FIRST RACE

Ellis Park

JULY 31, 2026

1 MILE. (1.34[1]) CLAIMING . Purse $27,500 (includes $5,500 KTDF – Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs. Non–winners Of A Race At A Mile Or Over Since May 31 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price $10,000. (Clear. 75.)

Value of Race: $27,500 Winner $16,449; second $5,342; third $2,671; fourth $1,335; fifth $801; sixth $301; seventh $301; eighth $300. Mutuel Pool $81,140.00 Exacta Pool $59,860.00 Trifecta Pool $31,054.00 Superfecta Pool $19,488.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	¾	Str	Fin	Jockey	Cl'g Pr	Odds $1
26Jun26 [1]CD[6]	Just Like Max	L b	3	118	5	3	2hd	3hd	4hd	2 1½	12½	Mendoza A	10000	3.41
25Jun26 [5]CD[8]	Politics	L b	3	111	7	5	5[1]	6[1]	6[2]	4hd	2hd	Meeks M[7]	10000	9.64
12Jly26 [2]EIP[1]	Refined Design	L f	3	120	1	4	4[1]	4[1]	3½	1[1]	3 1½	Saez G	10000	10.66
25Jun26 [5]CD[6]	Hutchinson	L	3	118	4	7	7hd	7½	5hd	3hd	4[5]	Torres J A	10000	3.14
26Jun26 [1]CD[8]	Duke of Suggins	L	3	118	3	1	1[1]	1½	1hd	5 1½	5nk	Corrales G	10000	3.96
9Jun26 [4]FP[4]	Rag Tree	L b	4	123	2	8	8	8	8	6½	6 1¾	Hazlewood Y	10000	35.29
5Jly26 [1]EIP[2]	Romantic Lead	L b	5	123	6	6	6[2]	5hd	7hd	8	7[6]	Machado L	10000	8.22
26Jun26 [1]CD[7]	Vino Dominus	L b	4	123	8	2	3 1½	2[1]	2hd	7 1½	8	Concepcion A	10000	3.40

OFF AT 11:51 Start Poor. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME :24[3], :48[4], 1:13[1], 1:26[1], 1:39[1] (:24.60, :48.85, 1:13.38, 1:26.23, 1:39.30)

$2 Mutuel Prices:

5 – JUST LIKE MAX	**8.82**	**4.96**	**3.56**
7 – POLITICS		**8.18**	**5.22**
1 – REFINED DESIGN			**5.56**

$2 EXACTA 5–7 PAID $59.16 50 CENT TRIFECTA 5–7–1 PAID $107.69 10 CENT SUPERFECTA 5–7–1–4 PAID $76.81

B. g, (Mar), by Maximum Security – Zia Josie , by Tiznow . Trainer Garcia Genaro. Bred by Gary & Mary West Stables Inc (Ky).

JUST LIKE MAX bumped with an outer rival at the start, laid close up along the inside, then two wide turning for home, transferred contact from an inner foe to an outer rival while forced to the five path entering the lane yet rallied to bid at the furlong grounds and drove clear. POLITICS bumped with an inner rival then steadied when put to tight quarters between rivals at the start, pursued from midpack along the inside, encountered traffic leaving the quarter pole, came out and bumped a foe while moving to the four path entering the lane, advanced between rivals into the final furlong, shifted inwardly at the sixteenth pole and edged place late. REFINED DESIGN tracked while moving out to the four path entering the backstretch, progressed to prompt outside of the top pair into the far turn, gained an advantage entering the lane, drove clear briefly before getting collared by an outer rival at the furlong grounds, yielded and lost place late. HUTCHINSON stumbled severely at the start, raced well back in the four path, circled rivals while advancing in the five path around the far turn, got bumped and floated out to the six path entering the lane, flattened out while hanging on his left lead through midstretch, changed over at the sixteenth pole and stayed on mildly. DUKE OF SUGGINS showed the way in the two path, vied with an outer pair around the far turn, leaned out and brushed a rival entering the lane then gave way shortly after. RAG TREE fidgeted as the gates sprung and broke multiple lengths slow, trialed in the two path then failed to factor along the inside. ROMANTIC LEAD bumped with rivals on both sides and steadied hard after being pinched at the start, raced off of the pace in the four to three path and failed to factor. VINO DOMINUS pressed the leader from the three path, vied between rivals around the far turn, took light contact from his inner counterpart entering the lane, became uncomfortable among foes in upper stretch, steadied in tight at the furlong grounds and faltered.

Owners– 1, Southwest Racing Stables Inc and Murphy Bruce; 2, Hayden Thoroughbreds and Jones and Lappe Thoroughbreds LLC; 3, Pelzel Gregory A; 4, Starry Night Racing; 5, AR Racing LLC (Marsh); 6, Finegan Randy; 7, Schickedanz Bruno; 8, JKX Racing

Trainers– 1, Garcia Genaro; 2, Kurtz Shelbi A; 3, Milligan Cameron; 4, Sweezey J Kent; 5, Casse Norm W; 6, Irion Heather; 7, Nickel Felipe; 8, Atras Rob

Refined Design was claimed by Schickedanz Bruno; trainer, Nickel Felipe,

Duke of Suggins was claimed by CDI Thoroughbreds; trainer, Kurtz Shelbi A,

Romantic Lead was claimed by Esquivel Gustavo; trainer, Esquivel Gustavo.