

CHURCHILL DOWNS - October 31, 2025 - Race 6

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred  
FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs.  
Non-winners Of A Race At A Mile Or Over Since September 30 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$30,000. (NW2 L) **Claiming Price:** \$30,000

**Distance:** One And One Sixteenth Miles On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Fierceness - 1:40.66 - May 2, 2025)

**Purse:** \$62,000

**Includes:** \$8,100 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund

**Available Money:** \$62,000

**Value of Race:** \$62,000 1st \$35,044, 2nd \$12,400, 3rd \$6,200, 4th \$3,100, 5th \$1,860, 6th \$849, 7th \$849, 8th \$849, 9th \$849

**Weather:** Clear, 54° **Track:** Fast

**Off at:** 3:55 **Start:** Good for all except 9 **Timing Method:** Electronic

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| Last Raced                            | Pgm | Horse Name (Jockey)                 | Wgt | M/E | PP | Start | 1/4                | 1/2                | 3/4                | Str                | Fin                 | Odds  | Comments               |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|----|-------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------|------------------------|
| 31Aug25 <sup>8</sup> SAR <sup>5</sup> | 4   | Protective (Concepcion, Axel)       | 122 | L   | 4  | 2     | 3 <sup>1/2</sup>   | 3 <sup>Head</sup>  | 3 <sup>2</sup>     | 1 <sup>2 1/2</sup> | 1 <sup>2 3/4</sup>  | 0.81* | stalk 3p,bid1/4,drwoff |
| 13Sep25 <sup>4</sup> CD <sup>3</sup>  | 9   | Brilliant Man (Esquivel, Emmanuel)  | 122 | L b | 8  | 9     | 9                  | 8 <sup>Head</sup>  | 8 <sup>2 1/2</sup> | 2 <sup>1/2</sup>   | 2 <sup>3</sup>      | 3.77  | stutter stp st,3-5p1/4 |
| 16Aug25 <sup>6</sup> ELP <sup>8</sup> | 6   | Strummin (Arrieta, Francisco)       | 118 | - - | 5  | 4     | 6 <sup>1/2</sup>   | 6 <sup>Head</sup>  | 7 <sup>Head</sup>  | 6 <sup>2 1/2</sup> | 3 <sup>3 1/2</sup>  | 28.97 | ins,bmp 4p3/16,wllngly |
| 9Oct25 <sup>8</sup> IND <sup>4</sup>  | 3   | Army Hero (Pedroza, Jr., Marcelino) | 122 | L   | 3  | 8     | 7 <sup>2</sup>     | 5 <sup>1 1/2</sup> | 4 <sup>1</sup>     | 5 <sup>1/2</sup>   | 4 <sup>1 1/2</sup>  | 57.20 | bmpd st,2w-ins,bmp3/16 |
| 13Sep25 <sup>4</sup> CD <sup>9</sup>  | 1   | One Mor Story (Murrill, Mitchell)   | 118 | L b | 1  | 1     | 1 <sup>1</sup>     | 1 <sup>1/2</sup>   | 1 <sup>Head</sup>  | 3 <sup>1/2</sup>   | 5 <sup>3 1/2</sup>  | 24.23 | bmp,ins,headd 1/4,fade |
| 5Oct25 <sup>5</sup> HAW <sup>4</sup>  | 7   | Taunting (Geroux, Florent)          | 118 | L   | 6  | 6     | 8 <sup>1 1/2</sup> | 9                  | 9                  | 7 <sup>1/2</sup>   | 6 <sup>Head</sup>   | 5.29  | 3-4p,drft in upr,imprv |
| 24Sep25 <sup>1</sup> CD <sup>6</sup>  | 2   | Putting Eagle (Rocco, Jr., Joseph)  | 118 | L b | 2  | 3     | 2 <sup>2</sup>     | 2 <sup>1 1/2</sup> | 2 <sup>1 1/2</sup> | 4 <sup>Head</sup>  | 7 <sup>1 3/4</sup>  | 17.37 | bmps,prss 2w,vied,wknd |
| 13Jun25 <sup>9</sup> CD <sup>5</sup>  | 8   | Ask Arthur (Gutierrez, Mario)       | 122 | L b | 7  | 5     | 5 <sup>1</sup>     | 7 <sup>1</sup>     | 6 <sup>1/2</sup>   | 8 <sup>3</sup>     | 8 <sup>16 1/2</sup> | 10.68 | 3-2p,4-5p upr,no factr |
| 26Sep25 <sup>8</sup> CD <sup>7</sup>  | 11  | Express Line (Lanerrie, Corey)      | 122 | L b | 9  | 7     | 4 <sup>2</sup>     | 4 <sup>1</sup>     | 5 <sup>1/2</sup>   | 9                  | 9                   | 14.87 | track 4p,faded 5-6p2nd |

