

ELLIS PARK - August 4, 2025 - Race 2

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES OR THREE YEAR OLDS. Three Year
Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race At A Mile Or Over Since July 4 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$16,000. (C)

Claiming Price: \$16,000
Distance: One Mile On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Injunction - 1:34.33 - August 6, 2022)
Purse: \$35,000
Includes: \$7,000 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund
Available Money: \$35,000
Value of Race: \$33,600 1st \$21,143, 2nd \$5,466, 3rd \$3,433, 4th \$1,716, 5th \$1,030, 6th \$406, 7th \$406
Weather: Cloudy, 78° **Track:** Fast
Off at: 12:22 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic



Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
3Jul25 ¹ ELP ¹	4	Air of Defiance (Leparoux, Julien)	123	L	4	2	2 ¹	2 ¹	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1.11*	press 2w,bid btw,held
20Jun25 ⁷ CD ³	5	King Peanut (Gaffalione, Tyler)	123	L b	5	4	3 ¹	3 ¹	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	2 ⁴ 3/4	6.27	3w,bid 5/16,fended off
14Jul25 ⁴ ELP ⁴	1	Interlock Empire (Torres, Cristian)	123	L b	1	1	1 ^{1/2}	1 ¹	3 ⁴	3 ⁴ 1/2	3 ¹ 1/4	2.97	ins winner,ins pair2nd
29Jun25 ³ LS ¹	8	Sound of Victory (Asmussen, Erik)	123	L b	8	6	8	8	6 ^{Head}	6 ¹⁰	4 ^{Neck}	11.60	4-3p,4p3/16,up 4th lat
12Jul25 ⁴ ELP ⁷	2	Our Dream Rye'd (Asmussen, Keith)	123	L	2	7	7 ^{Head}	6 ¹	5 ²	4 ^{1/2}	5 ³	34.65	ins,3p5/16,no menace
17May25 ⁷ CD ⁸	3	Cascade Cruiser (Torres, Jaime)	123	L b	3	3	5 ¹ 1/2	4 ¹ 1/2	4 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1/2}	6 ³¹	5.40	ins,chased 2p2nd,tired
7Jun25 ⁷ CD ⁷	6	Gift Certificate (Morales, Edgar)	118	L f	6	5	4 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1/2}	7 ⁶	7 ¹²	7	36.34	4-5p,no response,wknd
20Jun25 ⁷ CD ⁸	7	Infinite Luck (Graham, James)	118	L b	7	8	6 ^{Head}	7 ^{1/2}	8	8	---	15.46	wknd,pulld up,walk off

Fractional Times: 23.98 47.34 1:11.67 1:24.36 **Final Time:** 1:37.68
Split Times: (23:36) (24:33) (12:69) (13:32)
Run-Up: 30 feet

Winner: Air of Defiance, Bay Gelding, by [Quality Road](#) out of Faypien, by Ghostzapper. Foaled Feb 11, 2021 in Kentucky.

Winner's sire standing at Lane's End

Breeder: Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC
Owner: Baron Racing Stables (Dwight D. Baron)
Trainer: Sharp, Joe

1 Claimed Horse(s): **Interlock Empire** New Trainer: Thomas M. Amoss New Owner: Maggi Moss

Claiming Prices: 4 - Air of Defiance: \$16,000; 5 - King Peanut: \$16,000; 1 - Interlock Empire: \$16,000; 8 - Sound of Victory: \$16,000; 2 - Our Dream Rye'd: \$16,000; 3 - Cascade Cruiser: \$16,000; 6 - Gift Certificate: \$16,000; 7 - Infinite Luck: \$16,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$77,047

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
4	Air of Defiance	4.22	2.68	2.22	\$2.00 Exacta	4-5	21.20	54,184
5	King Peanut		5.02	3.38	\$0.50 Trifecta	4-5-1	16.05	27,485
1	Interlock Empire			2.94	\$0.10 Superfecta	4-5-1-8	12.23	15,267
					\$2.00 Daily Double	6-4	19.34	25,010
					\$1.00 Super High Five	4-5-1-8-2	308.84	2,376

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
4	Air of Defiance	2	2 ^{1/2}	2 ¹	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}
5	King Peanut	4	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ²	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}
1	Interlock Empire	1	1 ^{1/2}	1 ¹	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{1/2}	3 ⁵ 1/4
8	Sound of Victory	6	8 ⁴ 3/4	8 ⁶ 1/2	6 ⁶ 3/4	6 ⁶	4 ⁶ 1/2
2	Our Dream Rye'd	7	7 ⁴ 1/2	6 ⁵	5 ⁴ 3/4	4 ⁵	5 ⁶ 3/4
3	Cascade Cruiser	3	5 ³	4 ³	4 ⁴ 1/4	5 ⁵ 1/2	6 ⁹ 3/4
6	Gift Certificate	5	4 ² 1/2	5 ⁴ 1/2	7 ⁶ 3/4	7 ¹⁶	7 ⁴⁰ 3/4
7	Infinite Luck	8	6 ⁴ 1/2	7 ⁶	8 ¹² 3/4	8 ²⁸	---

Trainers: 4 - Sharp, Joe; 5 - Bogle, Fergus; 1 - Diodoro, Robertino; 8 - Asmussen, Steven; 2 - Asmussen, Steven; 3 - Rice, Linda; 6 - Garcia, Genaro; 7 - Desormeaux, J.

Owners: 4 - Baron Racing Stables (Dwight D. Baron); 5 -Richard B. Christian; 1 -Debra McComas; 8 -Steven M. Asmussen; 2 -Steven M. Asmussen; 3 -Linda Rice; 6 - L. T. B., Inc. and Hillerich Racing, Inc.; 7 - Gem City Racing LLC;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

AIR OF DEFIANCE pressed two wide, bid along with an outer counterpart turning for home, wrestled a narrow advantage at the quarter pole then held sway from his aforementioned foe through the final furlong. KING PEANUT stalked outside of the top pair, bid three deep at the five sixteenths pole, vied into the lane but was fended off by an inner counterpart through the final furlong. INTERLOCK EMPIRE showed the way as the eventual winner pressed down the backstretch, got headed by that one and a wider bidder reaching the quarter pole, fought on through upper stretch, but faded through the final furlong yet lasted for show. SOUND OF VICTORY raced at the rea in the four to three path into the turn, shifted back out to the four path while improving into the lane and claimed fourth late. OUR DREAM RYE'D laid off of the pace along the inside, shifted to the three path around the far turn, edged fourth from an inner foe entering the lane but was caught by his outer stablemate in the late stages. CASCADE CRUISER tracked near the inside, chased in the two path around the far turn and tired. GIFT CERTIFICATE raced off of the pace four wide, came under urging in the five path around the far turn, but lacked a response and weakened before being eased through the lane. INFINITE LUCK was briefly antsy in the starting gate, raced near the rear two wide and between horses, weakened turning for home, was pulled up leaving the furlong grounds and walked off.