

EVANGELINE DOWNS - July 3, 2026 - Race 1

MAIDEN CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Claiming Price \$10,000. Louisiana Bred Claiming Price \$12,500. **Claiming Price:** \$10,000

Distance: Six And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Tiger Bait - 1:15.77 - August 28, 2008)

Purse: \$14,000

Includes: \$5,800 Other Sources

Plus: \$4,000 ALBSS-Accredited LA Bred Slot Supplement

Available Money: \$18,000

Value of Race: \$15,480 1st \$8,400, 2nd \$3,600, 3rd \$1,980, 4th \$1,080, 5th \$420

Weather: Cloudy, 90° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 5:34 **Start:** Good for all except 4,5,10 **Timing Method:** Electronic

[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
18Jun26 ³ EVD ⁶	6	More Than Cute (Mudd, Jamison)	116	L bf	6	5	8 ³	4 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{5 3/4}	1.30*	3-4w, won going away
18Jun26 ⁸ EVD ²	8	Ronnie's Ace (Perez, Carlos)	120	L b	7	7	2 ^{1/2}	2 ²	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Nose}	2.40	duel2w, stayed on 2nd
19Jun26 ¹ EVD ⁸	2	Seeking Aces (Hernandez, Harry)	118	L b	2	10	7 ^{1/2}	7 ¹	4 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1 3/4}	2.40	stdy9/16, 4-5w, rally3rd
18Jun26 ⁸ EVD ⁷	3	Blue King (Hernandez, Javier)	113	L b	3	1	6 ^{1/2}	6 ^{1/2}	6 ²	4 ^{2 3/4}	18.70	best stride too late
23Apr26 ⁸ EVD ⁴	1	Zong's Creed (Fusilier, Casey)	121	L	1	6	1 ¹	1 ^{Head}	3 ²	5 ^{2 3/4}	30.80	dueled, wknd mid-str
5Jun26 ⁹ EVD ⁶	11	Campanario (Vargas, Juan)	121	L	10	3	4 ¹	3 ¹	5 ^{1/2}	6 ^{3/4}	12.10	trkd3w, one-paced late
20Jun26 ⁴ EVD ⁹	5	Gloryland Band (Alvarez, Misael)	119	L	5	8	5 ^{1/2}	5 ^{Head}	7 ^{1/2}	7 ^{1 1/2}	91.20	duck in, boxed in, tired
16May26 ¹ EVD ¹¹	9	He's Therealdeal (Inirio, Junior)	123	L	8	2	9 ^{Head}	10	8 ¹	8 ¹	90.00	failed to menace
20Jun26 ⁴ EVD ⁴	10	Justice for Johnny (Arana, Kelvin)	116	L b	9	9	10	9 ²	9 ¹⁰	9 ^{44 3/4}	55.10	took up st, lacked fnsh
20Jun26 ⁴ EVD ¹²	4	Zavioro (Ramirez, Jr., Julio)	124	L f	4	4	3 ^{1/2}	8 ^{1 1/2}	10	10	134.40	close up, wknd3/8, eased

Fractional Times: 22.95 46.65 1:12.35

Final Time: 1:18.96 **Time from Gate:** 1:20.90

Split Times: (23:70) (25:70) (6:61)

Run-Up: 35 feet

Winner: More Than Cute, Chestnut Gelding, by More Than Ready out of Battling Brook, by Broken Vow. Foaled Feb 23, 2023 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Al Shaqab Racing

Owner: Madel Consuelo Gonzalez

Trainer: Tillis, Jr., Jerry

Claiming Prices: 6 - More Than Cute: \$10,000; 8 - Ronnie's Ace: \$12,500; 2 - Seeking Aces: \$12,500; 3 - Blue King: \$12,500; 1 - Zong's Creed: \$10,000; 11 - Campanario: \$10,000; 5 - Gloryland Band: \$10,000; 9 - He's Therealdeal: \$12,500; 10 - Justice for Johnny: \$10,000; 4 - Zavioro: \$10,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Road Mischief (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$58,498

