

AQUEDUCT - February 15, 2026 - Race 3

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
(UP TO \$7,482 NYSBFOA) FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES OR FOUR YEAR OLDS. Weight, 123 lbs. Claiming Price \$30,000 (1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void). (C) **Claiming Price:** \$30,000
Distance: One Mile On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Easy Goer - 1:32.40 - April 8, 1989)
Purse: \$43,000
Available Money: \$43,000
Value of Race: \$43,000 1st \$23,650, 2nd \$8,600, 3rd \$5,160, 4th \$2,580, 5th \$1,720, 6th \$1,290
Weather: Cloudy, 40° **Track:** Fast
Off at: 2:13 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic



[Video Race Replay](#)

| Last Raced | Pgm | Horse Name (Jockey) | Wgt | M/E | PP | Start | 1/4 | 1/2 | 3/4 | Str | Fin | Odds | Comments |
|---------------------------------------|-----|--|-----|-----|----|-------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|--|-------|------------------------|
| 22Jan26 ³ AQU ³ | 1 | Awesome Empire (Franco, Manuel) | 123 | L b | 1 | 2 | 3 ¹ / ₂ | 3 ^{Head} | 2 ¹ / ₂ | 1 ¹ | 1 ³ | 7.67 | 2p,bid ins3/8,clear |
| 16Jan26 ⁴ AQU ⁴ | 3 | Cocktailsnkringle (Elliott, Christopher) | 123 | L f | 4 | 1 | 1 ¹ / ₂ | 1 ¹ / ₂ | 1 ^{Head} | 2 ² / ₁ / ₂ | 2 ¹ / ₂ | 4.98 | ins turn,headed3/16 |
| 5Feb26 ⁸ AQU ² | 4 | Exploration (Civaci, Sahin) | 123 | L b | 3 | 4 | 5 ¹ / ₂ | 5 ¹ / ₂ | 4 ¹ / ₁ / ₂ | 4 ² | 3 ³ / ₁ / ₄ | 1.80* | 3-4p turn,5p into lane |
| 7Jan26 ⁸ PRX ⁴ | 6 | Brave Blend (Gonzalez, Melvis) | 123 | L b | 6 | 3 | 2 ¹ | 2 ¹ | 3 ² / ₁ / ₂ | 3 ¹ | 4 ¹ | 17.27 | out,3p trn,4p1/4,empty |
| 27Dec25 ⁶ AQU ³ | 2 | Golden Plate (Carmouche, Kendrick) | 123 | L | 2 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 5 ³ / ₁ / ₂ | 5 ⁵ | 5 ⁸ / ₃ / ₄ | 2.83 | ins trn,2p out1/4,3p |
| 26Dec25 ³ AQU ⁷ | 5 | Military Road (Rodriguez, Jaime) | 123 | L b | 5 | 6 | 4 ¹ | 4 ¹ | 6 | 6 | 6 | 3.22 | 4path turn, retreated |

Fractional Times: 23.93 48.23 1:12.95 1:25.22 **Final Time:** 1:38.52
Split Times: (24:30) (24:72) (12:27) (13:30)
Run-Up: 45 feet

Winner: Awesome Empire, Bay Gelding, by Classic Empire out of To Dream About, by Monarchos. Foaled May 16, 2022 in Kentucky.
Breeder: John C. Oxley
Owner: Dimitrios Perdikis
Trainer: Rodriguez, Gustavo

2 Claimed Horse(s): **Exploration** New Trainer: Richard E. Dutrow, Jr. New Owner: Michael Dubb
Military Road New Trainer: Linda Rice New Owner: Linda Rice

