FOURTH RACE

Churchill

SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

1 1/16 MILES. (1.40[3]) CLAIMING. Purse $71,000 (includes $8,400 KTDF – Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Non–winners Of A Race At A Mile Or Over Since August 16 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price $32,000 (Races Where Entered For $25,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances).

Value of Race: $67,076 Winner $40,096; second $14,200; third $7,100; fourth $3,550; fifth $2,130. Mutuel Pool $83,649.00 Exacta Pool $52,149.00 Trifecta Pool $28,722.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	¾	Str	Fin	Jockey	Cl'g Pr	Odds $1
18Jly26 [4]ElP[6]	Dai Vernon	L bf	6	122	2	3	5	4[hd]	5	4½	12¾	Saez L	32000	3.74
26Jly26 [3]ElP[5]	Smoken Boy	L	4	122	4	1	2[1]	2½	2[1]	1½	2¾	Emigh C A	32000	18.39
26Jly26 [5]Cnl[4]	Bestfriend Rocket	L b	4	122	1	2	3½	3½	4[1]	3[1]	3[1]	Morales E	32000	3.61
1Mar25 [10]SA[5]	J B Strikes Back	L b	5	122	5	5	1 1½	1[1]	1[hd]	2½	4 2¼	Machado L	32000	2.41
17Jun26 [9]CD[10]	California Burrito	L	4	122	3	4	4[1]	5	3[hd]	5	5	Torres C A	32000	1.27

OFF AT 2:14 Start Good. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME: :24[1], :48[3], 1:13, 1:37[4], 1:44[1] (:24.26, :48.66, 1:13.09, 1:37.98, 1:44.23)

$2 Mutuel Prices:

3 – DAI VERNON	**9.48**	**4.96**	**3.68**
6 – SMOKEN BOY		**10.28**	**3.70**
1 – BESTFRIEND ROCKET			**2.44**

$2 EXACTA 3–6 PAID $98.84 50 CENT TRIFECTA 3–6–1 PAID $68.22

Ch. g, (Jan), by Good Magic – Charladora, by Scat Daddy. Trainer David Carlos A. Bred by Don Alberto Corporation (Ky).

DAI VERNON reserved in the early going, advanced between foes up the back stretch run, rallied while four wide in the stretch and responded to steady pressure to prevail. SMOKEN BOY led early, remained in contention around the far turn, went clear at the eighth pole but was caught inside of the sixteenth pole. BESTFRIEND ROCKET saved ground, waited for a seam on the far turn, was angled in back in to take aim and offered a bid. J B STRIKES BACK gained the lead around the first turn, led clearly into the far turn, was headed turning for home and gave way. CALIFORNIA BURRITO settled while three wide, lodged a brief bid on the far turn, went four wide into the stretch and came up empty.

Owners– 1, Sargent Michele and Sargent Lawrence E; 2, Sommers Wayne; 3, Peerenboom Craig; 4, Purple Rein Racing (Buss); 5, Haberman Aaron and Haberman Victoria

Trainers– 1, David Carlos A; 2, Vanden Berg Brittany A; 3, Blair Jordan; 4, O'Neill Doug; 5, Drury Thomas Jr

Bestfriend Rocket was claimed by Botner Patrick K; trainer, Sims Matthew P,

J B Strikes Back was claimed by Bald Chew Racing LLC; trainer, Moquett Ronald E.

Scratched– Real Fast (26Jul26 [8]ElP[9]), Curlin's Malibu (22Aug26 [5]Cnl[7])

$1 Daily Double (3–3) Paid $12.18; Daily Double Pool $19,904.

50 CENT Pick Three (5–3–3) Paid $29.01; Pick Three Pool $20,196.

50 CENT Consolation Pick 3 (5–7–3) Paid $8.59.