FIRST RACE

Fort Erie

AUGUST 18, 2026

6½ FURLONGS. (1.14[1]) CLAIMING . Purse $24,375 (includes $4,875 Ontario Sired / Bred Breeders Awards) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NOT WON A RACE IN 2026 OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON FOUR RACES. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Claiming Price $6,250, if for $6,000, allowed 2 lbs. (Races Where Entered For $5,000 Or Less Not Considered In Eligibility) (Waiver Claiming Exempt) (Colts And Geldings Preferred) (*Plus Up To $540 Ontario Bred/Ontario Sired Breeders Awards). (Cloudy. 77.)

Value of Race: $17,713 (US $12,766) Winner $9,750 (US $7,027) ; second $4,225 (US $3,045) ; third $1,625 (US $1,171) ; fourth $1,268 (US $914) ; fifth $845 (US $609) . Mutuel Pool $36,543.00 Triactor Pool $8,541.00 Exactor Pool $19,010.00 Superfecta Pool $4,871.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	Str	Fin	Jockey	Cl'g Pr	Odds $1
27Jly26 2FE3	Fairway to Heaven	L b	5	124	1	4	1½	1²	1 1½	1hd	Sanchez A	6250	2.15
27Jly26 2FE2	Blue Max	b	8	122	5	1	3½	2hd	2hd	2 1¼	Johnson K	6000	3.25
20Jly26 2FE6	Heat Merchant	L b	7	122	4	3	5	5	4½	3¾	Mosqueira I E	6000	5.15
3Aug26 2FE3	Where Is Essa	L f	7	122	2	2	2¹	3 1½	3 1½	4 2¼	Crawford J	6000	1.35
11Aug26 1FE4	Happy Quad	L b	6	124	3	5	4¹	4¹	5	5	Jadoo S	6250	12.95

OFF AT 4:35 Start Good. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME : 23[3], :47, 1:11[4], 1:18[3] (:23.68, :47.17, 1:11.95, 1:18.68)

$2 Mutuel Prices:

1 – FAIRWAY TO HEAVEN	**6.30**	**3.90**	**3.00**
5 – BLUE MAX		**4.40**	**3.00**
4 – HEAT MERCHANT			**3.30**

20 CENT TRIACTOR 1–5–4 PAID $7.93 $1 EXACTOR 1–5 PAID $15.05 20 CENT SUPERFECTA 1–5–4–2 PAID $17.85

Dk. b or br. g, (Apr), by Girvin – Absoulute Heaven , by Not For Love . Trainer Cathcart Steven. Bred by Tim Ahearn (Fla).

FAIRWAY TO HEAVEN showed speed from the inside, had a clear lead on the turn and from the three path at the top of the stretch fought gamely for the win. BLUE MAX was in range and had a good position on the turn but from the five path at the top of the stretch just missed. HEAT MERCHANT was in touch, raced evenly on the turn and from the seven path at the top of the stretch finished well. WHERE IS ESSA stalked the early leader and was a factor on the turn but from the four path at the top of the stretch needed more. HAPPY QUAD settled off the pace and was roused on the turn but from the six path at the top of the stretch had no late kick. A CLAIM OF FOUL BY THE RIDER ON WHERE IS ESSA AGAINST FAIRWAY TO HEAVEN FOR ALLEGED INTERFERENCE IN THE STRETCH WAS NOT ALLOWED.

Owners– 1, Cathcart Steven Roberto Joseph I Blair Guy Robert and Blair Dan; 2, Buttigieg Kevin; 3, Colalillo Christopher M; 4, Vetere Jim Green Michael Thomas and Ceccato Sharon; 5, Machesney Cory B

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Fairway to Heaven was claimed by Saieva Pasquale; trainer, Mileni Nick G Jr,

Heat Merchant was claimed by Mathes David J; trainer, Mathes Julie.