

CHURCHILL DOWNS - April 30, 2026 - Race 6

STAKES UAE President Cup Arabian S. Grade 1 - Arabian

FOR ARABIAN FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. No nomination fee. A Supplementary Nomination of \$2,000 by time of entry (Includes entry and starting fees). \$250 to enter and an additional \$250 to start with \$400,000 Guaranteed. After payment of 1% to all owners of horses finishing sixth through last, 62% of the remaining purse shall be paid to the owner of the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 5% to fourth and 3% to fifth. Weight: 126 lbs. Four Year Olds allowed 2 lbs. Non-winners of a Grade 1 race in 2025-2026, allowed 2 lbs.; Fillies and mares, allowed 5 lbs. The maximum number of starters for the UAE President Cup Arabian Stakes will be limited to fourteen. In the event that the race overfills the starters will be determined at the time with preference given to horses that are graded stakes winners or graded stakes placed in 2025-2026 then those which have accumulated the highest earnings in 2025-2026. Starters to be named through the entry box by the usual time of closing. A trophy to the winning owner. Closed Thursday, April 16, 2026 with 20 nominations.

Distance: One And One Fourth Miles On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Secretariat - 1:59.40 - May 5, 1973)

Purse: \$400,000 Guaranteed

Available Money: \$400,000

Value of Race: \$400,000 1st \$240,560, 2nd \$77,600, 3rd \$38,800, 4th \$19,400, 5th \$11,640, 6th \$4,000, 7th \$4,000, 8th \$4,000

Wind Speed: 0

Weather: Clear, 60° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 3:31 **Start:** Good for all except 6 **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	1/4	1/2	3/4	1m	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
15Mar26 ¹ HOU ²	4	DIAMOND GEM AA (Ortiz, Jr., Irad)	126	--	4	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ³	1 ^{8 1/2}	0.78*	ins foe,drew off,drvng
28Mar26 ¹¹ HOU ¹	6	RB BADONKADONK (Valdez-Jiminez, Ernesto)	120	f	6	2 ^{Head}	2 ¹	2 ¹	2 ^{3 1/2}	2 ^{2 1/2}	2 ³	2.29	stumbled st,press wnr
16Apr26 ¹ LS ²	5	HIGHH COUNTRY (Rosario, Joel)	122	b	5	5 ^{Head}	6 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Head}	3 ²	3 ^{6 1/2}	10.29	ins,closer 9/16,stayd
15Mar26 ¹ HOU ⁵	8	WMA SMOKE SIGNAL (Saez, Luis)	124	--	8	6 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	4 ⁵	4 ⁵	4 ⁴	8.93	3w,vie shw,brshd,yield
28Mar26 ¹¹ HOU ²	3	HIGHH STAKES (Lanerier, Corey)	118	--	3	7 ^{1/2}	7 ¹	6 ¹	6 ⁵	6 ⁹	5 ^{Nose}	23.89	2w,ins 2nd,no factor
3Apr26 ¹ HOU ³	2	AA TAKE A CHANCE (Graham, James)	124	--	2	3 ¹	3 ^{1/2}	5 ^{Head}	5 ^{1/2}	5 ^{Head}	6 ^{17 3/4}	26.05	keen,stalked ins,faded
4Apr26 ¹ HOU ¹	7	WMA GRAND FINALE (Machado, Luan)	124	b	7	9	8 ^{Head}	8 ^{3 1/2}	7 ^{2 1/2}	7 ¹	7 ^{3 1/2}	33.32	step slow,3p,no impact
28Mar26 ¹¹ HOU ⁶	1	WMA WILD KISSES (Rocco, Jr., Joseph)	118	b	1	8 ¹	9	9	8 ^{1/2}	8 ¹²	8	33.73	inside, outrun
4Apr26 ¹ HOU ²	9	QUICK RAE AA (Saez, Gabriel)	124	--	9	4 ^{1/2}	5 ¹	7 ^{Head}	9	9	---	40.08	2wbw,wknd,pull up lat

Fractional Times: 25.83 53.36 1:21.71 1:49.06

Final Time: 2:18.11 **Time from Gate:** 2:20.09

Split Times: (27:53) (28:35) (27:35) (29:05)

Run-Up: 45 feet

Winner: DIAMOND GEM AA, Chestnut Gelding, by BURNING SAND out of TRIUMPHS PEARL, by SEYVILLA TRIUMPH. Foaled Feb 25, 2019 in Mississippi.

