

HAWTHORNE - August 7, 2025 - Race 2

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Non-winners of a race at a mile or over on the turf since July 7 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$20,000 (Claiming races for \$17,500 or less not considered in estimating allowances)(Horsemen entering Illinois-bred horses in open claiming races will be asked to declare their claiming price at time of entry). Illinois Bred Claiming Price \$30,000. In the event that this race is taken off the turf it will be contested at One Mile and One-Sixteenth on the main track. (Rail at 20 feet). **Claiming Price: \$20,000**

Distance: One And One Sixteenth Miles On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Janeian (NZ) - 1:39.86 - October 11, 2003)

Purse: \$18,000

Plus: \$240 Starters Bonus

Plus: \$6,480 IOA - Illinois Registered Owner Award

Available Money: \$24,720

Value of Race: \$19,680 1st \$10,800, 2nd \$5,040, 3rd \$1,800, 4th \$900, 5th \$540, 6th \$200, 7th \$200, 8th \$200

Weather: Hazy, 91° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 3:13 **Start:** Good for all except 6 **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
24Jul25 ³ HAW ⁴	7	Hard to Fathom (Gonzalez, Santiago)	122 L f	7	6	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	9.00	stdy 1/2,altr out 3/16
13Jul25 ⁴ HAW ¹	3	Even the Wind (Mojica, Orlando)	122 L b	3	5	7 ⁴	7 ⁴ 1/2	7 ²	6 ¹ 1/2	2 ^{Head}	2.80	angle 5wd,game run
14Jul25 ³ IND ⁸	2	Woodcock Flight (IRE) (Felix, Julio)	122 L bf	2	2	4 ¹	5 ¹ 1/2	6 ^{Head}	1 ¹	3 ¹ 1/2	11.20	shffl 3/8,ins,led,gme
24Jul25 ³ HAW ¹	4	Bourbon Life (Centeno, Alexis)	122 L b	4	4	6 ^{Head}	6 ¹	5 ¹	3 ^{Head}	4 ¹	6.90	drop rein upr,steady
10Jul25 ⁵ HAW ¹	6	Silver Quarters (Rodriguez, Walter)	124 L f	6	8	8	8	8	7 ²	5 ^{3/4}	1.80*	hop st,angl out,belatd
17Jul25 ² IND ⁴	1	Soul Coaxing (Hernandez, Israel)	122 L b	1	3	5 ¹	4 ¹	1 ^{Head}	4 ^{Head}	6 ⁷ 1/4	3.80	4wd,bid,duel,fade
25May25 ⁸ FP ⁶	5	Betwithbothhands (Reyes, Frank)	122 L b	5	1	1 ¹	1 ¹ 1/2	2 ¹ 1/2	5 ¹	7 ^{3/4}	23.40	met bid 3/8,duel,wknd
21Jun25 ⁶ FP ¹	8	Gold Smoke (Santos, Ademar)	122 L bf	8	7	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Head}	4 ^{Head}	8	8	70.40	3w,btw 1/2,gave way

Fractional Times: 24.07 48.81 1:13.31 1:37.74

Final Time: 1:43.95

Split Times: (24:74) (24:50) (24:43) (6:21)

Run-Up: 110 feet **Temporary Rail:** 20 feet

Winner: Hard to Fathom, Bay Gelding, by Hard Spun out of Morediamondsplease, by More Than Ready. Foaled Mar 17, 2020 in Kentucky.

