

**EVANGELINE DOWNS - April 30, 2026 - Race 3**

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

(INCLUDES UP TO \$1,200 LTBASBF) FOR ACCREDITED LA BRED THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Claiming Price \$5,000. (SNW3 L) **Claiming Price:** \$5,000

**Distance:** Seven Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (School Spirit - 1:22.02 - May 22, 2014)

**Purse:** \$15,000

**Includes:** \$9,100 Other Sources

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

**Available Money:** \$15,000

**Value of Race:** \$15,000 1st \$9,000, 2nd \$3,000, 3rd \$1,650, 4th \$900, 5th \$450

**Weather:** Cloudy, 70° **Track:** Sloppy (Sealed)

**Off at:** 6:29 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
15Apr26 <sup>4</sup> EVD <sup>3</sup>	8	Big Nickel (Hernandez, Colby)	124	L b	8	1	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Head	4.90	4p,rallied,up in time
26Feb26 <sup>2</sup> FG <sup>8</sup>	2	Maybe Eye'll Call (Hernandez, Harry)	124	L	2	5	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 1/4	3.40	led most, nailed
8Apr26 <sup>3</sup> EVD <sup>2</sup>	7	Runforjustice (Hernandez, Javier)	119	L b	7	9	7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 1/4	1.90*	btw,brshd,late stride
15Apr26 <sup>4</sup> EVD <sup>5</sup>	9	Louisiana Boss (Santiago, Edward)	124	L o	9	11	10 <sup>4</sup>	9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	4 <sup>Head</sup>	4 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	8.00	gain5w turn, close up
21Feb26 <sup>2</sup> FG <sup>5</sup>	6	Tap the Tequila (Castillo, Isaac)	124	L b	6	8	9 <sup>1</sup>	8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	7 <sup>1</sup>	5 <sup>1</sup>	15.10	brshd,split,8p,flatnd
12Feb26 <sup>4</sup> DED <sup>9</sup>	1	Dixie's Astro (Vargas, Juan)	124	L f	1	12	12	12	8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	6 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	43.50	swung outs, willingly
8Apr26 <sup>3</sup> EVD <sup>3</sup>	12	My Dad's Guitar (Rodriguez, Jose)	124	L bf	12	4	11 <sup>1</sup>	11 <sup>2</sup>	9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	7 <sup>Neck</sup>	18.00	passed tired foes
17Apr26 <sup>9</sup> EVD <sup>7</sup>	4	Louisiana Wildlife (Dominguez, Joel)	124	L f	4	6	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	8 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	7.60	press3p, faded1/8
4Apr26 <sup>5</sup> EVD <sup>1</sup>	5	Gypsy Squall (Pompell, Thomas)	124	L b	5	7	6 <sup>Head</sup>	6 <sup>Head</sup>	10 <sup>2</sup>	9 <sup>Nose</sup>	15.80	brsh, ins, no response
15Apr26 <sup>4</sup> EVD <sup>7</sup>	3	Joseph H (Mudd, Jamison)	119	L	3	10	4 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup>	6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	50.70	stalk ins, retreated
8Apr26 <sup>3</sup> EVD <sup>5</sup>	10	Give Me a Try (Roman, Kevin)	124	L b	10	2	5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	7 <sup>1</sup>	12	11 <sup>Neck</sup>	60.50	track5w, retreated
8Apr26 <sup>3</sup> EVD <sup>7</sup>	11	Contraband Early (Nieves, Emanuel)	124	L bf	11	3	8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	11 <sup>1</sup>	12	63.00	mid, wknd, pinchd3/16

**Fractional Times:** 22.93 46.58 1:12.85

**Final Time:** 1:26.71 **Time from Gate:** 1:28.09

**Split Times:** (23:65) (26:27) (13:86)

**Run-Up:** 30 feet

**Winner:** Big Nickel, Bay Gelding, by Mr. Money out of Happy Choice, by Broken Vow. Foaled Mar 29, 2022 in Louisiana.

**Breeder:** Clear Creek Stud LLC

**Owner:** Duck and Run Stables, LLC

**Trainer:** Ducoing, Sturges

**Claiming Prices:** 8 - Big Nickel: \$5,000; 2 - Maybe Eye'll Call: \$5,000; 7 - Runforjustice: \$5,000; 9 - Louisiana Boss: \$5,000; 6 - Tap the Tequila: \$5,000; 1 - Dixie's Astro: \$5,000; 12 - My Dad's Guitar: \$5,000; 4 - Louisiana Wildlife: \$5,000; 5 - Gypsy Squall: \$5,000; 3 - Joseph H: \$5,000; 10 - Give Me a Try: \$5,000; 11 - Contraband Early: \$5,000;

