

**AIKEN - March 21, 2026 - Race 3**

HANDICAP - Thoroughbred

TO BE RUN OVER NATIONAL FENCES FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH ARE RATED 110 OR LOWER. The highest rated horse will be assigned 158 lbs. with all other weights adjusted accordingly based on the current ratings. Minimum weight 144 lbs., not including apprentice allowances. ( C)

**Distance:** Two And One Eighth Miles On The Hurdle **Current Track Record:** (Boulette (IRE) - 3:42.00 - March 26, 2022)

**Purse:** \$25,000

**Available Money:** \$25,000

**Value of Race:** \$25,000 1st \$15,000, 2nd \$4,500, 3rd \$2,500, 4th \$1,750, 5th \$1,250

**Weather:** Clear, 80° **Track:** Good

**Off at:** 2:24 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Hand

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	1/2	1m	11/2	13/4	Str	Fin	Comments
23Nov25 <sup>3</sup> CAM <sup>6</sup>	3	L'Avvocato (FR) (Dwan, Evan)	157	L b	3	5	5	5	3 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>3</sup>	1 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	drew clear midstretch
25Oct25 <sup>6</sup> GRM <sup>5</sup>	5	The Insider (IRE) (Mulqueen, Stephen)	158	--	5	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>Head</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	overtaken in stretch
22Nov25 <sup>1</sup> AIK <sup>1</sup>	1	Love Shaq (McDermott, Sean)	155	L v	1	2 <sup>7</sup>	2 <sup>9</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	2 <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>Head</sup>	3 <sup>13</sup>	finished well
9Nov25 <sup>5</sup> CHA <sup>2</sup>	2	Cainudothetwist (Watters, Graham)	152	--	2	4 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>3</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup>	4 <sup>2</sup>	4 <sup>2</sup>	4 <sup>4</sup> 1/2	no threat, tired
22Nov25 <sup>6</sup> AIK <sup>5</sup>	4	Gossiper (Procter, Freddie)	158	L	4	3 <sup>1</sup>	4 <sup>1</sup>	4 <sup>1</sup>	5	5	5	no threat, tired

**Final Time:** 3:46.40

**Run-Up:** 0 feet

**Winner:** L'Avvocato (FR), Bay Gelding, by =Frankel (GB) out of =After Dawn (IRE), by =Invincible Spirit (IRE). Foaled Feb 07, 2019 in France.

**Breeder:** Ecurie Des Monceaux & Rifa MustangEurope Ltd

**Owner:** Hard Game LLC

**Trainer:** Neilson, Katherine

**Past Performance Running Line Preview**

Pgm	Horse Name	1/2	1m	11/2	13/4	Str	Fin
3	L'Avvocato (FR)	5 <sup>9</sup> 1/2	5 <sup>14</sup>	5 <sup>5</sup>	3 <sup>2</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>2</sup> 1/2
5	The Insider (IRE)	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>Head</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup> 1/2
1	Love Shaq	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>4</sup>
2	Cainudothetwist	4 <sup>8</sup> 1/2	3 <sup>10</sup>	3 <sup>3</sup>	4 <sup>3</sup>	4 <sup>4</sup>	4 <sup>17</sup>
4	Gossiper	3 <sup>7</sup> 1/2	4 <sup>13</sup>	4 <sup>4</sup>	5 <sup>5</sup>	5 <sup>6</sup>	5 <sup>21</sup> 1/2

**Trainers:** 3 - Neilson, Katherine; 5 - Brion, Keri; 1 - Foley, Barry; 2 - Kingsley, Jr., Archibald; 4 - Kingsley, Jr., Archibald

**Owners:** 3 - Hard Game LLC; 5 - Hudson River Farms and R and K Racing LLC; 1 - Willis, Molly and Willis, Paul; 2 - Atsamy Racing Club; 4 - Newman, Adam, Rice, Thomas and Stainbrook, James;

**Footnotes** | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

L'AVVOCATO (FR) raced held up, rallied at the second last hurdle, drove forward on an inside path approaching the final hurdle, drew clear midstretch driving. THE INSIDER (IRE) sprinted forward at start with LOVE SHAQ for a big lead, then settled, led at the final hurdle, was overtaken mid stretch. LOVE SHAQ sprinted forward at start with THE INSIDER for a big lead, then settled, raced gamely throughout and inished well for third. CAINUDOTHETWIST never threatened, finished tired. GOSSIPER had a wide trip, was no threat and finished tired