**Fractional Times:** 24.02 48.67 1:13.51 1:39.25 **Final Time:** 1:45.96

**Split Times:** (24:65) (24:84) (25:74) (6:71)

**Run-Up:** 50 feet

**Winner:** Protective, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by Medaglia d'Oro out of Grace Hall, by Empire Maker. Foaled Mar 01, 2021 in Kentucky.

**Breeder:** Alpha Delta Stables, LLC

**Owner:** Repole Stable

**Trainer:** Sharp, Joe

|                                                                                         |                                 |                                               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <b>3 Claimed Horse(s):</b> <b>Brilliant Man</b><br><b>Protective</b><br><b>Taunting</b> | New Trainer: S. Jade Cunningham | New Owner: Steven Connolly                    |
|                                                                                         | New Trainer: Matthew P. Sims    | New Owner: Robbins, Steve L. and Hancock, Joe |
|                                                                                         | New Trainer: James E. Baker     | New Owner: Thomas E. Sherman                  |

**Claiming Prices:** 4 - Protective: \$30,000; 9 - Brilliant Man: \$30,000; 6 - Strummin: \$30,000; 3 - Army Hero: \$30,000; 1 - One Mor Story: \$30,000; 7 - Taunting: \$30,000; 2 - Putting Eagle: \$30,000; 8 - Ask Arthur: \$30,000; 11 - Express Line: \$30,000;

**Scratched Horse(s):** McDude (RegVet-Unsound), You Belong Here (Trainer)

**Total WPS Pool:** \$229,496

| Pgm | Horse         | Win  | Place | Show | Wager Type            | Winning Numbers   | Payoff | Pool    | Carryover |
|-----|---------------|------|-------|------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------|---------|-----------|
| 4   | Protective    | 3.62 | 2.42  | 2.24 | \$2.00 Exacta         | 4-9               | 13.74  | 188,714 |           |
| 9   | Brilliant Man |      | 2.86  | 2.72 | \$0.50 Trifecta       | 4-9-6             | 46.53  | 101,244 |           |
| 6   | Strummin      |      |       | 7.00 | \$0.10 Superfecta     | 4-9-6-3           | 45.02  | 59,993  |           |
|     |               |      |       |      | \$1.00 Daily Double   | 4-4               | 3.02   | 18,751  |           |
|     |               |      |       |      | \$0.50 Pick 3         | 2-4-4 (3 correct) | 6.89   | 24,157  |           |
|     |               |      |       |      | \$1.00 Z-5 Super Hi-5 | 4-9-6-3-1         |        | 4,398   | 3,407     |