**Total WPS Pool:** \$82,900

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
8	Big Nickel	11.80	6.00	3.40	\$0.50 Pick 3	7-5-8 (3 correct)	11.85	15,441
2	Maybe Eye'll Call		6.20	3.80	\$1.00 Daily Double	5-8	11.10	7,978
7	Runforjustice			2.60	\$1.00 Exacta	8-2	55.50	71,960
					\$0.10 Superfecta	8-2-7-9	81.62	30,150
					\$0.50 Trifecta	8-2-7	102.80	44,021

**Past Performance Running Line Preview**

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
8	Big Nickel	1	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	4 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Head
2	Maybe Eye'll Call	5	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Head
7	Runforjustice	9	7 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	5 <sup>3</sup>	5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 1/4
9	Louisiana Boss	11	10 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	9 <sup>5</sup>	4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	4 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
6	Tap the Tequila	8	9 <sup>6</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	8 <sup>4</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	7 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	5 <sup>6</sup>
1	Dixie's Astro	12	12 <sup>12</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	12 <sup>9</sup>	8 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	6 <sup>7</sup>
12	My Dad's Guitar	4	11 <sup>11</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	11 <sup>7</sup>	9 <sup>4</sup>	7 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>3/4</sub>
4	Louisiana Wildlife	6	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	2 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup>	8 <sup>8</sup>
5	Gypsy Squall	7	6 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	6 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	10 <sup>4</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	9 <sup>13</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
3	Joseph H	10	4 <sup>2</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	6 <sup>2</sup>	10 <sup>13</sup> / <sub>3/4</sub>
10	Give Me a Try	2	5 <sup>3</sup>	7 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	12 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	11 <sup>15</sup>
11	Contraband Early	3	8 <sup>5</sup>	10 <sup>6</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	11 <sup>6</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	12 <sup>15</sup> / <sub>1/4</sub>

**Trainers:** 8 - Ducoing, Sturges; 2 - Bourgeois, Keith; 7 - Ramirez, Eduardo; 9 - Chatters, Benard; 6 - Gelner, Scott; 1 - Dunn, Henry; 12 - Mojica, Edith; 4 - Alberto, Antonio; 5 - Thomas, Lee; 3 - Giangrosso, Russell; 10 - Breaux, Samuel; 11 - Patt, Jr., Roland

**Owners:** 8 - Duck and Run Stables, LLC; 2 - Intrepid Thoroughbreds LLC; 7 - Sandy Badeaux; 9 - PoBoy Racing, LLC; 6 - Gelner, Scott and Cassedy, Allen; 1 - Alejandra F. Requena; 12 - Mojica Stables, Inc.; 4 - Lovern, Jason and Lovern, Pamela Belk; 5 - Elite Thoroughbred Racing LLC; 3 - Da'Traylon Woods; 10 - Tom Curtis; 11 - Dianne Borel;

**Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)**

BIG NICKEL was forwardly placed in the four path, roused at the quarter, sustained a rally down the stretch to be up just in time. MAYBE EYE'LL CALL took charge under pressure from LOUISIANA WILDLIFE, began to pull away in the upper stretch before being ran down by BIG NICKEL in the final furlong and got nailed at the wire. RUNFORJUSTICE found a forward position between runners, brushed out LOUISIANA BOSS at the top of the stretch before finding his best stride late. LOUISIANA BOSS settled off the pace, gained five wide through the turn to enter the stretch in a prominent position, brushed out by RUNFORJUSTICE at the three sixteenths, kept on but was out-finished for the show award. TAP THE TEQUILA brushed with inner foe at the start, settled off the pace, split foes rounding the turn and angled out into the eight path, flattened out. DIXIE'S ASTRO settled back to be the early trailer, swung to the far outside of stretch, brushed with CONTRABAND EARLY in the upper stretch, closed willingly. MY DAD'S GUITAR raced off the pace, angled out rounding the turn and brushed into CONTRABAND EARLY, passed retreating foes. LOUISIANA WILDLIFE pressed the pace from the three path, faded in the final furlong. GYPSY SQUALL brushed with outer foe at the start, was rated along the inside, lacked a response, retreated. JOSEPH H moved up along

the inside to stalk the pace briefly, tracked the pace a couple lengths back in the turn, retreated down the stretch. GIVE ME A TRY tracked the pace five wide in the early stages, retreated through the turn, showed little in the stretch. CONTRABAND EARLY found early position around the middle of the pack, backed off through the turn, pinched back at the top of the stretch.

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