

WOODBINE - September 25, 2026 - Race 7

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since July 25 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$25,000, if for \$23,500, allowed 2 lbs. (Races Where Entered For \$20,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances). **Claiming Price:** \$25,000 - \$23,500
Distance: Six And One Half Furlongs On The All Weather Track **Current Track Record:** (Noholdingback Bear - 1:14.44 - July 1, 2016)

All money values represented in Canadian currency unless noted otherwise

Purse: \$61,200
Includes: \$9,500 Other Sources
Includes: \$8,600 State Bred
Plus: \$1,000 Other Sources
Available Money: \$62,200

Value of Race: \$44,358 (US\$31,376) 1st \$25,860 (US\$18,292) , 2nd \$8,620 (US\$6,097) , 3rd \$4,741 (US\$3,353) , 4th \$2,586 (US\$1,829) , 5th \$1,551 (US\$1,097) , 6th \$500 (US\$354) , 7th \$500 (US\$354)

Weather: Clear, 18° C **Track:** Fast
Off at: 4:17 **Start:** Good for all except 6,7 **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
22Aug26 ⁵ WO ⁶	5	Verdejo (Moran, Pietro)	121	L b	4	1	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{2 1/2}	1 ³	3.30	control pace,had more
20Aug26 ⁴ WO ⁴	2	Flying Black (Hernandez, Rafael)	123	L	2	5	5 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	7.00	gave futile chase str
7Sep26 ⁷ FE ²	6	Spirit Bear (Munger, Ryan)	123	L b	5	6	6 ^{1/2}	7	6 ¹	3 ^{3/4}	3.35	slw st,6Wstr up for3rd
19Sep26 ⁶ WO ⁸	3	Hard to Capture (Chernetz, Skye)	123	L f	3	2	4 ¹	4 ^{1 1/2}	3 ²	4 ^{3 1/2}	4.45	rally3W5/16,faded1/8
19Sep26 ⁶ WO ⁶	8	You Be the Judge (Campos, Jose)	123	L f	7	3	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	4 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{Nose}	2.95*	track btwn5/16,wilted
29Aug26 ³ WO ⁷	1	Rocket Riley (Fukumoto, Daisuke)	121	L	1	7	7	6 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{Head}	6 ¹	23.75	shared rear,lack rally
20Aug26 ⁴ WO ⁷	7	Catch the Drift (Douglas, Christoff)	116	L	6	4	3 ^{1/2}	5 ^{Head}	7	7	5.80	brk in,preserved,tired

Fractional Times: 23.40 46.35 1:10.71 **Final Time:** 1:17.33 **Time from Gate:** 1:19.11
Split Times: (22:95) (24:36) (6:62)
Run-Up: 40 feet

Winner: Verdejo, Chestnut Mare, by Fed Biz out of She's Justa Friend, by Hussonet. Foaled Feb 02, 2019 in Kentucky.
Breeder: Doug Branham & Felicia Branham
Owner: Carlo D'Amato
Trainer: Mattine, Michael

1 Claimed Horse(s): Flying Black **New Trainer:** Blair A. Miller **New Owner:** CamHaven Farms

Claiming Prices: 5 - Verdejo: \$23,500; 2 - Flying Black: \$25,000; 6 - Spirit Bear: \$23,500; 3 - Hard to Capture: \$25,000; 8 - You Be the Judge: \$23,500; 1 - Rocket Riley: \$23,500; 7 - Catch the Drift: \$23,500;

Scratched Horse(s): Earendel (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$98,651

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Verdejo	8.60	4.90	3.80	\$0.20 Pick 3	4-6-5 (3 correct)	13.44	16,603
2	Flying Black		6.00	4.10	\$0.20 Pick 4	1/7-4-6-5 (4 correct)	40.87	69,062
6	Spirit Bear			3.40	\$1.00 Daily Double	6-5	23.70	8,088
					\$1.00 Exacta	5-2	28.65	67,845
					\$1.00 Omni/Swinger	2-5	7.65	673
					\$1.00 Omni/Swinger	2-6	5.55	0
					\$1.00 Omni/Swinger	5-6	5.10	0
					\$0.20 Superfecta	5-2-6-3	78.81	28,640
					\$0.20 Trifecta	5-2-6	20.19	41,800

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
5	Verdejo	1	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{2 1/2}	1 ³
2	Flying Black	5	5 ^{1 3/4}	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{2 1/2}	2 ³
6	Spirit Bear	6	6 ^{4 1/4}	7 ^{5 1/4}	6 ^{7 1/2}	3 ^{4 1/2}
3	Hard to Capture	2	4 ^{3/4}	4 ²	3 ³	4 ^{5 1/4}
8	You Be the Judge	3	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1 1/2}	4 ⁵	5 ^{8 3/4}
1	Rocket Riley	7	7 ^{4 3/4}	6 ^{3 3/4}	5 ^{7 1/2}	6 ^{8 3/4}
7	Catch the Drift	4	3 ^{Head}	5 ^{3 1/2}	7 ^{8 1/2}	7 ^{9 3/4}

Trainers: 5 - Mattine, Michael; 2 - Smith, Andrew; 6 - Simms, John; 3 - Gittens, Devon; 8 - Owens, Steven; 1 - Pleterski, Don; 7 - Desruisseaux, Dale

Owners: 5 -Carlo D'Amato; 2 - T and T Racing Team; 6 -Deborah Fletcher; 3 -Devon Gittens; 8 -Steven Owens; 1 -Kata Pleterski; 7 - Golaub LLC;

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VERDEJO was away alertly getting the early advantage, had a trio of rivals forcing the issue outside at the five eighths pole, edged clear getting an outright lead again by the three furlong marker, rambled on unopposed through the bend, shifted just off the fence well in control at the top of the stretch and kept finding more when called upon down the lane to win going away for the gate to wire tally. FLYING BLACK was in a great spot all by himself watching the contesting quartet down the backstretch, tracked the frontrunner with two other outside foes midway around the turn, had the two path in the thick of things in upper stretch but could only give futile chase in the stretch while besting the rest at the finish line. SPIRIT BEAR was away slowly co-trailing on the outside, made no gain three wide outside of runners in the turn running, swung out widest reaching for more ground in upper stretch and closed in belatedly getting up just before the wire outside capturing the show money. HARD TO CAPTURE was part of the early mix on the front end having the two path, took back being wrangled back of the now lead trio at the half mile marker, made a sharp swooping move three wide at the five sixteenths pole around horses, posed the main opposition four wide at the head of the lane but could not continue the rally and faded between runners in the final furlong only holding for a minor share in the end. YOU BE THE JUDGE moved in through the chute to prompt the issue four deep outside entering the backside, chased the loose leader two wide between challengers in midturn, shifted to the three path at the top of the lane but wilted inside of rivals at the sixteenth pole. ROCKET

RILEY shared the rear travelling in tandem with an outside runner down the backstretch, inched closer taking the shortest way around the oval, moved out to the four path turning for home but lacked a rally in the drive. CATCH THE DRIFT broke inwards filling the void left by the slow starter, pressed the early pace between runners in the three path into the backstretch, gave way unable to keep battling up top in the two path with rivals on both sides at the seven sixteenths pole, was hard ridden two wide just trying to hold forward position throughout the turn, shifted to the five path for the run to the wire but had little to offer in the late going.