	119	L	3	3	5 ¹ /2	4 ²	3 ²	2 ⁴ 1/4	11.20	rallied 3w, clear 2nd	
8Sep25 ⁴ TDN ⁴	5	Rufus (Parker, Deshawn)	119	L	b	5	1 ¹	2 ³	2 ² 1/2	3 ¹ /2	3.80	early pace, faded	
8Sep25 ⁴ TDN ³	6	Dixie Man (Perez, Roberto)	123	L	b	6	5	7	6 ² 1/2	5 ⁶	4 ²	30.00	passed tiring rivals
8Sep25 ⁴ TDN ²	4	Interval (Bowen, Rocco)	123	L	b	4	6	3 ¹ /2	3 ²	4 ²	5 ⁷ 1/2	1.50	through after half
16Jan25 ⁸ MVR ⁹	7	Legendary Star (Terraza, German)	123	L	b	7	2	6 ³	7	6 ¹	6 ²³ 3/4	26.30	swerved st, no threat
8Sep25 ⁴ TDN ⁵	2	Up in Time (Chavez, Alexander)	119	L	b	2	7	4 ¹ /2	5 ¹	7	7	58.80	stopped, eased wire

Fractional Times: 22.79 46.30 58.87 **Final Time:** 1:12.44
Split Times: (23:51) (12:57) (13:57)
Run-Up: 30 feet

Winner: Eileen's Desperado, Gray or Roan Gelding, by Baptistry out of Taurus Gift, by Monetary Gift. Foaled May 01, 2020 in Michigan.
Breeder: Eileen M. Johnson
Owner: Carol Rettele
Trainer: Rettele, Richard

Claiming Prices: 1 - Eileen's Desperado: \$7,500; 3 - Valid Connection: \$7,500; 5 - Rufus: \$7,500; 6 - Dixie Man: \$7,500; 4 - Interval: \$7,500; 7 - Legendary Star: \$7,500; 2 - Up in Time: \$7,500;

Total WPS Pool: \$53,054

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Eileen's Desperado	4.40	2.80	2.20	\$1.00 Exacta	1-3	21.00	35,734
3	Valid Connection		6.20	3.40	\$0.50 Trifecta	1-3-5	45.95	24,179
5	Rufus			3.80	\$0.20 Superfecta	1-3-5-6	79.00	14,491
					\$0.50 Pick 3	4-5-1 (3 correct)	35.95	6,358
					\$1.00 Daily Double	5-1	21.60	5,092

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
1	Eileen's Desperado	4	2 ¹	1 ^{Head}	1 ⁴	1 ³ 3/4
3	Valid Connection	3	5 ⁴ 1/2	4 ⁵	3 ⁶ 1/2	2 ³ 3/4
5	Rufus	1	1 ¹	2 ^{Head}	2 ⁴	3 ⁸
6	Dixie Man	5	7 ⁸	6 ⁸	5 ¹⁰ 1/2	4 ⁸ 1/2
4	Interval	6	3 ³ 1/2	3 ³	4 ⁸ 1/2	5 ¹⁰ 1/2
7	Legendary Star	2	6 ⁵	7 ¹⁰ 1/2	6 ¹⁶ 1/2	6 ¹⁸
2	Up in Time	7	4 ⁴	5 ⁷	7 ¹⁷ 1/2	7 ⁴¹ 3/4

Trainers: 1 - Rettele, Richard; 3 - Calderon, Ivan; 5 - Urieta, Johanna; 6 - Schuster, Robin; 4 - Rivera, Nestor; 7 - Lopez, Jacinto; 2 - Rivera, Nestor

Owners: 1 -Carol Rettele; 3 - JP Racing Stable and Wexford Racing; 5 - Gerard, William and Urieta's Racing Stable; 6 -Job Hinojos-Gutierrez; 4 - Rivera Racing Stables, LLC.; 7 -Patricia J. Boyne; 2 -Juan Arriagada;

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EILEEN'S DESPERADO chased the pace along the inside down the backstretch, shifted out two wide nearing the turn, rallied to make the lead nearing the quarter pole then drew off under right handed urging. VALID CONNECTION allowed to settle, rallied through the stretch three wide and finished clear for second. RUFUS away alertly, set the pace along the inside for nearly a half mile then faded in the stretch. DIXIE MAN unhurried early, passed tiring rivals along the rail. INTERVAL with the second flight three wide, was through after a half. LEGENDARY STAR swerved at the start and was no threat. UP IN TIME had speed along the inside into the turn, stopped abruptly in upper stretch and was eased to the wire.

VA CERTIFIED Denotes Virginia-Certified Thoroughbred