

THISTLEDOWN - August 4, 2025 - Race 5

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES OTHER THAN
MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER, OPTIONAL OR OHIO BRED OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON FOUR RACES OR CLAIMING
PRICE \$25,000. Three Year Olds, 119 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since July 4 Allowed 2 lbs. A Race Since June
4 Allowed 4 lbs. Claiming Price \$25,000 (Claiming Races For \$12,500 Or Less Not Considered In Weight Allowances) (Ohio
Registered Foals Preferred). (NW3 X) **Claiming Price:** \$25,000

Distance: Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Fancy Threat - 1:08.40 - November 21, 1987)

Purse: \$31,400

Plus: \$15,000 OTF - Ohio Thoroughbred Fund

Available Money: \$46,400

Value of Race: \$32,400 1st \$20,410, 2nd \$6,280, 3rd \$4,140, 4th \$1,570

Weather: Cloudy, 80° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 2:54 **Start:** Good for all **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
8Jul25 ⁷ TDN ⁴	5	Key to Success (Gonzalez, Luis)	119	L f	3	1	4	4	¹ Head	¹ 2	3.20	circled 4w,drew clear
26Jun25 ⁴ TDN ¹	6	One Smokin' Rita (Chavez, Alexander)	121	L b	4	4	³ 1	³ 1 1/2	² Head	² 2	0.90*	3w,move,led,no match
9Jun25 ⁷ TDN ²	4	Sweet Unique (Vigil, Noel)	119	L	2	2	² 1	² Head	³ 1	³ 5 3/4	1.80	pressed,dueled,outfnsh
1Jul25 ⁷ TDN ³	3	Dance My Way (Rivera, Luis)	119	L b	1	3	¹ 1	¹ Head	4	4	6.90	early pace, used up

Fractional Times: 22.70 45.77 57.85

Final Time: 1:10.21

Split Times: (23:07) (12:08) (12:36)

Run-Up: 30 feet

Winner: Key to Success, Bay Mare, by [Cupid](#) out of New Key, by Majesticperfection. Foaled Apr 11, 2020 in Kentucky.

CUPID Winner's sire standing at Atlanta Hall Farm

Breeder: Fletcher Gray & Carolyn Gray

Owner: Gene Burkholder

Trainer: Puhl, Kim

Claiming Prices: 5 - Key to Success: \$25,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Getaway Bay (Veterinarian), Immortallove (Stewards)

Total WPS Pool: \$21,502

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Key to Success	8.40		\$1.00 Exacta	5-6	12.20	12,086
6	One Smokin' Rita			\$0.50 Trifecta	5-6-4	11.25	5,728
4	Sweet Unique			\$0.50 Pick 3	1-2-5 (3 correct)	7.70	4,846
				\$0.50 Pick 4	6-1-2/3-5 (4 correct)	132.85	5,988
				\$0.50 Pick 5	1-6-1-2/3-5 (5 correct)	558.25	20,936
				\$1.00 Daily Double	2-5	6.80	2,083

Past Performance Running Line Preview

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5	Key to Success	1	⁴ 3	⁴ 1 3/4	¹ Head	¹ 2
6	One Smokin' Rita	4	³ 2	³ Head	² Head	² 2
4	Sweet Unique	2	² 1	² Head	³ Head	³ 4
3	Dance My Way	3	¹ 1	¹ Head	⁴ 1 1/4	⁴ 9 3/4

Trainers: 5 - Puhl, Kim; 6 - Rivera, Nestor; 4 - Zielinski, Richard; 3 - Puhl, Kim

Owners: 5 -Gene Burkholder; 6 - Rivera Racing Stables, LLC.; 4 -Nancy Lavrich; 3 -James Lauderdale;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

KEY TO SUCCESS trailed through the turn, circled her field four wide through upper stretch to make the lead at the furlong marker and drew off under a strong hand ride. ONE SMOKIN' RITA stalked the early pace, rallied three wide through the turn to make the lead in upper stretch then was no match for the winner. SWEET UNIQUE pressed the pace two wide into the turn, drew on even terms for the lead past the quarter pole, battled until mid stretch then was outfinished. DANCE MY WAY made the lead soon after the start, set a pressured pace along the inside to the top of the stretch then was used up.