

AQUEDUCT - February 15, 2026 - Race 3**EQUIBASE**

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	Awesome Empire (Franco, Manuel)	123	L b	1	2	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Head}	2 ^{1 1/2}	1 ¹	1 ³	7.67	2p,bid ins3/8,clear
16Jan26	4	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	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	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	Brave Blend (Gonzalez, Melvis)	123	L b	2	5	6	6	5 ^{3 1/2}	5 ⁵	5 ^{8 3/4}	2.83	ins trn,2p out1/4,3p
26Dec25	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	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
Military Road**New Trainer: Richard E. Dutrow, Jr. New Owner: Michael Dubb
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 \$0.10 Superfecta \$0.50 Trifecta	1-4 1-4-3-6 1-4-3	44.85 59.44 64.40	131,998 36,620 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 1/2}	3 ^{1 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](#)

AWSOME 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.