

THISTLEDOWN - August 7, 2025 - Race 1

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred  
FOR ACCREDITED OHIO FOALS THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Three Year Olds, 119 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since July 7 Allowed 2 lbs. A Race Since June 7 Allowed 4 lbs. Claiming Price \$16,000. (SNW2 L) **Claiming Price:** \$16,000  
**Distance:** Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Fancy Threat - 1:08.40 - November 21, 1987)  
**Purse:** \$20,800  
**Includes:** \$3,900 OTF - Ohio Thoroughbred Fund  
**Available Money:** \$20,800  
**Value of Race:** \$20,800 1st \$12,480, 2nd \$4,160, 3rd \$2,080, 4th \$832, 5th \$208, 6th \$208, 7th \$208, 8th \$208, 9th \$208, 10th \$208

**Weather:** Clear, 82° **Track:** Fast  
**Off at:** 12:55 **Start:** Good for all except 9 **Timing Method:** Electronic



Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
7Jul25 <sup>1</sup> TDN <sup>2</sup>	10	Merger (Bowen, Rocco)	119 L f	10 1		5 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>3</sup>	3 <sup>3</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup> 1/4	1.70*	late burst3w, in time
25Jun25 <sup>5</sup> TDN <sup>4</sup>	7	Ghost of Londyn (Batista, Luis)	119 L b	7 5		4 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>Head</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	2 <sup>3</sup>	5.20	3w,move,led,no match
7Jul25 <sup>1</sup> TDN <sup>4</sup>	8	Mister Zazu (Rivera, Luis)	116 L b	8 3		1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	2 <sup>2</sup>	3 <sup>4</sup> 1/2	6.80	pace to lane,outfinish
17Jul25 <sup>7</sup> TDN <sup>4</sup>	5	Seeking Freedom (Perez, Roberto)	119 L	5 4		2 <sup>1</sup>	4 <sup>1</sup>	4 <sup>2</sup>	4 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	111.90	speed, weakened turn
25Jun25 <sup>8</sup> TDN <sup>5</sup>	9	Akimbo (Keiser, Chelsey)	119 L	9 2		8 <sup>Head</sup>	7 <sup>Head</sup>	7 <sup>1/2</sup>	5 <sup>1/2</sup>	3.50	stumbled start,
7Jul25 <sup>1</sup> TDN <sup>3</sup>	1	Vernon's Best (Martinez, Miguel)	119 L	1 8		3 <sup>1/2</sup>	5 <sup>Head</sup>	5 <sup>1</sup>	6 <sup>4</sup>	19.50	brief speed
7Jul25 <sup>1</sup> TDN <sup>5</sup>	3	So Co Manhattan (Bracho, Jose)	119 L b	3 10		10	9 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	6 <sup>1/2</sup>	7 <sup>Head</sup>	5.00	bumped start, bled
25Jun25 <sup>8</sup> TDN <sup>4</sup>	2	Silent Drill (Terraza, German)	119 - -	2 9		9 <sup>1</sup>	10	10	8 <sup>Head</sup>	12.50	checked 11/16pole
17Jul25 <sup>7</sup> TDN <sup>6</sup>	6	Aquavit (Barbaran, Erik)	117 L	6 7		7 <sup>1</sup>	6 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	8 <sup>1</sup>	9 <sup>1</sup> 3/4	33.00	bumped start,no threat
17Jul25 <sup>7</sup> TDN <sup>2</sup>	4	Hidden Heart (Aviles, Yan)	121 L b	4 6		6 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	8 <sup>Head</sup>	9 <sup>1</sup>	10	33.70	through early

**Fractional Times:** 22.71 46.81 59.60 **Final Time:** 1:12.76  
**Split Times:** (24:10) (12:79) (13:16)  
**Run-Up:** 30 feet

**Winner:** Merger, Bay Gelding, by National Flag out of Lillard Hall, by Tiznow. Foaled May 11, 2022 in Ohio.  
**Breeder:** WinBlaze, LLC  
**Owner:** Winblaze LLC  
**Trainer:** Hamm, Timothy

