SECOND RACE

Churchill

SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

6 FURLONGS. (1.07[2]) STARTER ALLOWANCE. Purse $76,000 (includes $8,900 KTDF – Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF $20,000 OR LESS IN 2025 – 2026. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Non–winners Of A Race Since August 26 Allowed 2 lbs. (Races Where Entered For $20,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances).

Value of Race: $70,016 Winner $42,916; second $13,420; third $7,600; fourth $3,800; fifth $2,280. Mutuel Pool $202,459.00 Exacta Pool $125,421.00 Trifecta Pool $53,432.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds $1
12Jly26 [8]EIP[2]	Defending Albert	L b	4	121	2	1	2½	2[1]	1½	1½	Arrieta F	3.47
22Aug26 [4]EIP[4]	Margin of Air	L b	7	121	5	4	5	5	5	2nk	Ortiz J L	7.63
22Aug26 [7]Cnl[4]	Cool Cowboy	L bf	4	121	3	5	3[2]	3[1]½	3½	3nk	Saez L	8.00
19Aug26 [4]Sar[7]	Gardiner	L b	4	121	1	3	1½	1hd	2[1]½	4¾	Gaffalione T	4.68
16Aug26 [8]EIP[1]	Show Time	L	7	121	4	2	4[1]	4[2]	4[1]	5	Bejarano R	0.70

OFF AT 1:17 Start Good. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME : 22[3], :45[3], :57[2], 1:09[4] (:22.70, :45.70, :57.49, 1:09.90)

$2 Mutuel Prices:

2 – DEFENDING ALBERT	**8.94**	**5.08**	**5.64**
6 – MARGIN OF AIR		**5.98**	**5.00**
4 – COOL COWBOY			**6.28**

$2 EXACTA 2–6 PAID $51.94 50 CENT TRIFECTA 2–6–4 PAID $64.60

Gr/ro. g, (May), by Practical Joke – Jetbird, by Wildcat Heir. Trainer Watkins James M. Bred by Burton Johnson (Ky).

DEFENDING ALBERT vied two wide and between horses into and around the turn, dueled with his inner counterpart while floating to the three to four path in upper stretch, forged an advantage leaving the three sixteenths pole then drifted out subtly while driving clear. MARGIN OF AIR trailed along the inside before shifting out to the four path into the turn, fanned out to the six then seven path in upper stretch then rallied with a late gain to reach place in the closing stages. COOL COWBOY prompted outside of the top pair, failed to sustain pressure while being floated to the four path entering the lane, shifted inwardly while sustaining pursuit in the final furlong, issued a rebid for place but got outkicked. GARDINER led narrowly inside of an outer pair into and around the turn, dueled with his most immediate counterpart whlie moving off of the inside in upper stretch, got headed passing the three sixteenths pole then yielded between horses in the final furlong. SHOW TIME tracked from the two path, chased in the five to six path in upper stretch and lacked a bid.

Owners– 1, Schroer Cathy and Schroer Paul; 2, Roman Lawrence P; 3, Dark Knight Racing; 4, Stable 323; 5, Jacobson David

Trainers– 1, Watkins James M; 2, Jacobson David; 3, Simms Mark Jr; 4, Sharp Joe; 5, Jacobson David

Scratched– Coach Cronin (31Jul26 [7]Sar[7]), Shadow Coast (22Aug26 [2]EIP[3])

$1 Daily Double (3–2) Paid $23.92; Daily Double Pool $75,801.
$1 Consolation Daily Double (3–3) Paid $4.82.