

EVANGELINE DOWNS - May 28, 2026 - Race 1

MAIDEN CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

(INCLUDES UP TO \$1,000 LTBASBF) FOR ACCREDITED LA BRED MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Claiming Price \$20,000, For Each \$2,500 To \$15,000 2 lbs. (Rail at 20 feet). (S) **Claiming Price:** \$20,000 - \$15,000

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: \$23,000

Includes: \$18,200 Other Sources

Includes: \$1,800 LAVPF - Louisiana Video Poker Fund

Available Money: \$23,000

Value of Race: \$23,000 1st \$13,800, 2nd \$4,600, 3rd \$2,530, 4th \$1,380, 5th \$690

Weather: Cloudy, 83° **Track:** Sloppy (Sealed)

Off at: 5:18 **Start:** Good for all except 2,4 **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
21Mar26 ¹⁴ FG ¹²	9	A Lotta Shance (Thornton, Timothy)	121	L	8	3	2 ¹ 1/2	1 ²	1 ⁴	1 ² 1/2	0.90*	prssd,drw clr,gear dwn
21Mar26 ¹⁴ FG ¹¹	5	My Touch (Vargas, Juan)	121	L	5	1	5 ¹	5 ¹ 2	2 ¹ 2	2 ⁶ 1/2	2.90	5w rally for 2nd
14May26 ⁸ EVD ¹⁰	3	Closing Agent (Ramirez, Jr., Julio)	124	L	bf	3	4	4 ¹ 2	4 ¹ Head	3 ¹ 3/4	26.00	2-wide, kept on 3rd
---	2	Phchampagnejourney (Hernandez, Javier)	119	L	2	8	6 ¹ 2	6 ¹ 1/2	5 ¹ 1/2	4 ²	24.10	bumped, no late kick
1May26 ⁹ EVD ⁵	4	Diodorus (Pompell, Thomas)	121	L	b	4	7	7 ¹ 2	7 ²	5 ¹ 2	10.30	pinballed st,mild gain
30Apr26 ⁸ EVD ⁵	6	Sassi Royal (Perez, Carlos)	124	L	b	6	2	1 ^{Head}	2 ¹ 1/2	3 ¹ 2	6 ⁶ 3/4	3.70 sent,duel ins,wknd str
---	8	Rock the Ship (Arana, Kelvin)	116	L	b	7	5	7 ²	8	8	7 ¹ 1/2	37.50 4-wide, no factor
15May25 ⁸ EVD ⁹	1	Mr Payroll (Barrera, Elio)	124	L	b	1	6	3 ²	3 ²	6 ¹ 2	8	20.10 bmpd st,led,tired str

Fractional Times: 22.17 45.98

Final Time: 59.05 **Time from Gate:** 1:01.09

Split Times: (23:81) (13:07)

Run-Up: 40 feet

Winner: A Lotta Shance, Bay Gelding, by Shancelot out of Posse Up, by Posse. Foaled Mar 21, 2023 in Louisiana.

Breeder: Mike Heitzmann, Roger Heitzmann Jr. &R. Heitzmann III

Owner: Hernandez, Earl J., Hernandez, Keith J. and Duvielh, John

Trainer: David, Jr., Sam

Claiming Prices: 9 - A Lotta Shance: \$20,000; 5 - My Touch: \$20,000; 3 - Closing Agent: \$20,000; 2 - Phchampagnejourney: \$20,000; 4 - Diodorus: \$20,000; 6 - Sassi Royal: \$20,000; 8 - Rock the Ship: \$20,000; 1 - Mr Payroll: \$20,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Sharp Target (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$52,788

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
9	A Lotta Shance	3.80	2.40	2.40	\$1.00 Exacta	9-5	5.90	40,942
5	My Touch		3.00	3.00	\$0.10 Superfecta	9-5-3-2	29.75	18,064
3	Closing Agent			4.80	\$0.50 Trifecta	9-5-3	18.50	29,061

Past Performance Running Line Preview

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9	A Lotta Shance	3	2 ^{Head}	1 ²	1 ⁴	1 ² 1/2
5	My Touch	1	5 ⁴	5 ⁶ 1/2	2 ⁴	2 ² 1/2
3	Closing Agent	4	4 ³ 1/2	4 ⁵ 1/2	4 ⁵	3 ⁹
2	Phchampagnejourney	8	6 ⁵	6 ⁷	5 ⁵	4 ¹⁰ 3/4
4	Diodorus	7	8 ⁷ 1/2	7 ⁸ 1/2	7 ⁷	5 ¹² 3/4
6	Sassi Royal	2	1 ^{Head}	2 ²	3 ⁴ 1/2	6 ¹³ 1/4
8	Rock the Ship	5	7 ⁵ 1/2	8 ⁹	8 ⁹	7 ²⁰
1	Mr Payroll	6	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ³ 1/2	6 ⁶ 1/2	8 ²¹ 1/2

Trainers: 9 - David, Jr., Sam; 5 - Bourgeois, Keith; 3 - Ellis, Randy; 2 - Zenon, Sr., Shelton; 4 - Thomas, Lee; 6 - Thomas, Lee; 8 - Averett, Ronnie; 1 - Duhon, Joe

Owners: 9 - Hernandez, Earl J., Hernandez, Keith J. and Duvielh, John; 5 - Robert Asaro Enterprises, Inc. and Greenwell Thoroughbreds, LLC; 3 - Gregory A. Ellis; 2 - Erik R. Valenzuela Sr; 4 - Elite Thoroughbred Racing LLC; 6 - Elite Thoroughbred Racing LLC; 8 -Michelle Hamilton; 1 - Israel Flores Horses LLC;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

A LOTTA SHANCE pressed the pace while two wide, took command nearing the quarter pole, drew clear in the stretch, and easily held safe from a late bid while geared down late. MY TOUCH settled in behind the speed, lost some ground on the turn, came out five wide into the stretch and rallied willingly for second. CLOSING AGENT was hustled away from the gate and briefly showed speed, dropped back to mid-pack before the turn, raced in the two path, and kept on willingly under steady urging to earn the minor award. PHCHAMPAGNEJOURNEY broke inward, bumped with an inside rival and was off poorly, saved ground through the turn but lacked the needed late kick in the stretch. DIODORUS got pinballed after the start, dropped to the rear despite being ridden along early, then made mild late progress to improve. SASSI ROYAL was sent hard from the start, dueled inside of MR PAYROLL through the turn, struggled to keep pace with that rival from the five-sixteenths pole and weakened in the stretch. ROCK THE SHIP raced four-wide throughtout and was never a factor. MR PAYROLL took a bump from an outside rival at the start but broke well, made the lead before the half-mile pole, yielded to a pair of rivals entering the turn, came out three to four wide into the stretch and tired late.