

CHURCHILL DOWNS - May 15, 2026 - Race 3

STARTER ALLOWANCE - Thoroughbred

FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF \$12,500 OR LESS IN 2025 - 2026. Weight, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of Two Races Since March 15 Allowed 3 lbs. A Race Since Then Allowed 5 lbs. (Races Where Entered For \$12,500 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances). (C) **Claiming Price:** \$12,500 - \$0

Distance: Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Indian Chant - 1:07.55 - July 8, 2007)

Purse: \$60,000

Includes: \$5,600 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund

Available Money: \$60,000

Value of Race: \$54,824 1st \$33,824, 2nd \$12,000, 3rd \$6,000, 4th \$3,000

Weather: Cloudy, 75° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 1:44 **Start:** Good for all except 4 **Timing Method:** Electronic

| Last Raced | Pgm | Horse Name (Jockey) | Wgt | M/E | PP | Start | 1/4 | 1/2 | Str | Fin | Odds | Comments |
|---------------------------------------|-----|---|-----|-----|----|-------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------|------------------------|
| 22Apr26 ¹ KEE ³ | 2 | Air of Defiance (Saez, Gabriel) | 118 | L | 2 | 3 | 2 ¹ 1/2 | 1 ^{Head} | 1 ² | 1 ² 3/4 | 1.20 | ins foe-2p,drove clear |
| 29Apr26 ² CD ² | 1 | Highly Flammable (De La Cruz, Fernando) | 120 | L | 1 | 2 | 3 ³ | 3 ⁴ 1/2 | 3 ⁶ 1/2 | 2 ² 3/4 | 4.24 | stalk 4p,6p upr,ran on |
| 25Apr26 ⁴ CD ² | 5 | Upturned Brim (Torres, Jaime) | 118 | L b | 4 | 1 | 1 ^{Head} | 2 ¹ 1/2 | 2 ¹ | 3 ¹⁰ | 12.28 | vied outs winner,yield |
| 19Apr26 ⁷ KEE ⁹ | 4 | Nation (Ramos, Joseph) | 118 | L b | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 1.02* | broke out/steadied, 5p |

Fractional Times: 22.71 45.35 57.34

Final Time: 1:10.13 **Time from Gate:** 1:11.60

Split Times: (22:64) (11:99) (12:79)

Run-Up: 30 feet

Winner: Air of Defiance, Bay Gelding, by [Quality Road](#) out of Faypien, by Ghostzapper. Foaled Feb 11, 2021 in Kentucky.

 Winner's sire standing at Lane's End

Breeder: Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC

Owner: Crown and Thistle Stable, LLC

Trainer: Cunningham, S.

Scratched Horse(s): Get Her Number (RegVet-Unsound), Lord Majesty (PrivVet-Illness), Tiverton (GB) (PrivVet-Illness)

Total WPS Pool: \$68,956

| Pgm | Horse | Win | Place | Wager Type | Winning Numbers | Payoff | Pool |
|-----|------------------|------|-------|---------------------|-------------------|--------|--------|
| 2 | Air of Defiance | 4.40 | 2.86 | \$2.00 Exacta | 2-1 | 12.82 | 39,481 |
| 1 | Highly Flammable | | 3.96 | \$1.00 Daily Double | 6-2 | 5.58 | 8,546 |
| 5 | Upturned Brim | | | \$0.50 Pick 3 | 3-6-2 (3 correct) | 10.69 | 27,088 |

Past Performance Running Line Preview

| Pgm | Horse Name | Start | 1/4 | 1/2 | Str | Fin |
|-----|------------------|-------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 2 | Air of Defiance | 3 | 2 ^{Head} | 1 ^{Head} | 1 ² | 1 ² 3/4 |
| 1 | Highly Flammable | 2 | 3 ¹ 1/2 | 3 ¹ 1/2 | 3 ³ | 2 ² 3/4 |
| 5 | Upturned Brim | 1 | 1 ^{Head} | 2 ^{Head} | 2 ² | 3 ⁵ 1/2 |
| 4 | Nation | 4 | 4 ⁴ 1/2 | 4 ⁶ | 4 ⁹ 1/2 | 4 ¹⁵ 1/2 |

Trainers: 2 - Cunningham, S.; 1 - Donjuan, Sergio; 5 - Cano, Williams; 4 - Hess, Jr., Robert

Owners: 2 - Crown and Thistle Stable, LLC; 1 -Mark Milliner; 5 -Williams Cano; 4 - Koentopp Racing, LLC;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

AIR OF DEFIANCE vied for the lead with an outer rival while remaining a path off of the inside around the turn, shook free in the three path in upper stretch, drove clear and held sway. HIGHLY FLAMMABLE stalked the embattled leading pair from the four path, moved out to the five to six path in upper stretch and ran to claim place at the sixteenth pole. UPTURNED BRIM vied for the lead outside of the eventual winner while kept in the three path, failed to keep pace with that one while leaning out to the five path in upper stretch then yielded place to an outer foe at the sixteenth pole. NATION broke out and steadied when corrected with a strong left rein, trailed in the five path and got outrun.