

**EVANGELINE DOWNS - May 23, 2026 - Race 8**

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred (INCLUDES UP TO \$500 LTBASBF) FOR ACCREDITED LA BRED FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON FOUR RACES OR WHICH HAVE NOT WON TWO RACES ON THE TURF, OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, OR STARTER SINCE NOVEMBER 23, 2025 OR CLAIMING PRICE \$40,000. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since April 23, 2026 Allowed 2 lbs. (Claiming Races For \$25,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances). (Rail at 20 feet). (S C) **Claiming Price:** \$40,000

**Distance:** Five Furlongs On The Dirt - Originally Scheduled For About 5 Furlongs On Turf **Current Track Record:** (Dolly Bonz - 56.26 - April 27, 2013)

**Purse:** \$43,000

**Includes:** \$36,500 Other Sources

**Includes:** \$4,000 LAVPF - Louisiana Video Poker Fund

**Available Money:** \$43,000

**Value of Race:** \$43,000 1st \$25,800, 2nd \$8,600, 3rd \$4,730, 4th \$2,580, 5th \$1,290

**Weather:** Cloudy, 72° **Track:** Sloppy (Sealed)

**Off at:** 8:44 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	3/16	3/8	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
1May26 <sup>8</sup> EVD <sup>3</sup>	7	Sassi Strutter (Pompell, Thomas)	122	L b	6	6	6 <sup>2</sup>	4 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>Neck</sup>	1.10*	tight 1/4,rally 5p,up
1May26 <sup>8</sup> EVD <sup>2</sup>	2	Six String (Fusilier, Casey)	122	L	2	2	2 <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>4 1/4</sup>	1.40	4p,led late,nailed
1May26 <sup>8</sup> EVD <sup>5</sup>	6	Bet Towinit (Thornton, Timothy)	122	L b	5	1	3 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	4 <sup>1/2</sup>	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	14.10	tight 3/16,floated 5p
30Aug25 <sup>6</sup> LAD <sup>1</sup>	1	Gangster Flash (Melancon, Jansen)	119	L	1	5	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	4 <sup>Neck</sup>	22.40	speed,drifted,yielded
1May26 <sup>8</sup> EVD <sup>4</sup>	5	She's Magnificent (Barrera, Elio)	122	L	4	4	5 <sup>Head</sup>	6 <sup>3</sup>	5 <sup>1/2</sup>	5 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	76.90	inside gain,flattened
15Apr26 <sup>7</sup> EVD <sup>1</sup>	8	Beleout (Castillo, Isaac)	122	L b	7	7	4 <sup>1/2</sup>	5 <sup>4</sup>	6 <sup>3</sup>	6 <sup>4 3/4</sup>	4.10	crowded,4-6p,no rally
9May26 <sup>8</sup> EVD <sup>5</sup>	3	Poppy Red (Perez, Carlos)	122	L b	3	3	7	7	7	7	125.90	brief foot,no factor

**Fractional Times:** 21.99 45.27

**Final Time:** 57.86 **Time from Gate:** 1:00.03

**Split Times:** (23:28) (12:59)

**Run-Up:** 40 feet

**Winner:** Sassi Strutter, Chestnut Mare, by Sassicaia out of She's Prado's Idol, by Screen Idol. Foaled Mar 23, 2021 in Louisiana.

**Breeder:** Michele Rodriguez

**Owner:** Elite Thoroughbred Racing LLC

**Trainer:** Thomas, Lee

**Scratched Horse(s):** Bayou Bertie (Off-Turf)

**Total WPS Pool:** \$120,694

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
7	Sassi Strutter	4.20	2.40	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	7-2	4.20	61,091
2	Six String		2.20	2.10	\$0.50 Trifecta	7-2-6	9.35	38,711
6	Bet Towinit			3.20	\$0.10 Superfecta	7-2-6-1	7.75	25,262
					\$0.50 Pick 3	6-2-7 (3 correct)	5.80	10,742
					\$1.00 Daily Double	2-7	9.00	5,937

**Past Performance Running Line Preview**

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	3/16	3/8	Str	Fin
7	Sassi Strutter	6	6 <sup>4</sup>	4 <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>Neck</sup>
2	Six String	2	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>Neck</sup>
6	Bet Towinit	1	3 <sup>2 1/2</sup>	3 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	4 <sup>2</sup>	3 <sup>4 1/2</sup>
1	Gangster Flash	5	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	3 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	4 <sup>5</sup>
5	She's Magnificent	4	5 <sup>4</sup>	6 <sup>7</sup>	5 <sup>2 1/2</sup>	5 <sup>5 1/4</sup>
8	Beleout	7	4 <sup>3 1/2</sup>	5 <sup>3</sup>	6 <sup>3</sup>	6 <sup>6 3/4</sup>
3	Poppy Red	3	7 <sup>6</sup>	7 <sup>10</sup>	7 <sup>6</sup>	7 <sup>11 1/2</sup>

**Trainers:** 7 - Thomas, Lee; 2 - Landry, Allen; 6 - Landry, Allen; 1 - Klanfer, Alan; 5 - Segura, Kearney; 8 - Terre, David; 3 - Govea, Cesar

**Owners:** 7 - Elite Thoroughbred Racing LLC; 2 - World War IV Racing and Rebel Tide Racing LLC; 6 -Anthony D. Nuzzi; 1 -Alfred M. Romito; 5 -Howard Romero; 8 - Dark Horse Investments, LLC, Delahoussaye, Kevin and Cortez, Lane; 3 - L and G Racing Stables;

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

SASSI STRUTTER broke out at the start and off a step slowly, settled in the early going then advanced between rivals into the turn, was caught in tight and blocked at the quarter marker, found a seam to upper stretch then rallied from the five path into the final furlong, surged in deep stretch and determinedly was up in time. SIX STRING showed early speed, pressed the pace outside of GANGSTER FLASH heading into the turn, got floated to the four path to upper stretch, took command into the drive then led into the final furlong, held off foes into the final sixteenth, was all out late then nailed on the wire for the win, while besting the rest. BET TOWINIT close up to the early pace, took back and tracked the solid pace heading to the turn, chased three wide to the quarter marker, was caught in tight and floated to the five path into upper stretch, chased the leaders into the final furlong, was outkicked to deep stretch but fought on to earn the show honors. GANGSTER FLASH hustled for the early lead, took command and set a solid pace to the turn, set disputed fractions to the quarter marker, drifted out into upper stretch then yielded inside of the furlong marker, stayed on to the final sixteenth then was outkicked late for third. SHE'S MAGNIFICENT rated off of the contested early pace, tracked from the second flight heading into the turn then saved ground approaching the quarter marker, kept an inside path to the stretch, gained at the furlong marker, could not sustain that run to the final sixteenth and flattened out. BELEOUT crowded at the start and last away from the gate, tracked the early pace from outside of rivals, chased four wide to the quarter marker, floated to the six path to upper stretch, stayed on into the final furlong but lacked the needed late response. POPPY RED chased the early pace, dropped back into the turn, trailed to the quarter pole, no factor. THE JOCKEY OF BET TOWINIT LODGED AN OBJECTION AGAINST SASSI STRUTTER, CLAIMING INTERFERENCE AT THE TOP OF THE STRETCH. THE STEWARDS DISALLOWED THAT OBJECTION AND RULED NO CHANGE.