

WILL ROGERS DOWNS - February 9, 2026 - Race 8

HANDICAP - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE-YEAR-OLDS AND UPWARD. FREE NOMINATIONS CLOSED WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14. WEIGHTS WERE RELEASED THURSDAY, JANUARY 15. NO ENTRY FEE. STARTERS TO BE NAMED BY USUAL TIME OF CLOSING. SUPPLEMENTAL NOMINEES WILL BE WEIGHTED AT TIME OF ENTRY. PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO HIGHWEIGHTS. EQUAL WEIGHT PREFERENCE WILL BE DETERMINED BY TOTAL EARNINGS IN 2025-26.

Distance: One Mile On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Aleric - 1:35.06 - April 27, 2010)

Purse: \$30,000

Plus: \$6,000 OBP - Oklahoma Bred Program

Available Money: \$36,000

Value of Race: \$30,000 1st \$17,820, 2nd \$5,940, 3rd \$3,267, 4th \$1,782, 5th \$891, 6th \$100, 7th \$100, 8th \$100

Weather: Clear, 77° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 4:45 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Hand



[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
20Dec25	8	RP ²	3	Classy Empire (Hamilton, Weston)	124	L b	3 3	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 ⁴	1 6 1/2	1.10*	ins,drew off 1/4,drvng
19Dec25	3	RP ²	1	No Trouble (Cabrera, David)	120	L b	1 5	3 ^{Head}	3 1/2	3 ⁶	3 4 1/2	5.70	ins,3p3/16,edged place
18Jan26	2	HOU ²	4	Without a Trace (Wethey Jr., Floyd)	124	L b	4 2	2 ² 1/2	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ³	2 ¹ 1/2	38 3/4	promptd winner,yielded
26Dec25	10	OP ⁹	5	Lemon Drop Shot (Eramia, Richard)	120	L bf	5 8	7 ¹ 1/2	7 ³ 1/2	4 ⁹ 1/2	4 ¹⁰	425	step slow,clip foe7/16
14Dec25	6	OP ¹⁰	8	Texas Holdem (Kimes, Curtis)	116	L	8 6	6 ⁵ 1/2	5 ¹	5 ⁴ 1/2	5 ⁴	531 1/4	64.40 step slow,4p,wknd 2nd
20Dec25	6	RP ⁵	7	Shouldaboughtdabar (Pusac, Alberto)	121	L	7 1	5 ^{Head}	6 ² 1/2	7	7	6 ²³ 1/4	12.50 struck foe 7/16,eased
2Feb26	2	WRD ⁵	2	Ben Diesel (Sanchez, Obed)	118	L f	2 7	8	8	6 ^{Head}	6 ^{Head}	7	19.10 2w,avoided foe 7/16
20Jan26	1	WRD ¹	6	Okie Clipper (Triana, Jr., Alfredo)	120	L b	6 4	4 ^{Head}	4 ¹ /2	---	---	---	11.10 chsd 2w btw, fell 7/16

Fractional Times: N/A N/A N/A

Final Time: 1:38.10

Run-Up: 64 feet

Winner: Classy Empire, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by Classic Empire out of Galactic Princess, by Ready's Image. Foaled Apr 23, 2022 in Oklahoma.

Breeder: Mark Hillman

Owner: Hilltop Stable LLC and Martin, Eleanor

Trainer: Biehler, Michael

Total WPS Pool: \$37,990

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
3	Classy Empire	4.20	2.80	2.10	\$0.50 Pick 3	4-2-3 (3 correct)	196.85	3,675
1	No Trouble		5.20	2.60	\$2.00 Daily Double	2-3	18.80	3,012
4	Without a Trace			2.20	\$2.00 Exacta	3-1	17.20	26,008
					\$0.10 Superfecta	3-1-4-5	7.23	14,256
					\$0.50 Trifecta	3-1-4	9.60	17,332

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
3	Classy Empire	3	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 ⁴	1 6 1/2	
1	No Trouble	5	3 ³	3 ²	3 4 1/2	3 5 1/2	2 6 1/2
4	Without a Trace	2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1 1/2	2 ⁴	3 7 3/4
5	Lemon Drop Shot	8	7 ⁸ 3/4	7 ⁶ 1/2	4 10 1/2	4 ¹⁰	4 16 1/2
8	Texas Holdem	6	6 ³ 1/4	5 ³	5 ²⁰	5 ²⁰	5 ⁴¹ 1/2
7	Shouldaboughtdabar	1	5 ³ 1/4	6 ⁴	7 ²⁴ 1/2	7 ²⁴	6 ⁷² 3/4
2	Ben Diesel	7	8 ¹⁰ 1/4	8 ¹⁰	6 ²⁴ 1/2	6 ²⁴	7 ⁹⁶
6	Okie Clipper	4	4 ³	4 ² 1/2	---	---	---

Trainers: 3 - Biehler, Michael; 1 - Young, Scott; 4 - Jacks, Karen; 5 - Bahena, Fernando; 8 - Dixon, Tim; 7 - Dunlap, Shon; 2 - Blatchford, George; 6 - Dunlap, Shon

Owners: 3 - Hilltop Stable LLC and Martin, Eleanor; 1 - Blue and Gold Racing; 4 -Karen E. Jacks; 5 -Odis Grimes, Jr.; 8 - Dixon, Tim and Kester, John A.; 7 - Murphy, Travis Swan and Trent, Matt; 2 -Jeff McPeak; 6 - Murphy, Travis Swan and Trent, Matt;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

CLASSY EMPIRE set the pace along the inside, shook clear of an outer presser at the quarter pole and drew off under a drive. NO TROUBLE tracked along the inside, pursued the top pair around the far turn, shifted out to the three path into the lane and ran on to edge place late. WITHOUT A TRACE prompted outside of the eventual winner, proved no match for that one at the quarter pole then yielded place late. LEMON DROP SHOT broke a step slow, pursued near the inside, clipped a fallen foe approaching the far turn then stayed on mildly. TEXAS HOLDEM broke a step slow, tracked from the four path then weakened rounding the far turn. SHOULDABOUTHDABAR stalked three wide, chased between horses into the backstretch, faded before trampling a fallen foe approaching the far turn and was eased thereafter. BEN DIESEL raced off of the pace two wide, lost action briefly to avoid a fallen foe into the far turn and was outrun thereafter. OKIE CLIPPER chased two wide and between horses, but fell approaching the far turn then was transported off of the track via an equine ambulance. THIS RACE WAS HAND TIMED