Breeder: BHMFR, LLC

Owner: Melvin Simonovich

Trainer: Simonovich, Daniel

Claiming Prices: 7 - Hard to Fathom: \$20,000; 3 - Even the Wind: \$30,000; 2 - Woodcock Flight (IRE): \$20,000; 4 - Bourbon Life: \$20,000; 6 - Silver Quarters: \$30,000; 1 - Soul Coaxing: \$20,000; 5 - Betwithbothhands: \$20,000; 8 - Gold Smoke: \$20,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$29,848

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
7	Hard to Fathom	20.00	7.80	5.40	\$1.00 Daily Double	2-7	20.20	3,262
3	Even the Wind		3.40	2.80	\$1.00 Exacta	7-3	35.20	17,604
2	Woodcock Flight (IRE)			6.00	\$0.20 Superfecta	7-3-2-4	189.34	4,661
					\$0.50 Trifecta	7-3-2	113.45	9,191

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
7	Hard to Fathom	6	2 ¹	2 ¹ 1/2	3 ¹ 1/2	2 ¹	1 ^{Head}
3	Even the Wind	5	7 ⁴ 1/2	7 ⁵ 1/2	7 ³ 1/4	6 ² 1/4	2 ^{Head}
2	Woodcock Flight (IRE)	2	4 ² 1/2	5 ³	6 ³ 1/4	1 ¹	3 ^{Head}
4	Bourbon Life	4	6 ⁴ 1/2	6 ⁴ 1/2	5 ² 1/4	3 ¹	4 ¹ 3/4
6	Silver Quarters	8	8 ⁸ 1/2	8 ¹⁰	8 ⁵ 1/4	7 ³ 3/4	5 ² 3/4
1	Soul Coaxing	3	5 ³ 1/2	4 ²	1 ^{Head}	4 ¹ 1/4	6 ³ 1/2
5	Betwithbothhands	1	1 ¹	1 ¹ 1/2	2 ^{Head}	5 ¹ 1/4	7 ¹⁰ 3/4
8	Gold Smoke	7	3 ²	3 ²	4 ²	8 ⁵ 3/4	8 ¹¹ 1/2

Trainers: 7 - Simonovich, Daniel; 3 - Block, Chris; 2 - Banks, Chris; 4 - Hernandez, Armando; 6 - Manley, Steve; 1 - Villa, Francisco; 5 - Hernandez, Armando; 8 - Essenpreis, Eddie

Owners: 7 -Melvin Simonovich; 3 - Team Block; 2 - Banks, Chris and Lerner, Kyle; 4 -John Conforti; 6 -Russell McGovern; 1 - Hermilo Racing Stable, LLC; 5 - Hernandez Racing Stable LLC; 8 -Shellye Essenpreis;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

HARD TO FATHOM , under firm rating stalking along the inside, steadied inside a pair of foes near the half, sat patient leaving the five sixteenths then altered out off heels with run past the three sixteenths, straightened and made a grinding advance on his left lead past the furlong grounds, drifted in under a solid hand ride in deep stretch and just got up between foes. EVEN THE WIND settled off the pace and off the inside into the far turn, angled five wide for the drive, closed gamely outside foes and just missed. WOODCOCK FLIGHT (IRE) , under a snug hold saving ground early, edged up behind a trio of foes nearing the half, was shuffled back near the three eighths, came back on and bid along the rail near mid stretch, battled on a slim lead in deep stretch but just wasn't quite good enough. BOURBON LIFE settled off the inside, edged up four wide into the stretch, had his rider briefly lose control of the right rein, regrouped to work between foes then steadied lacking some room in deep stretch. SILVER QUARTERS hopped at the break, recovered and settled well back, swung out well in the course for the final furlong and offered a belated run. SOUL COAXING was taken four wide approaching the first turn, pulled his way forward while three deep heading to the half, bid outside the leader leaving the far turn, dueled to about mid stretch and faded. BETWITHBOTHHANDS cleared early, set the pace towards the inside, was joined exiting the far turn, sparred off the rail and to the inside of a rival into the stretch, failed to kick on leaving the furlong grounds and weakened. GOLD SMOKE , three wide stalking the pace, raced between runners into the far turn, failed to go on leaving the five sixteenths and tired through the drive. An objection by the rider of BOURBON LIFE against the winner alleging interference near mid stretch was not allowed.

