

FAIR GROUNDS - January 4, 2024 - Race 9

ALLOWANCE - Thoroughbred

FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON A RACE OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, WAIVER CLAIMING, STARTER OR STATE BRED ALLOWANCE OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Weight, 124 lbs.

Non-winners Of Two Races Since November 4 Allowed 2 lbs. A Race Since Then Allowed 4 lbs. (Races Where Entered For \$30,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances). (If deemed inadvisable by management to run this race over the turf course, it will be run on the main track at 5 and 1/2 Furlongs.). (NW1 X)

About Five And One Half Furlongs On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Hogy - 1:01.56 - February 25, 2017)

Purse: \$53,000

Includes: \$4,000 Other Sources

Plus: \$4,000 ALBSS-Accredited LA Bred Slot Supplement

Available Money: \$57,000

Value of Race: \$53,120 1st \$31,800, 2nd \$10,600, 3rd \$5,830, 4th \$3,180, 5th \$1,710

Weather: Clear **Track:** Good

Off at: 4:51 **Start:** Good for all **Timer:** Electronic

| Last Raced | Pgm | Horse Name (Jockey) | Wgt | M/E | PP | Start | 1/4 | 3/8 | Str | Fin | Odds | Comments |
|--|-----|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|----|-------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------|-------------------------|
| 7Dec23 ⁸ FG ³ | 10 | Gilded Ruler (Hernandez, Jr., Brian) | 120 | L | 9 | 2 | 3 ¹ 1/2 | 3 ¹ /2 | 1 ¹ | 1 ¹ Neck | 1.10* | track ins,bid,led,held |
| 7Dec23 ⁸ FG ² | 9 | Son of a Birch (Torres, Jaime) | 120 | L b | 8 | 5 | 5 ¹ /2 | 4 ^{Head} | 3 ¹ | 2 ³ /4 | 2.70 | 2wbtw,split,bid,denied |
| 7Dec23 ⁸ FG ⁶ | 11 | Western Command (Murrill, Mitchell) | 120 | L | 10 | 4 | 2 ¹ | 2 ² | 2 ¹ /2 | 3 ¹ /2 | 13.40 | stalk 3p,bid 4p,leveled |
| 7Dec23 ⁸ FG ⁷ | 1 | Battle Scars (Loveberry, Jareth) | 120 | L | 1 | 8 | 10 ³ | 10 ² | 7 ¹ | 4 ^{Head} | 6.70 | saved grnd,rail rally |
| 17Dec23 ⁵ FG ⁶ | 3 | Pepper Jack (Nieves, Emanuel) | 117 | L | 3 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 10 ¹ /2 | 5 ¹ /2 | 53.60 | step slw,8p upr,belatd |
| 7Dec23 ⁸ FG ⁸ | 2 | Proud Civilian (Curtis, Ben) | 120 | L b | 2 | 6 | 8 ¹ 1/2 | 8 ¹ /2 | 6 ^{Head} | 6 ¹ /2 | 23.40 | ins,3p1/4,ran on btwn |
| 28Oct23 ⁵ KEE ¹¹ | 4 | Fleet of Hoof (Wellington, Kylie) | 115 | L b | 4 | 3 | 4 ^{Head} | 6 ¹ 1/2 | 5 ¹ /2 | 7 ¹ | 74.60 | ins,2p upr,no bid btwn |
| 7Dec23 ⁸ FG ⁴ | 6 | Simple Logic (Graham, James) | 120 | L b | 5 | 9 | 9 ¹ 1/2 | 9 ² | 9 ^{Head} | 8 ^{Head} | 10.00 | step slow,4p,7pbtw upr |
| 7Dec23 ⁸ FG ⁹ | 7 | Mesa Spirit (Lanerie, Corey) | 120 | L b | 6 | 10 | 6 ¹ 1/2 | 5 ¹ /2 | 4 ^{Head} | 9 ² | 14.00 | 3w,5p upr,gave way |
| 13Aug23 ¹¹ WO ⁸ | 8 | Musical Spell (McMahon, C.J.) | 120 | L b | 7 | 7 | 7 ^{Head} | 7 ^{Head} | 11 | 10 ³ 3/4 | 67.30 | 3p,6p upr,no impact |
| 1Sep23 ⁷ CNL ⁷ | 12 | King of Song (Rodriguez, Jose) | 120 | L b | 11 | 1 | 1 ² | 1 ² | 8 ^{Head} | 11 | 54.10 | clear 2p,wknd btw 3/16 |

Fractional Times: 22.18 46.80 58.61

Final Time: 1:04.82

Split Times: (24:62) (11:81) (6:21)

Run-Up: 17 feet **Temporary Rail:** 18 feet

Winner: Gilded Ruler, Bay Gelding, by [Into Mischief](#) out of Golden Cropper (AUS), by More Than Ready. Foaled Feb 09, 2019 in Kentucky.

