

CHURCHILL DOWNS - June 26, 2026 - Race 3

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR FILLIES THREE YEARS OLD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON A RACE OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER, OR STATE BRED OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES OR CLAIMING PRICE \$125,000. Weight, 122 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race At A Mile Or Over Since May 26 Allowed 2 lbs. Such A Race Since April 26 Allowed 4 lbs. Claiming Price \$125,000 (Races Where Entered For \$100,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances). (NW1 X) **Claiming Price: \$125,000**

Distance: One And One Sixteenth Miles On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Fierceness - 1:40.66 - May 2, 2025)

Purse: \$127,000

Includes: \$33,100 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund

Available Money: \$127,000

Value of Race: \$120,704 1st \$72,444, 2nd \$25,400, 3rd \$12,700, 4th \$6,350, 5th \$3,810

Weather: Showery, 73° **Track:** Sloppy (Sealed)

Off at: 1:45 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

[Video Race Replay](#)

[GPS Race Chart](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
17May26 ⁴ CD ³	3	Be the Light (Ortiz, Jr., Irad)	118	L	2	3	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ¹	1 ^{3/4}	1.19*	ins pair-2p, held firm
17May26 ⁴ CD ²	2	Answered Prayers (Torres, Jaime)	118	L b	1	4	4 ⁴	4 ³	4 ^{3 1/2}	3 ⁶	2 ^{3/4}	1.98	ins,rl bid,tght,denied
9Jun26 ³ IND ¹	5	Laken (Ortiz, Jose)	122	L f	4	1	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	3 ⁶	4.25	2wbtw,vied,kpt on well
14May26 ⁵ IND ²	4	Wine Party (Antongeorgi III, William)	118	L b	3	5	5	5	5	5	4 ^{8 3/4}	24.78	trailed 2p, no impact
1May26 ⁸ CD ⁷	6	Solemn Vow (Saez, Luis)	118	L	5	2	3 ¹	3 ¹	3 ^{1 1/2}	4 ¹	5	4.18	pressed 3w-4p,bid,wknd

Fractional Times: 23.68 47.82 1:12.29 1:37.83

Final Time: 1:44.73 **Time from Gate:** 1:46.72

Split Times: (24:14) (24:47) (25:54) (6:90)

Run-Up: 50 feet

Winner: Be the Light, Bay Filly, by Medaglia d'Oro out of Collective, by Bernardini. Foaled May 09, 2023 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Godolphin

Owner: Godolphin, LLC

Trainer: Cox, Brad

Scratched Horse(s): Tap to Open (PrivVet-Illness)

Total WPS Pool: \$144,339

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
3	Be the Light	4.38	2.28	2.10	\$2.00 Exacta	3-2	11.72	64,469
2	Answered Prayers		2.82	2.10	\$0.50 Trifecta	3-2-5	7.50	35,628
5	Laken			2.42	\$1.00 Daily Double	8-3	12.02	22,391
					\$0.50 Pick 3	8-8-3 (3 correct)	111.39	56,066

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
3	Be the Light	3	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ¹	1 ^{3/4}
2	Answered Prayers	4	4 ²	4 ²	4 ²	3 ¹	2 ^{3/4}
5	Laken	1	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	2 ¹	3 ^{1 1/2}
4	Wine Party	5	5 ⁶	5 ⁵	5 ^{5 1/2}	5 ⁸	4 ^{7 1/2}
6	Solemn Vow	2	3 ¹	3 ¹	3 ^{1/2}	4 ⁷	5 ^{16 1/4}

Trainers: 3 - Cox, Brad; 2 - Mott, William; 5 - Oliver, Victoria; 4 - Harty, Eoin; 6 - Stall, Jr., Albert

Owners: 3 - Godolphin, LLC; 2 - Emory A. Hamilton; 5 - Jackpot Farm; 4 - Calumet Farm; 6 - Spendthrift Farm LLC;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

BE THE LIGHT broke a bit inwardly, set the pace in the two path as a pair of outer foes applied stern pressure, vied with them around the far turn, inched an advantage in upper stretch, dug in as an inner bidder offered a challenge in the final furlong, kept that one in tight and held firm. ANSWERED PRAYERS tracked along the inside, took aim inside fo the leader in upper stretch, sustained a bid in the final furlong but was subtly kept in tight and fended off. LAKEN prompted the eventual winner from the three path and along with an outer rival, vied between horses around the far turn, but failed to maintain even terms entering upper stretch then kept on well through the final furlong. WINE PARTY trailed in the two path and made little impact. SOLEMN VOW pressed the top pair from the four path, bid rounding the far turn, but was turned away while leaning out to the five path entering the lane and weakened.