

EMERALD DOWNS - August 9, 2026 - Race 3
MAIDEN CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR MAIDENS, TWO YEARS OLD. Weight, 120 lbs. Claiming Price \$25,000, if for \$20,000, allowed 2 lbs. **Claiming Price:**
\$25,000 - \$20,000
Distance: Five Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Starbird Road - 55.40 - October 1, 2006)
Purse: \$16,000
Includes: \$3,200 MITEC - Muckleshoot Tribal Contribution
Available Money: \$16,000
Value of Race: \$15,680 1st \$9,120, 2nd \$3,120, 3rd \$1,840, 4th \$800, 5th \$480, 6th \$320
Weather: Hazy, 79° **Track:** Fast
Off at: 2:48 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

Video Race Replay

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	3/16	3/8	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
19Jul26 ³ EMD ⁴	2	Nathan Knows Best (Alvarado, Frank)	121	bf	1 1	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ³	3.34	set pace, held edge
19Jul26 ³ EMD ²	4	Polar Patrol (Kriger, Kevin)	121	- -	3 2	2 ^{Head}	3 ²	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1 3/4}	0.86*	2,3-w, 2nd best
1Aug26 ⁵ EMD ⁷	5	Ryker's Heat (Castellanos, Adrian)	121	b	4 4	4 ^{Head}	4 ^{Head}	4 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Neck}	5.07	5-w, mild rally
19Jul26 ³ EMD ⁷	7	Cupid Express (Matias, Javier)	120	b	6 6	5 ^{1/2}	5 ⁸	5 ¹⁵	4 ^{2 1/4}	27.26	3,6-w, steady effort
---	3	Prince of Shadows (Timentwa, Talliyah)	115	b	2 3	3 ²	2 ²	3 ^{1 1/2}	5 ²⁰	4.53	prompted, tired
---	6	Kenleyssecretbeau (Nunnally, Blake)	120	b	5 5	6	6	6	6	16.77	wide, trailed

Fractional Times: 22.39 46.14
Split Times: (23:75) (12:63)
Run-Up: 56 feet

Final Time: 58.77 Time from Gate: 1:00.73

Winner: Nathan Knows Best, Bay Colt, by Jake La Gold out of Top Tizzy, by Top Hit. Foaled May 11, 2024 in Washington.
Breeder: Antonio Martinez
Owner: Rancho Viejo and Martinez, Antonio
Trainer: Velasquez, Rigoberto

Claiming Prices: 2 - Nathan Knows Best: \$25,000; 4 - Polar Patrol: \$25,000; 5 - Ryker's Heat: \$25,000; 7 - Cupid Express: \$25,000; 3 - Prince of Shadows: \$25,000; 6 - Kenleyssecretbeau: \$25,000;

Scratched Horse(s): El Cid (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$50,400

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
2	Nathan Knows Best	8.68	3.22	2.40	\$1.00 Exacta	2-4	9.46	26,801
4	Polar Patrol		2.14	2.10	\$0.50 Trifecta	2-4-5	9.38	23,192
5	Ryker's Heat			2.50	\$0.50 Pick 3	2-2/4-2 (3 correct)	28.12	3,866
					\$1.00 Daily Double	4-2	12.63	2,550
					\$0.10 Superfecta	2-4-5-7	15.95	15,286

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	3/16	3/8	Str	Fin
2	Nathan Knows Best	1	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ³
4	Polar Patrol	2	2 ¹	3 ^{2 1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ³
5	Ryker's Heat	4	4 ³	4 ^{4 1/2}	4 ³	3 ^{4 3/4}
7	Cupid Express	6	5 ^{3 1/4}	5 ^{4 1/2}	5 ^{3 1/2}	4 ⁵
3	Prince of Shadows	3	3 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{7 1/4}
6	Kenleyssecretbeau	5	6 ^{3 3/4}	6 ^{12 1/2}	6 ^{18 1/2}	6 ^{27 1/4}

Trainers: 2 - Velasquez, Rigoberto; 4 - Lucarelli, Frank; 5 - Perez, Sergio; 7 - Patino, Faustino; 3 - Nunnally, Jennifer; 6 - Nunnally, Jennifer

Owners: 2 - Rancho Viejo and Martinez, Antonio; 4 -Margaret Root; 5 -Hector Ramiro Preciado; 7 -Kyrie Patino; 3 -Jennifer Nunnally; 6 -Jennifer Nunnally;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

NATHAN KNOWS BEST saved ground setting the pace and maintained a safe advantage. POLAR PATROL stalked the pace racing two-wide, rallied fpir-wide into the stretch but was unable to reach the winner while proving to be second best. RYKER'S HEAT was unhurried, came five-wide into the stretch and finished in a mild rally. CUPID EXPRESS was three-wide racing in the middle of the field, came six-wide into the stretch and finished fairly well. PRINCE OF SHADOWS prompted NATHAN KNOWS BEST to the stretch while two-wide and tired. KENLEYSSECRETBEAU raced wide while in the back of the field and trailed.