**Claiming Prices:** 10 - Merger: \$16,000; 7 - Ghost of Londyn: \$16,000; 8 - Mister Zazu: \$16,000; 5 - Seeking Freedom: \$16,000; 9 - Akimbo: \$16,000; 1 - Vernon's Best: \$16,000; 3 - So Co Manhattan: \$16,000; 2 - Silent Drill: \$16,000; 6 - Aquavit: \$16,000; 4 - Hidden Heart: \$16,000;

**Total WPS Pool:** \$45,715

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
10	Merger	5.40	3.20	2.80	\$1.00 Exacta	10-7	18.60	48,099
7	Ghost of Londyn		6.80	4.00	\$0.50 Trifecta	10-7-8	56.30	25,398
8	Mister Zazu			4.60	\$0.20 Superfecta	10-7-8-5	402.00	17,032

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
10	Merger	1	5 <sup>2</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	3 <sup>3</sup> 1/2	1 <sup>1</sup> 1/4
7	Ghost of Londyn	5	4 <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	1 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	2 <sup>1</sup> 1/4
8	Mister Zazu	3	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	2 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	3 <sup>4</sup> 1/4
5	Seeking Freedom	4	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	4 <sup>4</sup> 1/2	4 <sup>6</sup> 1/2	4 <sup>8</sup> 3/4
9	Akimbo	2	8 <sup>5</sup> 1/2	7 <sup>7</sup> 1/4	7 <sup>10</sup>	5 <sup>11</sup> 1/4
1	Vernon's Best	8	3 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	5 <sup>5</sup> 1/2	5 <sup>8</sup> 1/2	6 <sup>11</sup> 3/4
3	So Co Manhattan	10	10 <sup>6</sup> 3/4	9 <sup>7</sup> 1/2	6 <sup>9</sup> 1/2	7 <sup>15</sup> 3/4
2	Silent Drill	9	9 <sup>5</sup> 3/4	10 <sup>10</sup>	10 <sup>12</sup> 1/2	8 <sup>15</sup> 3/4
6	Aquavit	7	7 <sup>4</sup> 1/2	6 <sup>5</sup> 3/4	8 <sup>10</sup> 1/2	9 <sup>16</sup>
4	Hidden Heart	6	6 <sup>3</sup>	8 <sup>7</sup> 1/4	9 <sup>11</sup> 1/2	10 <sup>17</sup> 3/4

**Trainers:** 10 - Hamm, Timothy; 7 - Romero, Jose; 8 - Radosevich, Jeffrey; 5 - Faulkner, Rodney; 9 - Wolochuk, David; 1 - Urieta, Johanna; 3 - Poole, Joseph; 2 - Sweeting, Craig; 6 - Radosevich, Jeffrey; 4 - Skerrett, Jeffrey

**Owners:** 10 - Winblaze LLC; 7 -Jody R. Waite; 8 - Samuel Klein, Jr. LLC; 5 - R and P Racing Stables LLC; 9 - Fairwinds Farm; 1 - Urieta Racing Stable and Quinteros, Delia; 3 - Dolce Vita Farm; 2 -Jill Sweeting; 6 - Spicer, Richard and Spittler, D. William; 4 -Danielle Agnello;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

MERGER stalked the pace into the stretch, responded with a burst of speed under left handed urging through the final stages and was along in time. GHOST OF LONDYN was fractious in the gate, bumped at the start, settled close up, rallied three wide through the turn to make the lead at the top of the stretch, shook clear before the furlong marker then couldn't handle the late charge of the winner. MISTER ZAZU set the pace along the inside to the top of the stretch then was outfinished. SEEKING FREEDOM pressed the early pace along the inside and weakened on the turn. AKIMBO stumbled at the start, was allowed to settle, swung wide and passed tiring rivals six wide. VERNON'S BEST had brief speed. SO CO MANHATTAN bumped at the start, was always outrun and returned bleeding from the nostrils. SILENT DRILL bumped at the start, checked behind horses leaving the chute then was never involved. AQUAVIT bumped at the start and was no threat. HIDDEN HEART was through early.