

THISTLEDOWN - October 2, 2026 - Race 1



CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR REGISTERED OHIO FOALS THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NOT WON TWO RACES SINCE OCTOBER 2, 2025. Three Year Olds, 119 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since September 2 Allowed 2 lbs. A Race Since August 2 Allowed 4 lbs. Claiming Price \$7,500. (SNW2 Y) **Claiming Price:** \$7,500
Distance: Five And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Purity - 1:03.02 - September 7, 2022)
Purse: \$17,400
Includes: \$3,900 OTF - Ohio Thoroughbred Fund
Available Money: \$17,400
Value of Race: \$17,400 1st \$10,440, 2nd \$3,480, 3rd \$1,740, 4th \$870, 5th \$522, 6th \$174, 7th \$174
Weather: Cloudy, 59° **Track:** Sloppy (Sealed)
Off at: 12:24 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
24Aug26 ⁶ TDN ⁸	2	Specialized (Salazar Becerra, Fernando)	119	L bf	1	6	¹ Head	² ⁶	¹ ¹	¹ ^{2 3/4}	3.20	dueled 2w,drew clear
6Mar26 ⁴ MVR ⁵	3	Swing State (Simpson, Jason)	119	L b	2	7	⁶ Head	⁵ Head	⁴ ^{2 1/2}	² ^{1 1/4}	19.90	rallied 3w, 2nd best
10Sep26 ⁶ TDN ³	4	Liberate (Bowen, Rocco)	119	L f	3	5	² ⁶	¹ Head	² ⁵	³ ^{2 3/4}	0.30*	dueled 2w,faded late
22Sep26 ⁴ TDN ³	7	Zakaria (Keiser, Chelsey)	119	L b	5	1	³ ³	³ ⁷	³ ²	⁴ ²	18.30	stalked pace, evenly
10Sep26 ⁴ TDN ⁶	8	Biscuits and Grits (Halдар, David)	119	L	6	2	⁴ ¹	⁴ ^{1/2}	⁵ ¹	⁵ ^{3 3/4}	27.40	failed to menace
15Sep26 ⁸ TDN ⁷	6	Fact Not Fiction (Skerrett, Jefferson)	114	L	4	3	⁵ ¹	⁶ ⁴	⁶ ⁷	⁶ ^{5 1/2}	26.00	no threat
8Sep26 ¹ TDN ⁵	9	Workstation (Innis, Jerome)	117	L f	7	4	7	7	7	7	18.90	trailed

Fractional Times: 22.28 45.76 58.58 **Final Time:** 1:05.32 **Time from Gate:** 1:06.75
Split Times: (23:48) (12:82) (6:74)
Run-Up: 25 feet

Winner: Specialized, Bay Gelding, by Midshipman out of Love Spun, by Hard Spun. Foaled Mar 22, 2020 in Ohio.
Breeder: Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm
Owner: Mast Thoroughbreds LLC
Trainer: Gorham, Robert

Claiming Prices: 2 - Specialized: \$7,500; 3 - Swing State: \$7,500; 4 - Liberate: \$7,500; 7 - Zakaria: \$7,500; 8 - Biscuits and Grits: \$7,500; 6 - Fact Not Fiction: \$7,500; 9 - Workstation: \$7,500;

Scratched Horse(s): Condemnation (Veterinarian), Powerful Phil (Stewards)

Total WPS Pool: \$18,740

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
2	Specialized	8.40	4.00	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	2-3	52.20	14,811
3	Swing State		15.60	4.00	\$0.50 Trifecta	2-3-4	26.55	9,088
4	Liberate			2.10	\$0.20 Superfecta	2-3-4-7	34.18	5,980

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin
2	Specialized	6	¹ Head	² Head	¹ ¹	¹ ^{2 3/4}
3	Swing State	7	⁶ ¹¹	⁵ ^{13 1/2}	⁴ ⁸	² ^{2 3/4}
4	Liberate	5	² Head	¹ Head	² ¹	³ ⁴
7	Zakaria	1	³ ⁶	³ ⁶	³ ⁶	⁴ ^{6 3/4}
8	Biscuits and Grits	2	⁴ ⁹	⁴ ¹³	⁵ ^{10 1/2}	⁵ ^{8 3/4}
6	Fact Not Fiction	3	⁵ ¹⁰	⁶ ^{13 3/4}	⁶ ^{11 1/2}	⁶ ^{12 1/2}
9	Workstation	4	⁷ ^{11 1/4}	⁷ ^{17 3/4}	⁷ ^{18 1/2}	⁷ ¹⁸

Trainers: 2 - Gorham, Robert; 3 - Gonzalez, Ricardo; 4 - Hamm, Timothy; 7 - Yoder, Susan; 8 - Zielinski, Richard; 6 - Skerrett, Jeffrey; 9 - DaCosta, Jason

Owners: 2 - Mast Thoroughbreds LLC; 3 - Joyita Racing Stable LLC; 4 - America's Thoroughbred Investors; 7 -Susan D. Yoder; 8 -Richard Zielinski; 6 -Danielle Agnello; 9 - Todd Jr., Donald, Calypso Stable and DaCosta, Jason;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

SPECIALIZED dueled for the lead along the inside into the stretch, responded under right handed urging and drew clear in the final furlong. SWING STATE unhurried early, rallied through deep stretch three wide and finished second best. LIBERATE matched strides for the lead two wide into the stretch and faded late. ZAKARIA stalked the pace three then four wide and went evenly. BISCUITS AND GRITS failed to menace. FACT NOT FICTION was no threat. WORKSTATION trailed.