Claiming Prices: 1 - Awesome Empire: \$30,000; 4 - Cocktailsnkringle: \$30,000; 3 - Exploration: \$30,000; 6 - Brave Blend: \$30,000; 2 - Golden Plate: \$30,000; 5 - Military Road: \$30,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$194,986

| Pgm | Horse | Win | Place | Show | Wager Type | Winning Numbers | Payoff | Pool |
|-----|-------------------|-------|-------|------|---------------------|-------------------|--------|---------|
| 1 | Awesome Empire | 17.34 | 8.34 | 3.98 | \$1.00 Pick 3 | 4-6-1 (3 correct) | 235.19 | 56,023 |
| 4 | Cocktailsnkringle | | 5.88 | 2.86 | \$1.00 Daily Double | 6-1 | 52.60 | 25,975 |
| 3 | Exploration | | | 2.46 | \$1.00 Exacta | 1-4 | 44.85 | 131,998 |
| | | | | | \$0.10 Superfecta | 1-4-3-6 | 59.44 | 36,620 |
| | | | | | \$0.50 Trifecta | 1-4-3 | 64.40 | 64,826 |

Past Performance Running Line Preview

| Pgm | Horse Name | Start | 1/4 | 1/2 | 3/4 | Str | Fin |
|-----|-------------------|-------|--|--|--|---|---|
| 1 | Awesome Empire | 2 | 3 ¹ / ₂ | 3 ¹ / ₂ | 2 ^{Head} | 1 ¹ | 1 ³ |
| 4 | Cocktailsnkringle | 1 | 1 ¹ / ₂ | 1 ¹ / ₂ | 1 ^{Head} | 2 ¹ | 2 ³ |
| 3 | Exploration | 4 | 5 ³ | 5 ² / ₁ / ₂ | 4 ⁴ | 4 ⁴ / ₁ / ₂ | 3 ³ / ₁ / ₂ |
| 6 | Brave Blend | 3 | 2 ¹ / ₂ | 2 ¹ / ₂ | 3 ¹ / ₁ / ₂ | 3 ³ / ₁ / ₂ | 4 ⁶ / ₃ / ₄ |
| 2 | Golden Plate | 5 | 6 ³ / ₁ / ₂ | 6 ³ | 5 ⁵ / ₁ / ₂ | 5 ⁶ / ₁ / ₂ | 5 ⁷ / ₃ / ₄ |
| 5 | Military Road | 6 | 4 ² | 4 ¹ / ₁ / ₂ | 6 ⁹ | 6 ¹¹ / ₁ / ₂ | 6 ¹⁶ / ₁ / ₂ |

Trainers: 1 - Rodriguez, Gustavo; 4 - Schauer, Steven; 3 - Rice, Linda; 6 - Arce, Josue; 2 - Rice, Linda; 5 - Clement, Miguel

Owners: 1 -Dimitrios Perdikis; 4 -Steven I. Schauer; 3 - A. Bianco Holding Limited; 6 -Ricardo Rivera; 2 -Linda Rice; 5 - Cold Press Racing;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

AWESOME EMPIRE was hustled from the gate then taken in hand early, raced a bit off the inside while rated just off the pace, drafted in the two path early on the turn, gained to make a bid inside the three-eighths pole, took over while set down in the stretch, fought outside of the runner-up until near the furlong marker then drew clear under strong urging. COCKTAILSNKRINGLE was hustled to the front then showed the way, vied inside on the turn, was asked under threat outside the five-sixteenths pole, lost the advantage to the winner into the stretch, battled with that foe until near the furlong marker and proved no match while able to hold the place. EXPLORATION settled off the pace, was roused in the three then four path on the turn, spun into the stretch in the five path and finished willingly for the show. BRAVE BLEND was hustled from the gate, prompted the pace on the outside of the leader, was asked in the three path on the turn, dropped back in the four path into the stretch and came up empty. GOLDEN PLATE was reserved at the rear of the field, saved ground while roused on the turn, moved to the two path outside the quarter-pole then came into the stretch in the three path and lacked the needed response. MILITARY ROAD was urged early then settled on the outside, came back under urging near the half-mile pole, went around the turn in the four path and capitulated.