

WILLOWDALE STEEPLECHASE - May 9, 2026 - Race 5

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT - Thoroughbred

FOR FIVE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON OVER TIMBER. Five-year-olds, 160 lbs.; older, 165 lbs. (C)

Distance: Three Miles On The Timber **Current Track Record:** (Court Ruler (IRE) - 5:43.24 - May 11, 2024)

Purse: \$15,000

Available Money: \$15,000

Value of Race: \$15,000 1st \$9,000, 2nd \$2,700, 3rd \$1,500, 4th \$1,050, 5th \$750

Weather: Cloudy, 61° **Track:** Good

Off at: 3:56 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Hand

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	1m	11/2	2m	21/2	Str	Fin	Comments
18Apr26 ³ GN ⁴	8	The Ballybreen Fox (IRE) (Davies, Teddy)	165 L	7	5 ¹	4 ²	5 ⁶	4 ²	3 ²	1 ³	closed strong
15Jun25 ² LRL ⁸	5	Doesn't Sting (GB) (Korrell, Virginia)	165 L	4	1 ⁶	1 ^{2 1/2}	1 1/2	1Head	2 1/2	2 ^{Neck}	finished strong
18Apr26 ² GN ⁴	10	Shining Marble (IRE) (Holm, Hunter)	155 --	9	7 ^{2 1/2}	9	8 1/2	7	5 ¹	3 ^{2 3/4}	late closing run
18Apr26 ² GN ³	3	Ruthenian (Poretz, Eric)	165 --	3	8 ^{1 1/2}	8 ¹	4 ²	2 ¹	1Head	4 ^{2 1/2}	weakened stretch
25Oct25 ⁷ GRM ⁶	6	Made to Be Lucky (Schweizer, Whitney)	165 --	5	6 ²	5 ^{1 1/2}	6 ^{1 1/2}	6 ³	4Head	5 ^{2 1/2}	no threat
18Apr26 ² GN ²	9	Ice Bar (Cundith, Sarah)	155 b	8	3 ²	2 ²	2 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	6 ⁵	6 ⁶⁰	tired in stretch
18Apr26 ³ GN ⁷	1	Jeremy Pass (IRE) (Marshall, Charlie)	160 L	1	2 ²	3 ²	3 1/2	5 ¹	7	7	tired
11Apr26 ² MON ⁵	2	Holiday Charm (Owings, Brett)	155 L	2	9	7 ²	9	---	---	---	pulled up
18Apr26 ³ GN ⁵	7	Vadavvero (IRE) (Barlow, Paddy)	160 L v	6	4 ^{Head}	6 ^{1/2}	7 ¹	---	---	---	pulled up

Final Time: 5:46.20

Run-Up: 0 feet

Winner: The Ballybreen Fox (IRE), Chestnut Gelding, by Mount Nelson (GB) out of =Shecouldbetheone (IRE), by Beneficial (GB). Foaled Apr 11, 2018 in Ireland.

Breeder: Denis Cusack

Owner: Armata Stable

Trainer: Davies, Joseph

Scratched Horse(s): Itsknownasthebern (Trainer), When U Know (Trainer)

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	1m	11/2	2m	21/2	Str	Fin
8	The Ballybreen Fox (IRE)	5 ¹⁰	4 ^{6 1/2}	5 ^{4 1/2}	4 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	1 ³
5	Doesn't Sting (GB)	1 ⁶	1 ^{2 1/2}	1 1/2	1Head	2Head	2 ³
10	Shining Marble (IRE)	7 ¹³	9 ^{13 1/2}	8 ¹³	7 ^{8 1/2}	5 ^{2 3/4}	3 ^{3 1/4}
3	Ruthenian	8 ^{15 1/2}	8 ^{12 1/2}	4 ^{2 1/2}	2Head	1Head	4 ⁶
6	Made to Be Lucky	6 ¹¹	5 ^{8 1/2}	6 ^{10 1/2}	6 ^{5 1/2}	4 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{8 1/2}
9	Ice Bar	3 ⁸	2 ^{2 1/2}	2 1/2	3 ¹	6 ^{3 3/4}	6 ¹¹
1	Jeremy Pass (IRE)	2 ⁶	3 ^{4 1/2}	3 ²	5 ^{4 1/2}	7 ^{8 3/4}	7 ⁷¹
2	Holiday Charm	9 ¹⁷	7 ^{10 1/2}	9 ^{13 1/2}	---	---	---
7	Vadavvero (IRE)	4 ¹⁰	6 ¹⁰	7 ¹²	---	---	---

Trainers: 8 - Davies, Joseph; 5 - Fisher, Jack; 10 - Neilson, Katherine; 3 - Neilson, Katherine; 6 - Smith, Lawrence; 9 - Cundith, Sarah; 1 - Davies, Joseph; 2 - Gomena, Julie; 7 - Young, Leslie

Owners: 8 - Armata Stable; 5 - Bruton Street-US; 10 - Kiplin Hall; 3 - Hard Game LLC; 6 - Hickory Made Stables and Celtic Venture Stable; 9 - Taco Tuesday Amigos; 1 - Slater, Joy and Stroud, Lisa; 2 - Over Creek Stables LLC; 7 - Slater, Joy, Rice, Thomas, Roberts, Nancy and Frances, Sharon;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

THE BALLYBREEN FOX (IRE) rated nicely, was patiently handled on the final turn and into the final fence, closed strong from third position after the final fence and drew clear mid stretch. DOESN'T STING (GB) set the pace, fought on with determination from the far turn to the wire. SHINING MARBLE (IRE) settled in the rear, produced a good late closing run. RUTHENIAN settled towards the rear, made a challenging bid for the lead going into the final turn, held a narrow lead over the final fence, then weakened in the stretch. MADE TO BE LUCKY traveled midpack and was never a threat. ICE BAR stalked in second shortly after the start, continued in second going into the final turn, tired and lost places coming out of the final bend. JEREMY PASS (IRE) traveled up close for two miles, then tired the final mile. HOLIDAY CHARM trailed, had some awkward jumps, and was pulled up. VADAVVERO (IRE) dropped back and was pulled up.