Winner's sire standing at Spendthrift Farm

Breeder: Mt Brilliant Farm & Ranch, LLC

Owner: Highlander Training Center

Trainer: Sharp, Joe

Scratched Horse(s): Bench (Also-Eligible), Blackteca (Main-Track-Only), Trust Daddy (Trainer)

Total WPS Pool: \$161,398

| Pgm | Horse | Win | Place | Show | Wager Type | Winning Numbers | Payoff | Pool |
|-----|-----------------|------|-------|------|---------------------|---------------------|--------|---------|
| 10 | Gilded Ruler | 4.20 | 3.00 | 2.60 | \$1.00 Exacta | 10-9 | 7.70 | 133,265 |
| 9 | Son of a Birch | | 3.40 | 2.60 | \$0.50 Trifecta | 10-9-11 | 19.90 | 74,539 |
| 11 | Western Command | | | 5.20 | \$0.50 Pick 3 | 11-3-10 (3 correct) | 742.80 | 26,750 |
| | | | | | \$0.10 Superfecta | 10-9-11-1 | 19.15 | 60,452 |
| | | | | | \$1.00 Daily Double | 3-10 | 30.00 | 20,938 |

Past Performance Running Line Preview

| Pgm | Horse Name | Start | 1/4 | 3/8 | Str | Fin |
|-----|-----------------|-------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 10 | Gilded Ruler | 2 | 3 ³ | 3 ⁴ | 1 ¹ | 1 ¹ Neck |
| 9 | Son of a Birch | 5 | 5 ⁴ 1/2 | 4 ⁴ 1/2 | 3 ¹ 1/2 | 2 ^{Neck} |
| 11 | Western Command | 4 | 2 ² | 2 ² | 2 ¹ | 3 ¹ |
| 1 | Battle Scars | 8 | 10 ⁹ 3/4 | 10 ⁹ 1/4 | 7 ³ 1/4 | 4 ¹ 1/2 |
| 3 | Pepper Jack | 11 | 11 ¹² 3/4 | 11 ¹¹ 1/4 | 10 ⁴ 1/2 | 5 ¹ 1/2 |
| 2 | Proud Civilian | 6 | 8 ⁶ 3/4 | 8 ⁶ 3/4 | 6 ³ | 6 ² |
| 4 | Fleet of Hoof | 3 | 4 ⁴ 1/2 | 6 ⁵ | 5 ² 1/2 | 7 ² 1/2 |
| 6 | Simple Logic | 9 | 9 ⁸ 1/4 | 9 ⁷ 1/4 | 9 ⁴ 1/4 | 8 ³ 1/2 |
| 7 | Mesa Spirit | 10 | 6 ⁵ | 5 ⁴ 1/2 | 4 ² 1/2 | 9 ³ 3/4 |
| 8 | Musical Spell | 7 | 7 ⁶ 1/2 | 7 ⁶ 1/2 | 11 ⁵ | 10 ⁵ 3/4 |
| 12 | King of Song | 1 | 1 ² | 1 ² | 8 ⁴ 1/4 | 11 ⁹ 1/2 |

Trainers: 10 - Sharp, Joe; 9 - Morley, Thomas; 11 - Foley, Gregory; 1 - Block, Chris; 3 - Govea, Cesar; 2 - Brinkman, Brett; 4 - Tracy, Tanner; 6 - Block, Chris; 7 - Ducoing, Sturges; 8 - Flint, Steven; 12 - Brinkman, Brett

Owners: 10 - Highlander Training Center; 9 - Santa Rey Stable and Morley, Thomas; 11 - West Point Thoroughbreds, Stephens, Terry L. and Stable 71; 1 - Team Block and Rich Ege; 3 - L and G Racing Stables; 2 - Sugarland Thoroughbreds LLC; 4 -Rick L. Olson; 6 -Richard Perkins; 7 -Sturges J. Ducoing; 8 - CamHaven Farms; 12 - Pegasus Stud LLC;

Footnotes

GILDED RULER brushed with an outer rival at the start, tracked along the inside, bid up a vacated rail in upper stretch, inched away entering the final furlong and held from an outer bidder in the closing stages. SON OF A BIRCH pursued from midpack two wide and between horses, aimed between the pace-setters from the three path in upper stretch, split foes in the final furlong, closed in on the leader to offer a late bid but was denied. WESTERN COMMAND brushed with an inner foe leaving the gates, stalked outside of the clear leader and from the three path around the turn, ranged up to bid in the four path in upper stretch, but was outkicked by a rail-bidder in the process, leveled off and held show late. BATTLE SCARS saved ground well back, then sustained a rail rally to miss reaching show. PEPPER JACK broke a step slow, trailed in the two path, swung to the eight path entering upper stretch and stayed on belatedly to miss reaching fourth. PROUD CIVILIAN laid off of the pace along the inside, shifted to the three path entering the lane and ran on among rivals. FLEET OF HOOF pursued along the inside then lacked a bid between horses. SIMPLE LOGIC broke a step slow, lacked speed in the four path, floated to the seven path entering upper stretch and lacked a rally between horses. MESA SPIRIT broke half a beat slow, pursued from midpack three

wide, shifted to the five path entering the lane and gave way. MUSICAL SPELL settled off of the pace in the three path, shifted to the six path into upper stretch and made little impact. KING OF SONG sped clear, showed the way in the two path around the turn then weakened between bidders at the three sixteenths pole.

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