

WOODBINE - November 8, 2025 - Race 9

STAKES Bessarabian S. Grade 3 - Thoroughbred

FOR FILLIES AND MARES, THREE-YEAR-OLDS AND UPWARD. By subscription of \$150 each, which shall accompany the nomination and an additional \$750 when making entry, and an additional \$750 to start. The purse to be divided: 60% to the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 5% to fourth, 2% to fifth, 1% to sixth, 1% to seventh, 1% to eighth. Weight: Three-Year-Olds 123 lbs.; Older 125 lbs. Non-winners of a sweepstakes of \$55,000 twice in 2025, allowed 2 lbs.; Of a sweepstakes of \$55,000 once in 2025, allowed 3 lbs.; Of a race other than maiden, claiming or restricted allowance in 2025 allowed, 4 lbs (No Canadian Bred Allowance.) Final entries to be made through the entry box at the closing time then in effect for overnight events. A supplemental nomination may be made no later than the time of final entry, by a non-refundable entry fee of \$2,250 and an additional \$750 to start. (Closed with 28 Nominations, 1 Supplement) *Plus up to \$29,700 Ontario Sired/Ontario Bred Breeder Awards. *ALL HORSES WILL BE SUBJECT TO ALCOHOL AND GAMING COMMISSION OF ONTARIO OUT OF COMPETITION TESTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 39 OF THE RULES OF THOROUGHBRED RACING.

Distance: Seven Furlongs On The All Weather Track **Current Track Record:** (Hollywood Hit - 1:20.07 - May 9, 2010)

All money values represented in Canadian currency unless noted otherwise

Purse: \$150,000 Guaranteed

Plus: \$3,000 Starters Bonus

Plus: \$30,000 State Bred

Available Money: \$183,000

Value of Race: \$159,300 (US\$113,408) 1st \$90,000 (US\$64,072) , 2nd \$36,000 (US\$25,629) , 3rd \$15,000 (US\$10,679) , 4th \$7,500 (US\$5,339) , 5th \$3,000 (US\$2,136) , 6th \$1,500 (US\$1,068) , 7th \$1,500 (US\$1,068) , 8th \$1,800 (US\$1,281) , 9th \$500 (US\$356) , 10th \$500 (US\$356) , 11th \$500 (US\$356) , 12th \$500 (US\$356) , 13th \$500 (US\$356) , 14th \$500 (US\$356)

Weather: Clear, 5° C **Track:** Fast

Off at: 5:13 **Start:** Good for all except 3,4 **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
12Oct25 ⁷ KEE ³	8	Pondering (Cannon, Declan)	121	L b	8	2	3 ^{1/2}	4 ^{Head}	3 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{3/4}	12.95	5Wstr,powered past
4Oct25 ⁸ WO ²	12	Caitlinhergrtness (Wilson, Emma-Jayne)	125	L	12	4	4 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	2 ¹	2.10*	could not hold last70y
11Oct25 ¹⁰ BAQ ¹	1	Love Cervere (Civaci, Sahin)	123	L	1	14	14	14	9 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	4.60	8Wstr,storm home,up3rd
11Oct25 ¹⁰ WO ⁶	5	Uphill Dance (Campos, Jose)	122	L b	5	9	10 ¹	9 ^{1/2}	7 ^{1/2}	4 ^{3/4}	95.75	7Wstr,kept on coming
11Oct25 ⁹ WO ¹	10	Shotgun Wedding (Nicholls, Keveh)	121	L b	10	5	7 ^{Head}	6 ^{Head}	4 ^{Head}	5 ^{1/2}	31.30	needed more last16th
10Sep25 ³ KD ³	3	Serene Seraph (IRE) (Forde, Xarel)	122	L	3	12	9 ^{1/2}	7 ^{1 1/2}	8 ^{Head}	6 ¹	23.40	brk out,resurged 1/8
19Sep25 ⁹ PID ³	4	Tricky Temper (Flores, Eswan)	122	L	4	8	8 ^{1/2}	10 ^{1/2}	10 ²	7 ^{1/2}	11.35	brsh st,steadied 3/8th
19Sep25 ⁹ PID ⁸	13	Stormcast (Husbands, Patrick)	121	L	13	1	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	2 ¹	8 ^{Head}	4.35	duel ins3/16,wilted16
20Oct25 ⁶ FE ¹	7	Bolt Enoree (Gaskin, Da-Sean)	122	L	7	7	6 ^{Head}	8 ^{1/2}	5 ¹	9 ²	118.50	chance rail3/16,evenly
11Oct25 ¹⁰ WO ⁵	9	A Little Frisky (Aebly, Fraser)	122	L	9	3	5 ¹	5 ^{1/2}	6 ^{Head}	10 ¹	60.40	lost path3/16,yield16
11Oct25 ¹⁰ WO ⁴	11	Golden Canary (Munger, Ryan)	122	L	11	10	13 ^{1 1/2}	12 ^{Head}	13 ²	11 ^{2 1/4}	43.40	brk out,force out6W1/4
4Oct25 ⁸ WO ⁵	6	Mo Fox Givin (Moran, Pietro)	122	L	6	11	12 ^{1/2}	13 ^{1 1/2}	12 ^{1/2}	12 ^{Head}	27.80	5Wstr,showed little
11Oct25 ¹⁰ WO ¹	2	Les Reys (FR) (Hernandez, Rafael)	123	L	2	13	11 ²	11 ¹	11 ^{1/2}	13 ^{7 1/4}	4.95	2Pmild run5/16ths
27Sep25 ¹⁰ WO ⁵	15	Dolce Sopresa (Fukumoto, Daisuke)	121	L	14	6	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	14	14	128.80	backed away thru turn