Past Performance Running Line Preview

| Pgm | Horse Name    | Start | 1/4                 | 1/2                | 3/4                | Str                | Fin                 |
|-----|---------------|-------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 4   | Protective    | 2     | 3 <sup>3</sup>      | 3 <sup>2</sup>     | 3 <sup>1 1/2</sup> | 1 <sup>2 1/2</sup> | 1 <sup>2 3/4</sup>  |
| 9   | Brilliant Man | 9     | 9 <sup>10 1/2</sup> | 8 <sup>5 3/4</sup> | 8 <sup>5 3/4</sup> | 2 <sup>2 1/2</sup> | 2 <sup>2 3/4</sup>  |
| 6   | Strummin      | 4     | 6 <sup>6 1/2</sup>  | 6 <sup>4 1/2</sup> | 7 <sup>5 1/2</sup> | 6 <sup>4</sup>     | 3 <sup>5 3/4</sup>  |
| 3   | Army Hero     | 8     | 7 <sup>7</sup>      | 5 <sup>3</sup>     | 4 <sup>3 1/2</sup> | 5 <sup>3 1/2</sup> | 4 <sup>9 1/4</sup>  |
| 1   | One Mor Story | 1     | 1 <sup>1</sup>      | 1 <sup>1/2</sup>   | 1 <sup>Head</sup>  | 3 <sup>3</sup>     | 5 <sup>10 3/4</sup> |
| 7   | Taunting      | 6     | 8 <sup>9</sup>      | 9 <sup>5 3/4</sup> | 9 <sup>8 1/4</sup> | 7 <sup>6 1/2</sup> | 6 <sup>14 1/4</sup> |
| 2   | Putting Eagle | 3     | 2 <sup>1</sup>      | 2 <sup>1/2</sup>   | 2 <sup>Head</sup>  | 4 <sup>3 1/2</sup> | 7 <sup>14 1/4</sup> |
| 8   | Ask Arthur    | 5     | 5 <sup>5 1/2</sup>  | 7 <sup>4 3/4</sup> | 6 <sup>5</sup>     | 8 <sup>7</sup>     | 8 <sup>16</sup>     |
| 11  | Express Line  | 7     | 4 <sup>3 1/2</sup>  | 4 <sup>2</sup>     | 5 <sup>4 1/2</sup> | 9 <sup>10</sup>    | 9 <sup>32 1/2</sup> |

**Trainers:** 4 - Sharp, Joe; 9 - Shorter, Aaron; 6 - Hancock, John; 3 - Manley, Steve; 1 - Wiggins, Lon; 7 - Block, Chris; 2 - Von Hemel, Donnie; 8 - Sims, Matthew; 11 - Forster, Grant

**Owners:** 4 - Repole Stable; 9 - Keene Thoroughbreds LLC; 6 -Randle L. Glosson; 3 -Merrit Hudson; 1 - Workman Ranch; 7 - Town and Country Racing LLC; 2 -Robert H. Zoellner; 8 - Hard Knocks Racing Partners LLC; 11 - Three Peaks Racing;

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PROTECTIVE stalked the top pair from the three path, bid outside of them entering the lane and drew off under a drive. BRILLIANT MAN stuttered a step at the start and was off slow, trailed along the inside, then near the rear in the three path and between horses around the far turn, shifted five wide into the lane and rallied to be second beset. STRUMMIN pursued from midpack along the inside, lacked a response to urging and yielded turning for home, yet sustained stride while moving out to the four path and between horses in upper stretch, bumped with an inner rival at the three sixteenths pole yet ran on willingly. ARMY HERO was bumped by an inner rival and took back from between horses at the start, laid off of the pace two wide, chased along the inside rounding teh far turn, bumped with an outer foe after moving out to the three path in upper stretch, stayed on mildly to bid for show between horses at the furlong grounds but got outkicked. ONE MOR STORY bumped an outer foe at the start, set the pace as an outer rival applied pressure, vied with that one around the far turn, got headed by a wider challenger entering the lane and gave way. TAUNTING lacked speed in the three to four path, drifted inwardly while trailing in upper stretch and improved position. PUTTING EAGLE was bumped by an inner foe before bumping an outer rival at the start, pressed two wide, vied around the far turn, but got outkicked by an outer bidder entering the lane and weakened. ASK ARTHUR pursued from midpack in the three two to path, got outkicked between horses while getting floated to the four to five path entering upper stretch and failed to factor. EXPRESS LINE tracked in the

five to four path around the first turn, then faded in the five to six path turning for home.

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