

ELLIS PARK - August 16, 2026 - Race 3

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs.
Non-winners Of A Race Since July 16 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$12,500. (NW2 L) **Claiming Price:** \$12,500
Distance: Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Limousine Liberal - 1:07.89 - July 18, 2015)
Purse: \$35,000
Includes: \$7,000 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund
Available Money: \$35,000
Value of Race: \$35,000 1st \$20,310, 2nd \$6,597, 3rd \$3,298, 4th \$1,649, 5th \$990, 6th \$360, 7th \$360, 8th \$359, 9th \$359, 10th \$359, 11th \$359

Weather: Cloudy, 85° **Track:** Fast
Off at: 10:57 **Start:** Good for all except 11 **Timing Method:** Electronic

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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
10Jul26 ⁴ ELP ⁴	2	Mister Positivity (Pauly, Summer)	118 L	2 3		8 ²	6 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Head}	1 ^{3/4}	5.21	2wd btw,up 1/16,lug in
7Aug26 ¹ ELP ⁶	4	Big Tech (Asmussen, Keith)	118 L b	4 6		3 ^{1/2}	3 ²	1 ¹	2 ^{1 3/4}	6.31	3w,cght 1/16,shy/stdy
26Jun26 ¹ CD ³	8	McIlroy (Asmussen, Erik)	122 L b	7 10		9 ^{Head}	9 ^{Head}	10 ^{Head}	3 ^{Neck}	2.21*	step slow,8p upr,rally
31Jul26 ¹ ELP ⁷	6	Romantic Lead (Grisales Rave, Danilo)	122 L b	5 7		4 ^{Head}	4 ^{Head}	5 ¹	4 ^{3/4}	35.92	fractious gt,4-5p,mild
24Jul26 ¹ ELP ³	7	Frosted Bull (Torres, Jaime)	122 L	6 11		11	11	8 ^{Head}	5 ^{3/4}	7.88	ins,3p3/16,rallied btw
18Jan25 ⁴ TP ¹¹	10	Bekhamboy (Burgos, Alberto)	122 L	9 1		2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	6 ⁴	49.13	vied 2wd btwn,gave way
9Jun26 ⁷ IND ⁴	1	Compressed (Beschizza, Adam)	118 L	1 4		5 ^{Head}	7 ^{Head}	9 ^{2 1/2}	7 ^{Neck}	14.99	chased inside, tired
5Jul26 ³ ELP ⁶	3	Coal Fired (Rodriguez, Walter)	118 L	3 5		7 ^{1/2}	8 ²	7 ^{Head}	8 ^{2 1/2}	15.34	3-4p,7p upr,no factor
21Jun26 ³ BTP ¹	9	Charlie Tolu (Graham, James)	122 L	8 2		1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	4 ²	9 ^{1/2}	28.09	vied ins pair,wknd upr
6Jun26 ¹ CD ⁵	12	Tip Toe Joe (Castillo, Amin)	122 L b	11 8		6 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1 1/2}	6 ¹	10 ^{2 1/4}	7.98	floatd out st,5-6p,wkn
27Dec25 ¹⁰ OP ⁷	11	Knick the Quick (Machado, Luan)	118 L b	10 9		10 ¹	10 ¹	11	11	4.71	hop/brk out,5p,9p upr

Fractional Times: 22.56 45.77 58.58 **Final Time:** 1:11.72 **Time from Gate:** 1:13.44
Split Times: (23:21) (12:81) (13:14)
Run-Up: 35 feet

Winner: Mister Positivity, Bay Gelding, by [Cupid](#) out of City by the Bay, by City Zip. Foaled Feb 14, 2023 in Kentucky.

CUPID Winner's sire standing at Atlanta Hall Farm

Breeder: Oak Ridge Farm
Owner: Foster Family Racing, Wargel, William J., Campbell, Donald H. and R.K. Eckrich Racing, LLC
Trainer: Foster, Eric

3 Claimed Horse(s): **Compressed** New Trainer: Steven M. Asmussen New Owner: Steven M. Asmussen
Knick the Quick New Trainer: Steven M. Asmussen New Owner: Steven M. Asmussen
McIlroy New Trainer: Brittany A. Vanden Berg New Owner: EKB Stables LLC and Royal Bamboo Racing

Claiming Prices: 2 - Mister Positivity: \$12,500; 4 - Big Tech: \$12,500; 8 - McIlroy: \$12,500; 6 - Romantic Lead: \$12,500; 7 - Frosted Bull: \$12,500; 10 - Bekhamboy: \$12,500; 1 - Compressed: \$12,500; 3 - Coal Fired: \$12,500; 9 - Charlie Tolu: \$12,500; 12 - Tip Toe Joe: \$12,500; 11 - Knick the Quick: \$12,500;

Scratched Horse(s): Proctor Phantom (Trainer)

