

TURF PARADISE - April 27, 2026 - Race 5

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs.

Claiming Price \$4,500. Arizona Bred Claiming Price \$6,250. (NW2 L) **Claiming Price:** \$6,250 - \$4,500

Distance: Five And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Silvey's Image - 1:01.20 - October 24, 1992)

Purse: \$9,000

Includes: \$1,000 AZHR (Arizona Horse Racing)

Available Money: \$9,000

Value of Race: \$9,000 1st \$5,490, 2nd \$1,800, 3rd \$900, 4th \$450, 5th \$270, 6th \$90

Weather: Clear, 77° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 3:16 **Start:** Good for all except 2 **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
15Apr26 ⁴ TUP ⁶	1	Empire Warrior (Cruz, Alex)	126	L	bf	1 4	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{3 1/2}	1 ^{Nose}	31.00	sent,outer prssr,lastd
9Apr26 ⁷ TUP ⁶	6	Macnamara (Parris, Sachin)	121	L		6 5	5 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1/2}	6	2 ¹	29.50	4-5wd trip,surge,missd
13Apr26 ⁸ TUP ¹	4	Grinnell (Lopez, Karlo)	126	L	b	4 2	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{3 1/4}	3.10	prss 3wd outs,trying
11Mar26 ⁸ TUP ⁹	3	Big Stetson (Nunnally, Blake)	126	bf		3 3	3 ¹	3 ¹	5 ¹	4 ^{1 1/2}	0.40*	brush st,prss btw,fade
15Apr26 ⁴ TUP ³	5	Major Payne (McGregor, Kiaman)	126	bf		5 1	6	6	4 ^{2 1/2}	5 ⁴	10.10	ins,lacked room 3/16
30Mar26 ⁴ TUP ¹	2	Happy Ranch (Americano, Manuel)	120	L		2 6	4 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{Head}	6	5.20	hopped,pinch start,ins

Fractional Times: 22.56 45.53 58.33

Final Time: 1:05.33 **Time from Gate:** 1:06.56

Split Times: (22:97) (12:80) (7:00)

Run-Up: 35 feet

Winner: Empire Warrior, Chestnut Gelding, by Classic Empire out of Spend Spend Spend, by Majestic Warrior. Foaled Feb 02, 2022 in California.

Breeder: Jack Nakkashian, Harry Bederian & JackKamberian

Owner: Ortega, Jr., Alex and Ortega, Vincent

Trainer: Tubbs, Scott

1 Claimed Horse(s): **Happy Ranch** New Trainer: Candelario Villamar New Owner: Omar Rodriguez

Voided Claims: Grinnell(Vet)

Claiming Prices: 1 - Empire Warrior: \$4,500; 6 - Macnamara: \$4,500; 4 - Grinnell: \$4,500; 3 - Big Stetson: \$4,500; 5 - Major Payne: \$4,500; 2 - Happy Ranch: \$4,500;

Total WPS Pool: \$42,547

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Empire Warrior	64.00	28.00	9.00	\$1.00 Daily Double	6-1	71.00	5,849
6	Macnamara		23.00	9.20	\$1.00 Exacta	1-6	293.20	24,535
4	Grinnell			3.40	\$1.00 Quinella	1-6	96.20	2,418
					\$0.50 Trifecta	1-6-4	795.30	21,426
					\$0.10 Superfecta	1-6-4-3	700.73	13,216
					\$0.50 Pick 3	2/3/4-6-1 (3 correct)	81.90	9,851

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin
1	Empire Warrior	4	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{3 1/2}	1 ^{Nose}
6	Macnamara	5	5 ³	5 ^{4 1/2}	6 ^{9 1/2}	2 ^{Nose}
4	Grinnell	2	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{3 1/2}	3 ¹
3	Big Stetson	3	3 ^{1/2}	3 ¹	5 ^{8 1/2}	4 ^{4 1/4}
5	Major Payne	1	6 ^{3 1/2}	6 ⁵	4 ⁶	5 ^{5 3/4}
2	Happy Ranch	6	4 ^{1 1/2}	4 ²	3 ⁶	6 ^{9 3/4}

Trainers: 1 - Tubbs, Scott; 6 - Moreno-Alcala, Edgar; 4 - Perkinson, CC; 3 - Barraza, Rafael; 5 - Koch, Neil; 2 - Silva, Jr., Jose

Owners: 1 - Ortega, Jr., Alex and Ortega, Vincent; 6 -Manuel A. Ruiz; 4 - Perkinson Racing Stables; 3 - Hull, Stormy and RB Racing LLC (Rafael Barraza); 5 -Lydia A. Koch; 2 -Jose Silva, Jr.;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

EMPIRE WARRIOR broke outward and brushed with BIG STETSON, corrected and was sent up to the inside of rivals to take command, set a pressured pace into and around the turn, shook clear two wide in upper stretch, widened the advantage under strong handling in mid stretch then was fully extended to narrowly prevail. MACNAMARA , urged along chasing four and five wide, circled into the lane, responded to right handed pressure past the three sixteenths, leveled off to his best stride inside the final seventy yards and had his surge fall just short. GRINNELL drifted in at the break, righted and disputed the pace outside rivals, pressed three wide outside the winner into the lane, dug in after that one cleared and finished with effort to bridge the gap. BIG STETSON came in at the break and brushed with a rival, showed speed and vied between rivals, failed to keep pace past the quarter pole and faded. MAJOR PAYNE settled off the pace, saved ground past the quarter pole, steadied when lacking room near the three sixteenths, regrouped but failed to make a solid run through the final furlong. HAPPY RANCH hopped at the break then was pinched back, recovered and gained towards the inside heading to the turn, was pushed along chasing the leading trio past the five sixteenths, failed to go on in upper stretch and weakened.