

**DELTA DOWNS - January 2, 2026 - Race 1**
**MAIDEN CLAIMING - Thoroughbred**
**FOR MAIDENS, FOUR YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Weight, 124 lbs. Claiming Price \$5,000. **Claiming Price:** \$5,000**
**Distance: Six And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Heitai - 1:18.04 - November 1, 2013)**
**Purse: \$10,000**
**Includes: \$5,000 Other Sources**
**Plus: \$3,000 ALBSS-Accredited LA Bred Slot Supplement**
**Available Money: \$13,000**
**Value of Race: \$10,870 1st \$6,000, 2nd \$2,600, 3rd \$1,100, 4th \$780, 5th \$390**
**Weather: Clear, 73° **Track:** Fast**
**Off at: 4:46 Start: Good for all except 4 **Timing Method:** Electronic**
**EQUIBASE**

[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
21Nov25	5	FG <sup>7</sup>	6	Penei (Thornton, Timothy)	124	L b	6 7	7 <sup>2</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>8</sup> 1/2	0.50* circled4w, going away
12Dec25	9	DED <sup>3</sup>	2	He's Ready to Win (Pompell, Thomas)	121	L b	2 1	1 <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>6</sup>	2 <sup>6</sup>	2 <sup>3</sup> 1/4	3.20 led, collared1/8,2ndbst
12Nov25	8	DED <sup>5</sup>	5	El Lagarto (Vargas, Juan)	124	L bf	5 2	5 <sup>2</sup>	6 <sup>1/2</sup>	4 <sup>1/2</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup>	41.80 3w2nd, rallied show
12Dec25	9	DED <sup>9</sup>	1	Straight Dropbilly (Alvarado, Cristian)	117	b	1 5	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>Head</sup>	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	4 <sup>4</sup>	55.00 stlkd, ins, faded
12Dec25	9	DED <sup>7</sup>	7	Toms Lucky Mo (Journet, Jarred)	121	L b	7 3	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	5 <sup>1</sup>	5 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	5 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	23.60 off pc 2w, flattened out
22Dec25	9	DED <sup>5</sup>	3	Valhalla Viking (Dominguez, Joel)	124	L b	3 6	6 <sup>1/2</sup>	7 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	8	6 <sup>1</sup>	5.10 passed tiring rivals
10Dec25	3	DED <sup>8</sup>	4	Beach Trippin (Rosier, Chris)	121	L b	4 8	8	8	6 <sup>Head</sup>	7 <sup>1</sup> 1/4	18.80 hop in, bmp, no threat
12Dec25	1	DED <sup>7</sup>	8	Not Free (Hernandez, Javier)	117	L	8 4	4 <sup>3</sup>	4 <sup>1/2</sup>	7 <sup>2</sup>	8	31.80 5w1st, tracked3w, gwway

**Fractional Times: 23.92 47.96 1:14.61**
**Final Time: 1:21.47**
**Split Times: (24:04) (26:65) (6:86)**
**Run-Up: 38 feet**
**Winner: Penei, Chestnut Gelding, by Mendelssohn out of Ghostinhim, by Ghostzapper. Foaled Feb 25, 2022 in Kentucky.**
**Breeder: Dr. Steve Laymon**
**Owner: T Zach Racing LLC**
**Trainer: Desormeaux, J.**
**Claiming Prices: 6 - Penei: \$5,000; 2 - He's Ready to Win: \$5,000; 5 - El Lagarto: \$5,000; 1 - Straight Dropbilly: \$5,000; 7 - Toms Lucky Mo: \$5,000; 3 - Valhalla Viking: \$5,000; 4 - Beach Trippin: \$5,000; 8 - Not Free: \$5,000;**
**Total WPS Pool: \$48,288**

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
6	Penei	3.00	2.20	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	6-2	4.70	46,527
2	He's Ready to Win		3.20	2.80	\$0.50 Trifecta	6-2-5	35.20	36,823
5	El Lagarto			11.60	\$0.10 Superfecta	6-2-5-1	45.20	25,559

**Past Performance Running Line Preview**

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
6	Penei	7	7 <sup>8</sup> 1/2	3 <sup>6</sup>	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>8</sup> 1/2
2	He's Ready to Win	1	1 <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>6</sup>	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>8</sup> 1/2
5	El Lagarto	2	5 <sup>6</sup>	6 <sup>9</sup>	4 <sup>7</sup>	3 <sup>11</sup> 3/4
1	Straight Dropbilly	5	2 <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>6</sup>	3 <sup>6</sup> 1/2	4 <sup>12</sup> 3/4
7	Toms Lucky Mo	3	3 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	5 <sup>8</sup>	5 <sup>7</sup> 1/2	5 <sup>16</sup> 3/4
3	Valhalla Viking	6	6 <sup>8</sup>	7 <sup>9</sup> 1/2	8 <sup>11</sup>	6 <sup>19</sup> 1/4
4	Beach Trippin	8	8 <sup>10</sup> 1/2	8 <sup>11</sup>	6 <sup>9</sup>	7 <sup>20</sup> 1/4
8	Not Free	4	4 <sup>3</sup>	4 <sup>7</sup> 1/2	7 <sup>9</sup>	8 <sup>21</sup> 1/2

**Trainers: 6 - Desormeaux, J.; 2 - Brinkman, Brett; 5 - Ramirez, Jose; 1 - Birzer, Bonnie; 7 - Zenon, Sr., Shelton; 3 - Gonzalez, Isai; 4 - Fuselier, Jonah; 8 - Ramaekers, Eric**
**Owners: 6 - T Zach Racing LLC; 2 - Westmark, Richard N. and Westmark, Mary S.; 5 - My Little Stable Racing, Inc.; 1 - Spooky Business Stable LLC; 7 - Norvin Maldonado; 3 - Isai V. Gonzalez; 4 - Angelic Brown; 8 - Eric Ramaekers;**
**Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)**

PENEI was allowed to settle near the back around the first turn then circled the field from four wide on the final turn to run down the leader and won going away. HE'S READY TO WIN went to a clear lead down the backstretch but was collared nearing the eighth pole and stayed on to be clearly second best. EL LAGARTO raced in the middle of the pack then made a three wide bid on the final turn to rally for the show. STRAIGHT DROPBILLY stalked the pace from the inside to save ground through the final turn and faded. TOMS LUCKY MO settled off the pace while racing two wide and flattened out. VALHALLA VIKING was bumped leaving the gate then raced in the middle of the pack, fell back on the final turn and passed tiring rivals late. BEACH TRIPPIN hopped inward and bumed with rival and was not a threat. NOT FREE raced five wide into the first turn then tracked the leaders from three wide down the backstretch and gave way.