Fractional Times: 22.76 45.83 1:10.53 **Final Time:** 1:23.34

Split Times: (23:07) (24:70) (12:81)

Run-Up: 40 feet

Winner: Pondering, Bay Filly, by Hard Spun out of Always Thinking, by Street Sense. Foaled Mar 10, 2022 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Godolphin

Owner: Godolphin, LLC

Trainer: Walsh, Brendan

Scratched Horse(s): Ellen Jay (Stewards), Girl of My Dreams (Stewards)

Total WPS Pool: \$465,873

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
8	Pondering	27.90	9.00	7.40	\$0.20 Pick 3	7-8-8 (3 correct)	169.41	21,797
12	Caitlinhergrtness		3.80	2.80	\$0.20 Superfecta	8-12-1-5	1,268.76	158,516
1	Love Cervere			4.10	\$1.00 Daily Double	8-8	136.90	23,104
					\$1.00 Exacta	8-12	69.80	359,418
					\$1.00 Omni/Swinger	1-12	3.65	1,831
					\$1.00 Omni/Swinger	1-8	10.00	0
					\$1.00 Omni/Swinger	8-12	11.05	0
					\$0.20 Trifecta	8-12-1	69.00	227,877

Past Performance Running Line Preview


Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
8	Pondering	2	3 ¹	4 ²	3 ¹	1 ^{3/4}
12	Caitlinhergrtness	4	4 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{3/4}
1	Love Cervere	14	14 ^{9 1/4}	14 ^{8 1/2}	9 ^{4 1/2}	3 ^{1 3/4}
5	Uphill Dance	9	10 ^{4 1/4}	9 ^{4 3/4}	7 ^{3 3/4}	4 ^{1 3/4}
10	Shotgun Wedding	5	7 ³	6 ^{2 3/4}	4 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{2 1/2}
3	Serene Seraph (IRE)	12	9 ^{3 3/4}	7 ^{2 3/4}	8 ^{4 1/4}	6 ³
4	Tricky Temper	8	8 ^{3 1/4}	10 ^{5 1/4}	10 ^{4 1/2}	7 ⁴
13	Stormcast	1	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	8 ^{4 1/2}
7	Bolt Enoree	7	6 ³	8 ^{4 1/4}	5 ^{2 3/4}	9 ^{4 3/4}
9	A Little Frisky	3	5 ²	5 ^{2 1/4}	6 ^{3 3/4}	10 ^{6 3/4}
11	Golden Canary	10	13 ^{7 3/4}	12 ^{6 3/4}	13 ^{7 1/2}	11 ^{7 3/4}
6	Mo Fox Givin	11	12 ^{7 1/4}	13 ⁷	12 ⁷	12 ¹⁰
2	Les Reys (FR)	13	11 ^{5 1/4}	11 ^{5 3/4}	11 ^{6 1/2}	13 ¹⁰
15	Dolce Sopresa	6	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	14 ^{9 1/2}	14 ^{17 1/4}

Trainers: 8 - Walsh, Brendan; 12 - Attard, Kevin; 1 - Clement, Miguel; 5 - Halden, Rachel; 10 - Begg, James; 3 - Mott, William; 4 - Englehart, Jeremiah; 13 - Casse, Mark; 7 - Chircop, Steven; 9 - Carroll, Josie; 11 - Casse, Mark; 6 - Casse, Mark; 2 - Clement, Miguel; 15 - Carroll, Josie

