

PENN NATIONAL - August 14, 2025 - Race 1

ALLOWANCE - Thoroughbred
(PLUS UP TO 40% PABF) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON A RACE OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER, OR PENNSYLVANIA BRED. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since July 14 Allowed 2 lbs. A Race Since June 14 Allowed 4 lbs. (Races Where Entered For \$16,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances). (NW1 X)

Distance: Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Sparticle - 1:07.68 - August 24, 2019)

Purse: \$35,000

Available Money: \$35,000

Value of Race: \$35,000 1st \$21,000, 2nd \$7,000, 3rd \$3,850, 4th \$2,100, 5th \$1,050

Weather: Clear, 86° Track: Fast

Off at: 5:47 Start: Good for all except 5 Timing Method: Electronic



[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
30Jul25 ⁷ PEN ²	4	Ellie's Boyfriend (Rodriguez, Angel)	121	L	4	1	¹ ₁	¹ _{1 1/2}	¹ _{1 1/2}	¹ _{3/4}	2.80	took command,held sway
15Jun25 ³ MTH ⁷	2	Try Harder (Martinez, Francisco)	116	L	bf	2	⁵ _{1/2}	⁵ _{1 1/2}	⁵ _{1 1/2}	² _{Neck}	6.50	late bid, gained place
7May25 ⁵ PEN ²	1	Palm Island (Gonzalez, Silvestre)	121	L	b	1	⁴ ₂	⁴ ₃	² _{Head}	³ _{1/2}	2.30*	pressd ins,good finish
16Jul25 ⁷ DEL ⁵	6	Backside Buzz (Aguilar, Jean)	121	L	bf	6	² _{Head}	³ _{Head}	³ _{Head}	⁴ _{Neck}	7.50	stlkd btw,needed more
26Jun25 ⁷ PEN ²	7	Bronx Boys (Ruiz, Eliseo)	121	L	b	7	³ _{1/2}	² _{Head}	⁴ ₃	⁵ _{Neck}	2.30	stalked 3w,even finish
21Jun25 ⁷ MTH ⁷	3	Without Pretence (Torres, Jomar)	121	L	b	3	⁶ ₄	⁶ ₅	⁶ ₆	⁶ _{9 3/4}	11.30	chased, narrowed gap
23Apr25 ⁵ PEN ⁷	5	Bangkok Bob (Flores, Emilio)	118	L	b	5	7	7	7	7	53.90	impeded st,no factor

Fractional Times: 22.34 45.35 57.89

Final Time: 1:11.15

Split Times: (23:01) (12:54) (13:26)

Run-Up: 65 feet

Winner: Ellie's Boyfriend, Bay Gelding, by Heart to Heart out of It Was All a Dream, by Silver Train. Foaled Jan 15, 2021 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Kenny and Jeannie Racing, LLC

Owner: Tesla Stables

Trainer: Kulp, Brandon

Total WPS Pool: \$34,880

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
4	Ellie's Boyfriend	7.60	4.40	2.20	\$1.00 Exacta	4-2	20.60	29,884
2	Try Harder		5.60	3.40	\$0.10 Superfecta	4-2-1-6	30.63	16,235
1	Palm Island			3.00	\$0.50 Trifecta	4-2-1	30.10	20,817

Past Performance Running Line Preview

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4	Ellie's Boyfriend	1	¹ ₁	¹ _{1 1/2}	¹ _{1 1/2}	¹ _{3/4}
2	Try Harder	5	⁵ _{3 1/2}	⁵ _{4 3/4}	⁵ _{4 3/4}	² _{3/4}
1	Palm Island	2	⁴ _{1 1/2}	⁴ _{1 3/4}	² _{1 1/2}	³ ₁
6	Backside Buzz	3	² ₁	³ _{1 1/2}	³ _{1 1/2}	⁴ _{1 1/2}
7	Bronx Boys	4	³ ₁	² _{1 1/2}	⁴ _{1 3/4}	⁵ _{1 3/4}
3	Without Pretence	6	⁶ ₄	⁶ _{6 1/4}	⁶ _{6 1/4}	⁶ ₂
5	Bangkok Bob	7	⁷ ₈	⁷ _{11 1/4}	⁷ _{12 1/4}	⁷ _{11 3/4}

Trainers: 4 - Kulp, Brandon; 2 - Vega, Richard; 1 - Demasi, Kathleen; 6 - Catalano, Jr., Michael; 7 - Kulp, Brandon; 3 - Morici, Diane; 5 - Geist, David

Owners: 4 - Tesla Stables; 2 - Wire to Wire Stable Inc., Glick, Stanley and Bisso, Jr., Louis A.; 1 - Pewter Stable; 6 - Princess K Racing; 7 -Joseph E. Besecker; 3 - Morici Racing Stable LLC; 5 -David W. Geist;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

ELLIE'S BOYFRIEND broke outward into the path of BANGKOK BOB before rushing to the front, was always kept a length or more ahead of the rest, responded when set down at the top of the stretch, and held sway to the finish. TRY HARDER tracked in mid-pack, several lengths behind the leader, finished up with a good late run under urging to get up for the place. PALM ISLAND was the inside horse of the trio pressing ELLIE'S BOYFRIEND on the lead, outfinished the other two but lost a head bob for second. BACKSIDE BUZZ raced between horses in the stalking group, held position, but could not find another gear when needed in the stretch. BRONX BOYS was the outside horse of the three stalking the leader, finished evenly, unable to make up the needed ground in the late stages. WITHOUT PRETENCE chased from far back then was slowly closing the gap in the stretch, but had too much ground to make up. BANGKOK BOB was impeded at the start dropped far behind and was never a factor.