Total WPS Pool: \$60,672

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool	Carryover
2	Mister Positivity	12.42	6.04	3.40	\$2.00 Exacta	2-4	71.12	49,067	
4	Big Tech		6.92	4.12	\$0.50 Trifecta	2-4-8	75.45	25,234	
8	McIlroy			2.98	\$0.10 Superfecta	2-4-8-6	131.51	20,158	
					\$0.50 Pick 3	9-5-2 (3 correct)	50.85	16,334	
					\$2.00 Daily Double	5-2	54.44	7,052	
					\$1.00 Z-5 Super Hi-5	2-4-8-6-7		1,313	1,020

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
2	Mister Positivity	3	8 ^{2 1/4}	6 ^{3 3/4}	3 ¹	1 ^{3/4}
4	Big Tech	6	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Head}	1 ¹	2 ^{3/4}
8	McIlroy	10	9 ^{4 1/4}	9 ^{6 1/2}	10 ⁸	3 ^{2 1/2}
6	Romantic Lead	7	4 ¹	4 ^{2 1/4}	5 ^{3 1/4}	4 ^{2 3/4}
7	Frosted Bull	11	11 ^{5 1/2}	11 ^{7 1/2}	8 ^{5 1/4}	5 ^{3 1/2}
10	Bekhamboy	1	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	2 ¹	6 ^{4 1/4}
1	Compressed	4	5 ^{1 1/4}	7 ^{4 1/4}	9 ^{5 1/2}	7 ^{8 1/4}
3	Coal Fired	5	7 ^{1 3/4}	8 ^{4 1/2}	7 ^{5 1/4}	8 ^{8 1/2}
9	Charlie Tolu	2	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	4 ^{1 1/4}	9 ¹¹
12	Tip Toe Joe	8	6 ^{1 1/4}	5 ^{2 1/4}	6 ^{4 1/4}	10 ^{11 1/2}
11	Knick the Quick	9	10 ^{4 1/2}	10 ^{6 1/2}	11 ⁸	11 ^{13 3/4}

Trainers: 2 - Foster, Eric; 4 - Asmussen, Steven; 8 - Asmussen, Steven; 6 - Esquivel, Gustavo; 7 - Pitts, Helen; 10 - Hancock, Jack; 1 - Heath, Destin; 3 - Foster, Eric; 9 - Hancock, Jack; 12 - Williams, Matt; 11 - Davis, Christopher

Owners: 2 - Foster Family Racing, Wargel, William J., Campbell, Donald H. and R.K. Eckrich Racing, LLC; 4 -Steven M. Asmussen; 8 -Steven M. Asmussen; 6 -Gustavo Esquivel; 7 - Romine, Jay, Romine, Andrew, Griffee, Peyton and Troutman, Ryan; 10 -Gary V. James; 1 - Brown Family Racing LLC; 3 - Foster Family Racing, Scates, Hugh D., Dant, John and Maxis Stable; 9 -Gary V. James; 12 -Chris Duggan; 11 - Dare To Dream Stable, LLC (Michael Faber);

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

MISTER POSITIVITY laid off of the pace two wide and between horses around the turn, advanced inside of foes while moving out to the four path into upper stretch, rallied while hanging on his left lead, drove past the leader at the sixteenth pole but lugged inwardly shortly after then held sway. BIG TECH

progressed to bid outside of the top pair approaching the turn, led narrowly three deep around the bend, drew clear in midstretch, but got caught by an outer bidder at the sixteenth pole then shied and steadied when that one lugged into his path late. MCILROY broke a step slow, lacked speed in the three to four path, swung out to the eight path into upper stretch and rallied to reach show at the wire. ROMANTIC LEAD was fractious in the starting gate, bumped with an outer foe at the start, raced forwardly in the four to three path around the turn, got outkicked by an inner rival while chasing in the five path into the lane, stayed on mildly to edge show late but got caught at the wire. FROSTED BULL bumped with an inner rival at the start, trailed along the inside, shifted to the three path into the lane then rallied willingly between horses. BEKHAMBOY vied two wide, then between horses around the turn, gave way in upper stretch then yielded show to outer foes in the final sixteenth. COMPRESSED chased along the inside then tired. COAL FIRED raced off of the pace three wide, shifted out to the seven path into upper stretch and failed to factor. CHARLIE TOLU vied for the lead with an outer pair around the turn then weakened in upper stretch. TIP TOE JOE got floated out by an inner foe at the start, stalked from the five to four path, chased in the six path into the lane and weakened. KNICK THE QUICK hopped and broke outwardly at the start, lacked speed in the five path, fanned to the nine path into the lane and got outrun. THE RIDER OF BIG TECH CLAIMED FOUL AGAINST MISTER POSITIVITY ALLEGING INTERFERENCE IN THE FINAL SIXTEENTH, BUT THE OBJECTION WAS DISALLOWED BY THE STEWARDS.