

THISTLE DOWN - August 14, 2025 - Race 1

STAKES Best of Ohio Honey Jay S. - Thoroughbred
FOR THREE-YEAR-OLDS AND UPWARD, REGISTERED OHIO FOALS (WHICH REFLECTS \$35,000 FROM THE OHIO THOROUGHBRED FUND). Foaled in the State of Ohio as per requirements set forth by the Ohio State Racing Commission. Nomination fee of \$50. \$350 to enter with an additional \$650 to start, with a purse of \$100,000, of which 60% to winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 5% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 2% to sixth. Weights: Three-Year-Olds 119 lbs. Older 123. Non-Winners of \$30,000 Twice in 2025 allowed 2 lbs. Two races other than Maiden, Claiming, Optional or Starter in 2025 allowed 4 lbs. A race other Maiden, Claiming, Optional or Starter in 2025 allowed 6 lbs. Nominations Close Wednesday, July 30th, 2025. Starters to be named through the entry box Thursday August 7th, 2025. A Trophy will be presented to the Winning Owner, Trainer, and Jockey. This stake will not split. In the event more than fourteen (14) horses pass the entry box at the time of closing of entries, preference will be given to those horses having accumulated the highest 2024-2025 earnings as published by Equibase. Fees to be refunded to excluded horses. (S)

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

Purse: \$100,000 Added

Available Money: \$100,000

Value of Race: \$100,000 1st \$60,000, 2nd \$20,000, 3rd \$10,000, 4th \$5,000, 5th \$3,000, 6th \$2,000

Weather: Clear, 83° Track: Fast

Off at: 12:55 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 |
|---------------------------------------|-----|--|-----|-----|----|-------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------|------------------------|
| 6Jun25 ⁶ BTP ¹ | 6 | Silent Rule (Tapara, Brandon) | 118 | -- | 6 | 3 | 4 ¹ | 3 ¹ | 1 ¹ Head | 1 ² 3/4 | 0.80* | bobbled,rally6w,clear |
| 28Jul25 ⁷ PID ⁵ | 5 | Diamond Dust (Montanez, Rosario) | 117 | b | 5 | 2 | 2 ¹ Head | 1 ¹ Head | 2 ¹ /2 | 2 ¹ Head | 17.10 | pressed, led,no match |
| 6Jun25 ⁷ BTP ⁴ | 2 | Stage Name (Diaz, Angel) | 119 | f | 2 | 8 | 8 ¹ | 8 ¹ | 3 ¹ Head | 3 ¹ 1/2 | 8.80 | best stride late 5path |
| 18Jul25 ⁶ BTP ¹ | 4 | Empire's Fire (Bracho, Jose) | 121 | f | 4 | 9 | 7 ¹ /2 | 6 ¹ Head | 4 ¹ 1/2 | 4 ¹ 3/4 | 5.30 | bid 7w,check near wire |
| 16Jul25 ⁷ TDN ¹ | 8 | Excitement (Bowen, Rocco) | 119 | bf | 8 | 5 | 9 | 9 | 6 ¹ Head | 5 ¹ 3/4 | 7.80 | wide trip, improved |
| 30Jun25 ⁷ TDN ⁷ | 7 | Scrimper (Rivera, Luis) | 117 | -- | 7 | 4 | 6 ² | 7 ¹ Head | 5 ¹ /2 | 6 ¹ 3/4 | 51.80 | failed to menace |
| 16Jun25 ⁵ TDN ² | 9 | It's Official (Barbaran, Erik) | 117 | bf | 9 | 1 | 5 ¹ Head | 4 ¹ /2 | 7 ¹ /2 | 7 ³ 3/4 | 27.70 | mid move 4w, empty |
| 21Jun25 ⁹ TDN ⁴ | 3 | Boots Malone (Salazar Becerra, Fernando) | 117 | b | 3 | 7 | 1 ¹ Head | 2 ¹ 1/2 | 8 ¹ Head | 8 ² 1/4 | 6.80 | early pace,gave way |
| 30Jun25 ⁷ TDN ² | 1 | Ruffin (Aviles, Yan) | 117 | -- | 1 | 6 | 3 ¹ 1/2 | 5 ¹ Head | 9 | 9 | 15.80 | vied inside, thru half |

Fractional Times: 22.17 45.33 57.80

Final Time: 1:10.25

Split Times: (23:16) (12:47) (12:45)

Run-Up: 30 feet

Winner: Silent Rule, Bay Filly, by Street Boss out of Modern Lady, by Candy Ride (ARG). Foaled Jan 16, 2021 in Ohio.