Breeder: JOSEPH A OR BETTY J GILLIS

Owner: Gillis, Betty J. and Joseph A.

Trainer: Torrez, Jerenesto

Total WPS Pool: \$639,408

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
4	DIAMOND GEM AA	3.56	2.60	2.20	\$2.00 Exacta	4-6	6.26	312,614
6	RB BADONKADONK		2.86	2.22	\$0.50 Trifecta	4-6-5	7.86	188,526
5	HIGHH COUNTRY			3.42	\$0.10 Superfecta	4-6-5-8	4.21	92,021
					\$1.00 Daily Double	3-4	12.64	31,315
					\$0.50 Pick 3	12-3-4 (3 correct)	50.48	43,738
					\$1.00 Super High Five	4-6-5-8-3	267.05	16,997
					\$2.00 Odd or Even	EVEN	2.30	3,572

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	1/4	1/2	3/4	1m	Str	Fin
4	DIAMOND GEM AA	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ³	1 ^{8 1/2}
6	RB BADONKADONK	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ³	2 ^{8 1/2}
5	HIGHH COUNTRY	5 ^{2 1/2}	6 ^{3 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ⁴	3 ^{5 1/2}	3 ^{11 1/2}
8	WMA SMOKE SIGNAL	6 ^{2 3/4}	4 ²	4 ²	4 ⁴	4 ^{7 1/2}	4 ¹⁸
3	HIGHH STAKES	7 ^{4 1/4}	7 ⁴	6 ^{3 1/2}	6 ^{9 1/2}	6 ^{12 1/2}	5 ²²
2	AA TAKE A CHANCE	3 ¹	3 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{3 1/2}	5 ⁹	5 ^{12 1/2}	6 ²²
7	WMA GRAND FINALE	9 ^{5 3/4}	8 ⁵	8 ^{4 3/4}	7 ^{14 1/2}	7 ^{21 1/2}	7 ^{39 3/4}
1	WMA WILD KISSES	8 ^{4 3/4}	9 ⁵	9 ^{8 1/4}	8 ¹⁷	8 ^{22 1/2}	8 ^{43 1/4}
9	QUICK RAE AA	4 ²	5 ^{2 1/2}	7 ^{4 1/2}	9 ^{17 1/2}	9 ^{34 1/2}	---

Trainers: 4 - Torrez, Jerenesto; 6 - Torrez, Jerenesto; 5 - Ruggeri, Nicole; 8 - Padilla, Carlos; 3 - Johnson, Thunder; 2 - Ruggeri, Nicole; 7 - Ascencio, Juan; 1 - Johnson, Thunder; 9 - Ruggeri, Nicole

Owners: 4 - Gillis, Betty J. and Joseph A.; 6 - Dat Al-Remal LLC (Chad Schumer); 5 - Ruggeri, Nicole and Ruggeri, Andre; 8 - Carlos S. Moore; 3 - Cheryl Vandeusen; 2 - Ruggeri, Nicole and Ruggeri, Andre; 7 - Dana Phillip Edwards; 1 - Thunder Johnson; 9 - Ruggeri, Nicole and Ruggeri, Andre;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

DIAMOND GEM AA set pace ins foe, vied with that one around the far turn, drew off upper, driving. RB BADONKADONK stumbled start, pressed winner from three path, no match upper, safe place. HIGHH COUNTRY off pace ins, advanced nine-sixteenths, vied show far turn, brush foe upper stretch, stayed on. WMA SMOKE SIGNAL tracked three wide, chased two wide around far turn, vied show, brushed upper, yielded. HIGHH STAKES off pace two wide, inside second, no factor. AA TAKE A CHANCE keen early, stalked inside, in bit, yielded between horses nine-sixteenths, faded. WMA GRAND FINALE step slow start, at rear three path, no impact. WMA WILD KISSES far back inside, outrun. QUICK RAE AA tracked two wide and between horses, wknd at the half mile pole, eased, pulled up late, walked off.