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EVANGELINE DOWNS - April 29, 2026 - Race 3

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT - Thoroughbred

(INCLUDES UP TO \$1,200 LTBASBF) FOR ACCREDITED LA BRED MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. (Preference To Horses That Have Not Started For Less \$20,000). (Rail at 20 feet). (S)

Distance: About One Mile On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Skipping Town - 1:34.39 - July 23, 2011)

Purse: \$40,000

Includes: \$30,100 Other Sources

Includes: \$2,700 LAVPF - Louisiana Video Poker Fund

Available Money: \$40,000

Value of Race: \$40,000 1st \$24,000, 2nd \$8,000, 3rd \$4,400, 4th \$2,400, 5th \$1,200

Weather: Cloudy, 83° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 6:31 **Start:** Good for all except 2,4 **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
15Mar26 ³ FG ²	6	Metairie (Vargas, Juan)	124	L	5	8	9	9	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1.50*	sttld bk,circled,duel
15Mar26 ³ FG ⁷	8	Lil Central (Hernandez, Colby)	121	L b	7	9	8 ^{1 1/2}	8 ^{1/2}	6 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	2 ¹	10.20	sttld bk,closed,missed
15Mar26 ³ FG ⁸	7	Musical Band (Hernandez, Harry)	124	L b	6	1	1 ¹	1 ^{1 1/2}	2 ¹	2 ²	3 ^{1 1/2}	8.00	pace,dug in,yield late
11Apr26 ⁴ EVD ²	2	Von Erich (Melancon, Jansen)	121	L b	2	7	5 ^{1/2}	5 ^{Head}	4 ^{Head}	4 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{4 3/4}	2.50	sttld mid-pk,need more
10Apr26 ⁵ EVD ⁵	10	Soft Hands (Mudd, Jamison)	116	L b	9	5	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	5 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{1/2}	5 ^{4 1/4}	10.00	close up 3w,outfnshd
10Apr26 ⁵ EVD ⁴	5	Sarge Custivity (Castillo, Isaac)	121	L b	4	2	2 ²	2 ¹	3 ²	6 ³	6 ^{3 1/2}	9.40	prssd2w,wknd stretch
10Apr26 ⁹ EVD ²	1	Nathan Henry (Perez, Carlos)	124	L f	1	4	7 ^{1 1/2}	7 ^{Head}	7 ^{Head}	7 ^{1/2}	7 ^{9 1/2}	8.70	svd grnd,took up 2x
3Apr26 ⁹ EVD ¹⁰	9	Hillbilly's Heart (Ramirez, Jr., Julio)	124	L b	8	6	6 ^{1 1/2}	6 ^{1 1/2}	8 ⁴	8 ⁶	7 ^{9 1/2}	55.60	3-wide, lacked rally
10Apr26 ⁵ EVD ⁷	4	Bee Aurelius (Barrera, Elio)	121	L	3	3	4 ¹	4 ^{1 1/2}	9	9	9	49.40	close,took up 5/16

Fractional Times: 23.54 48.42 1:13.94 1:26.28 **Final Time:** 1:38.98 **Time from Gate:** 1:43.40

Split Times: (24:88) (25:52) (12:34) (12:70)

Run-Up: 150 feet **Temporary Rail:** 20 feet

Winner: Metairie, Chestnut Gelding, by Hard Spun out of Precision Farming, by Smart Strike. Foaled May 21, 2022 in Louisiana.

Breeder: Scott & Company Farm, LLC

Owner: L. Jay Cuccia

Trainer: Cuccia, L.

Dead Heats: 7th place - # 1 Nathan Henry
7th place - # 9 Hillbilly's Heart

Scratched Horse(s): Ayden's Edge (Also-Eligible), Jus Surprise Me (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$93,853

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
6	Metairie	5.00	2.60	2.20	\$0.50 Pick 3	1-3-6 (3 correct)	79.60	47,051
8	Lil Central		9.00	5.20	\$1.00 Daily Double	3-6	6.00	24,392
7	Musical Band			3.80	\$1.00 Exacta	6-8	19.80	82,115
					\$0.10 Superfecta	6-8-7-2	20.67	43,609
					\$0.50 Trifecta	6-8-7	39.35	51,759

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
6	Metairie	8	9 ⁹	9 ^{6 1/4}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}
8	Lil Central	9	8 ^{7 1/2}	8 ^{5 3/4}	6 ⁵	3 ^{2 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}
7	Musical Band	1	1 ¹	1 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}
2	Von Erich	7	5 ⁴	5 ⁴	4 ^{3 1/2}	4 ³	4 ³
10	Soft Hands	5	3 ³	3 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{3 1/2}	5 ^{4 1/2}	5 ^{7 3/4}
5	Sarge Custivity	2	2 ¹	2 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	6 ⁵	6 ¹²
1	Nathan Henry	4	7 ⁶	7 ^{5 3/4}	7 ^{5 1/2}	7 ⁸	7 ^{15 1/2}
9	Hillbilly's Heart	6	6 ^{4 1/2}	6 ^{4 1/4}	8 ^{5 3/4}	8 ^{8 1/2}	7 ^{15 1/2}
4	Bee Aurelius	3	4 ³	4 ^{2 1/2}	9 ^{9 3/4}	9 ^{14 1/2}	9 ²⁵

Trainers: 6 - Cuccia, L.; 8 - David, Jr., Sam; 7 - Wilson, Shane; 2 - Landry, Allen; 10 - Delhomme, Jerry; 5 - Suarez, Aubrie; 1 - Ward, Ronnie; 9 - West, Jr., Henry; 4 - Leonard, Kirby

Owners: 6 -L. Jay Cuccia; 8 - Hernandez, Earl J., Hernandez, Keith J. and Duvieilh, John; 7 - Brittlyn Stable, Inc. and Clear Creek Stud, LLC; 2 - Harrington, Maury and Harrington, Christopher K.; 10 - Set-Hut LLC; 5 -Aubrie Suarez; 1 -Phyllis J. Hodges; 9 -Chadwick Romero; 4 -Kirby Leonard;

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METAIRIE settled at the back of the field for the first half, circled the field on the far turn to vie for the lead at the quarter pole, dueled with MUSICAL BAND into the stretch, then put that one away late and held off a late charge from LIL CENTRAL to prevail. LIL CENTRAL settled two-wide near the back through the first half, then rallied, weaving through the field on the far turn and in the stretch, closed the gap late but ran out of time. MUSICAL BAND showed good speed from the break and made the lead before the first turn, had SARGE CUSTIVITY pressing the issue to the outside down the backstretch, then dug in when challenged by METAIRIE at the quarter pole, battled to deep stretch, then yielded inside the sixteenth marker. VON ERICH got squeezed at the start, settled in mid-pack two-wide, ran on some and was mildly gaining in the late stages, but not doing enough to be considered a threat. SOFT HANDS got away well and secured a forward position on the first turn, tracked close up three-wide down the backstretch, kept to the same path through the far turn, then could not find the winning kick in the stretch and was outfinished. SARGE CUSTIVITY pressed the pace two-wide to the far turn, then weakened in the stretch. NATHAN HENRY saved ground throughout, raced near the back of the field to the half, steadied near the five-sixteenths marker but managed to regain momentum, was finishing up the rail then took up sharply near the furlong marker, and lost all chance at that point. HILLBILLY'S HEART was three-wide on the first turn, continued that path in mid-pack through the middle stages, then did not offer a rally. BEE AURELIUS ducked in at the start, raced close up to the far turn, took up sharply near the five-sixteenths marker, lost all momentum, and was galloped to the finish and walked off.