Breeder: T/C Stable, LLC

Owner: John Hostel

Trainer: Bernardini, Jay

Total WPS Pool: \$52,043

| Pgm | Horse | Win | Place | Show | Wager Type | Winning Numbers | Payoff | Pool |
|-----|--------------|------|-------|------|-------------------|-----------------|--------|--------|
| 6 | Silent Rule | 3.60 | 3.00 | 2.20 | \$1.00 Exacta | 6-5 | 18.90 | 52,669 |
| 5 | Diamond Dust | | 9.20 | 5.80 | \$0.50 Trifecta | 6-5-2 | 53.00 | 30,788 |
| 2 | Stage Name | | | 4.00 | \$0.20 Superfecta | 6-5-2-4 | 56.00 | 20,688 |

Past Performance Running Line Preview

| Pgm | Horse Name | Start | 1/4 | 1/2 | Str | Fin |
|-----|---------------|-------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 6 | Silent Rule | 3 | 4 ¹ 3/4 | 3 ¹ 1/2 | 1 ¹ Head | 1 ² 3/4 |
| 5 | Diamond Dust | 2 | 2 ¹ Head | 1 ¹ Head | 2 ¹ Head | 2 ² 3/4 |
| 2 | Stage Name | 8 | 8 ⁵ 1/4 | 8 ³ 1/2 | 3 ¹ /2 | 3 ² 3/4 |
| 4 | Empire's Fire | 9 | 7 ⁴ 3/4 | 6 ³ 1/4 | 4 ³ /4 | 4 ⁴ 1/4 |
| 8 | Excitement | 5 | 9 ⁶ 1/4 | 9 ⁴ 1/2 | 6 ² 3/4 | 5 ⁶ |
| 7 | Scrimper | 4 | 6 ² 3/4 | 7 ³ 1/4 | 5 ² 1/4 | 6 ⁷ 3/4 |
| 9 | It's Official | 1 | 5 ² 3/4 | 4 ² 1/2 | 7 ² 3/4 | 7 ⁹ 1/2 |
| 3 | Boots Malone | 7 | 1 ¹ Head | 2 ¹ Head | 8 ³ 1/4 | 8 ¹³ 1/4 |
| 1 | Ruffin | 6 | 3 ¹ Head | 5 ³ | 9 ³ 1/2 | 9 ¹⁵ 1/2 |

Trainers: 6 - Bernardini, Jay; 5 - Davis, Scooter; 2 - Hamm, Timothy; 4 - Radosevich, Jeffrey; 8 - Hamm, Timothy; 7 - Zielinski, Richard; 9 - Juarez, Lorenzo; 3 - Gorham, Robert; 1 - Waltz, Brian

Owners: 6 -John Hostel; 5 - Samuel Klein, Jr. LLC; 2 - Blazing Meadows Farm LLC and America's Thoroughbred Investors; 4 -Douglas J. Diemer; 8 - Blazing Meadows Farm LLC and America's Thoroughbred Investors; 7 -Ronald Zielinski; 9 - LMJ Racing; 3 - Mast Thoroughbreds LLC; 1 - Charlie J. Williams LLC;

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SILENT RULE bobbled at the start, settled in a stalking position four wide, rallied six wide in upper stretch to make the lead before the furlong marker and drew clear under right handed urging. DIAMOND DUST pressed the pace two wide, made the lead nearing the turn, set the pace into the stretch, drifted out late and was no match for the winner. STAGE NAME unhurried early, found his best stride late in the five path. EMPIRE'S FIRE never far back, offered a mild bid seven wide in upper stretch then checked outside the drifting DIAMOND DUST nearing the wire. EXCITEMENT trailed while widest throughout and improved position late in the middle of the racetrack. SCRIMPER failed to menace. IT'S OFFICIAL moved up four wide on the turn then came up empty. BOOTS MALONE was hustled along, set a pressured pace along the inside down the backstretch, had speed into the stretch then gave way. RUFFIN vied for the early lead along the inside and was through after a half.