Owners: 8 - Godolphin, LLC; 12 - WinStar Farm LLC; 1 - Seltzer, Edward A., Anderson, Beverly and Reeves Thoroughbred Racing; 5 - Barber, Gary, Cheyenne Stable LLC and Wachtel Stable; 10 - Windways Farm, Begg Racing and Upland Flats Racing; 3 - Wathnan Racing; 4 - Mark H. Stanley; 13 - Lighthouse Racing; 7 - Zilli Racing Stables; 9 - Mark Dodson; 11 - Barber, Gary and Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners; 6 - Gary Barber; 2 - West Point Thoroughbreds, Leidel, Peter and Winters Equine LLC; 15 - Di Scola Boys Stable;

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PONDERING was hard held having an ideal trip watching the contesting pair on the fence down the backside, remained on the rail tracking the now embattled trio at the three furlong pole waiting to pounce, was nudged on at the quarter pole starting to lengthen stride, angled out to the five path in full flight in upper stretch, powered past rivals at the sixteenth pole and edged clear for the win when crossing the finish line. CAITLINHERGRTNESS pulled the rider along the backside while three deep watching the engaged duo at the half, moved in three wide at the three furlong marker, edged away to a clear advantage with a quarter mile still to run, battled in the four path between foes at the top of the lane, poked her head in front with a furlong to the wire but could not fend off the winners late charge on the outside in the final seventy yards. LOVE CERVERE was unhurried at the rear down the backstretch, started to get into gear splitting rivals five wide at the quarter pole with a sharp turn of foot, swung out widest in the eight path full of run but having much to do at the top of the stretch and stormed home outside foes to get up for the third place share in the final few jumps closing the fast at the finish line. UPHILL DANCE travelled four deep ahead of a few rivals down the back straightaway, edged up around runners going three to four wide at the midpoint of the turn, angled out in the seven path in upper stretch, kept on coming to the end and just missed dueling inside for the show award at the finish line. SHOTGUN WEDDING travelled four deep in mid-division at the half, had a good move circling around foes four wide at the three-furlong pole, continued the rally through the turn to be in with a shot six wide in upper stretch, ran on willingly to the furlong pole but needed more late when relinquishing the third spot inside of a couple of rivals in deep stretch. SERENE SERAPH (IRE) broke out on the start, settled in a clustered midfield having the two path down the backside, made a brief rally three wide between foes at the five sixteenths pole, dropped back at the quarter marker and stubbornly resurged four wide in the stretch to pass many rivals in the final furlong. TRICKY TEMPER was brushed on the inside at the break, had the rail forwardly placed behind the front group midway down the backside, was steadied in tight on the fence coming up to the three-furlong marker, got back into gear showing grit closing the gap in the stretch run but could not get into contention. STORMCAST was away alertly to dictate terms down the backside, maintained a slim lead on the fence at the three eighths pole, surrendered the top spot to an outside rival at the quarter marker, determinedly dug back two wide inside horses straightening out for the drive dueling up front, could not offer a finish in the late going and wilted between foes in the last sixteenth of a mile. BOLT ENOREE settled in mid-pack in the two path between rivals down the backstretch, kept pace taking the shortest way around the oval, skimmed the fence fighting inside for a piece of the prize at the top of the lane but evened out at the sixteenth pole. A LITTLE FRISKY kept tabs on the front quartet with rivals on either side down the back straight, took closer order three wide between foes at the five sixteenths pole having the eventual winner to her inside around the bend, lost her path having to angle inwards to the three path still in the mix taking the corner, could not find more in the late stages and yielded by the sixteenth pole. GOLDEN CANARY broke outwards on the start, settled close to the back on the outside having one rival beaten down the back straight, held her own four wide early on the turn, was forced out six wide at the quarter pole losing momentum to be at the back at the top of the lane and could only manage to pass tired runners in the stretch run. MO FOX GIVIN stalked inside another ahead of only one runner in the early going, could not keep up to rivals on the turn to be at the rear with a quarter mile from home and showed little in the five path in the stretch drive. LES REYS (FR) was under a tight hold on the fence close to the back of the pack in the beginning, offered a mild run just off the rail midway around the bend, stalled by the quarter pole and had no finish between horses down the lane. DOLCE SOPRESA pressed the pace on the outside in the early stages, moved up to bid between foes up front in the two path at the three furlong pole, could not hold forward position by midturn, backed away through the field around the bend and came up empty four wide in upper stretch and cantered home.

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