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
6	More Than Cute	4.60	2.40	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	6-8	6.50	48,565
8	Ronnie's Ace		3.20	2.20	\$0.50 Trifecta	6-8-2	7.30	35,631
2	Seeking Aces			2.20	\$0.10 Superfecta	6-8-2-3	6.34	29,768

Past Performance Running Line Preview

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6	More Than Cute	5	8 ^{4 1/2}	4 ³	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{5 3/4}
8	Ronnie's Ace	7	2 ¹	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{5 3/4}
2	Seeking Aces	10	7 ⁴	7 ^{5 1/4}	4 ³	3 ^{5 3/4}
3	Blue King	1	6 ^{3 1/2}	6 ^{4 3/4}	6 ⁴	4 ^{7 1/2}
1	Zong's Creed	6	1 ¹	1 ^{Head}	3 ¹	5 ^{10 1/4}
11	Campanario	3	4 ²	3 ²	5 ^{3 1/2}	6 ¹³
5	Gloryland Band	8	5 ³	5 ^{4 1/2}	7 ⁶	7 ^{13 3/4}
9	He's Therealdeal	2	9 ^{7 1/2}	10 ^{9 3/4}	8 ^{6 1/2}	8 ^{15 1/4}
10	Justice for Johnny	9	10 ^{7 1/2}	9 ^{7 3/4}	9 ^{7 1/2}	9 ^{16 1/4}
4	Zavioro	4	3 ^{1 1/2}	8 ^{6 1/4}	10 ^{17 1/2}	10 ⁶¹

Trainers: 6 - Tillis, Jr., Jerry; 8 - Averett, Ronnie; 2 - Averett, Ronnie; 3 - Zenon, Sr., Shelton; 1 - Dison, Phillip; 11 - Sanchez, Juan; 5 - Dison, Phillip; 9 - Celestine, Charles; 10 - Giangrosso, Russell; 4 - Patt, Jr., Roland

Owners: 6 -Madel Consuelo Gonzalez; 8 -Gerald L. Averett, Jr.; 2 - Peterson, Stephen J. and Peterson, Konnor; 3 -Jorge Ojeda; 1 - Indian Creek Thoroughbred Farms LLC; 11 -Juan C. Sanchez; 5 -Crystal Dawn Dison; 9 -Tara Celestine; 10 -Jose Rico Gonzalez; 4 -Blakeston Noel;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

MORE THAN CUTE settled in mid-pack three to four wide early, advanced along the same path through the turn, had aim on the dueling leaders turning into the stretch, and finished up best of all to win going away in the end. RONNIE'S ACE broke well, dueled two-deep outside of ZONG'S CREED through the early stages, gained the advantage in upper stretch, but found the winner too much in the final furlong, but stayed on to save the place despite racing on the wrong lead. SEEKING ACES moved up after a bit of a tardy start, had to steady from the nine-sixteenths marker to the half, shirted out four to five wide on the turn, and rallied widest of all to gain third. BLUE KING raced in the middle of the pack without a clear path for most of the early running, steadied slightly at the top of the lane, and altered course to the inside, found best stride a little too late but closed some ground in the final yards. ZONG'S CREED hustled away to grab the early lead, got some pressure from RONNIE'S ACE early, opened up some on the rest through the turn, then weakened in mid-stretch. CAMPANARIO tracked three-wide in range of the leading pair, then was one-paced through the lane. GLORYLAND BAND ducked into the inside rival after the break, raced in cover to the stretch, but tired. HE'S THEREALDEAL dropped back early and failed to menace. JUSTICE FOR JOHNNY took up after the start, spotting the field a head start, got over to the inside for the run down the backstretch, then moved out four-wide on the turn but lacked a finish. ZAVIORO took a bump from the outside rival at the start, raced close up into the turn, started to struggle to keep pace near the three-furlong pole, faded back through the field and stopped, was eased up, galloped to the wire, and walked off.

