

EVA NGELINE DOWNS - July 4, 2026 - Race 8

STAKES John Henry S. Black Type - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. No nomination, with \$300 to enter and \$300 to start. Supplemental nominations of \$1200 will be accepted at time of entry. \$60,000 guaranteed to be divided per condition book stake's structure payout percentages per field size. Weights: Three Year Olds: 121 lbs. Older: 124 lbs. Non winners of a stake at a mile or over on the Turf since December 4, 2025, allowed 2 lbs., non-winners of two races other than maiden, claiming, or starter at a mile or over on the Turf in 2026, allowed 4 lbs., one such race since then 6 lbs. First Preference to horses with the highest total Turf earnings in 2025-2026 at time of entry. Second Preference to horses with highest lifetime Turf earnings. Different owners and same owner entries will have equal draw according to preference. Failure to draw into race cancels all fees. Trophy to winning owner.

Distance: One And One Sixteenth Miles On The Dirt - Originally Scheduled For 1 1/16 Miles On Turf **Current Track Record:**

(Friend of Indy - 1:43.26 - April 20, 2013)

Purse: \$60,000 Guaranteed

Includes: \$60,000 Other Sources

Available Money: \$60,000

Value of Race: \$60,000 1st \$36,000, 2nd \$12,000, 3rd \$6,000, 4th \$3,000, 5th \$1,800, 6th \$600, 7th \$600

Weather: Cloudy, 82° **Track:** Sloppy (Sealed)

Off at: 9:05 **Start:** Good for all except 7 **Timing Method:** Electronic

[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
4Apr26 ⁹ EVD ¹	8	Perry County (Barrera, Elio)	118 L bh	7	2	1 ¹	1 ²	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ²	1.10*	clear, repelled bid1/4
13Jun26 ⁷ EVD ¹	6	E Lion (Hernandez, Harry)	122 L bf	5	5	3 ¹	3 ⁴	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Neck}	15.20	2-3w,willing,2nd best
25Jul25 ² DMR ⁸	2	Escape Artist (Roman, Kevin)	119 L	2	4	4 ¹	6 ²	5 ¹	5 ²	3 ¹	45.70	adv,bid3w,late gain
13Jun26 ⁷ EVD ⁴	4	Sabi (Hernandez, Colby)	118 L b	3	6	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Head}	4 ^{1/2}	5.80	keen,bid3/8,need more
22Apr26 ⁷ EVD ¹	7	Interlock Empire (Melancon, Jansen)	118 L	6	7	6 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	4 ³	4 ^{Head}	5 ^{1 1/2}	4.60	poor st,3w,flattened
30May26 ⁴ LS ¹	5	Point Proven (Vargas, Juan)	120 L	4	1	5 ^{Head}	5 ^{1/2}	6 ⁴	6 ⁴	6 ^{13 1/4}	2.00	sttld bk,bid5w,no bid
30May26 ³ EVD ⁴	1	Sonya Knows Better (Perez, Carlos)	120 L b	1	3	7	7	7	7	7	105.10	showed little

Fractional Times: 23.96 47.88 1:12.40 1:37.70

Final Time: 1:44.38 **Time from Gate:** 1:46.69

Split Times: (23:92) (24:52) (25:30) (6:68)

Run-Up: 50 feet

Winner: Perry County, Bay Colt, by Collected out of Tyrannical, by Street Boss. Foaled Apr 12, 2022 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Shortleaf Stable

Owner: Veronica Litfin

Trainer: Litfin, Veronica

Scratched Horse(s): Allnight Moonlight (Off-Turf)

Total WPS Pool: \$97,046

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
8	Perry County	4.20	2.60	2.60	\$1.00 Exacta	8-6	32.70	65,456
6	E Lion		9.20	6.80	\$0.50 Trifecta	8-6-2	131.40	39,565
2	Escape Artist			11.60	\$0.10 Superfecta	8-6-2-4	134.17	29,247
					\$0.50 Pick 3	3-5-8 (3 correct)	9.75	9,036
					\$1.00 Daily Double	5-8	9.40	4,430

Past Performance Running Line Preview

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8	Perry County	2	1 ¹	1 ²	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ²
6	E Lion	5	3 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ¹	2 ²
2	Escape Artist	4	4 ^{3 1/2}	6 ^{7 1/2}	5 ⁶	5 ^{1 3/4}	3 ^{2 1/4}
4	Sabi	6	2 ¹	2 ²	2 ¹	3 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{3 1/4}
7	Interlock Empire	7	6 ^{4 1/2}	4 ^{6 1/2}	4 ³	4 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{3 3/4}
5	Point Proven	1	5 ^{4 1/2}	5 ⁷	6 ⁷	6 ^{3 3/4}	6 ^{5 1/4}
1	Sonya Knows Better	3	7 ⁵	7 ^{9 1/2}	7 ¹¹	7 ^{7 3/4}	7 ^{18 1/2}

Trainers: 8 - Litfin, Veronica; 6 - Wilson, Shane; 2 - Wong, Jonathan; 4 - Schwandt, Emile; 7 - Wong, Jonathan; 5 - Terre, David; 1 - Breaux, Samuel

Owners: 8 -Veronica Litfin; 6 - Brittlyn Stable, Inc.; 2 -Les Blake; 4 -Vincent Provenza; 7 - Flying P Stable; 5 -Norman C. Miller IV; 1 -Rene Lavergne;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

PERRY COUNTY broke inward but was hustled to the front, established a clear lead on the first turn, dictated the pace throughout, repelled a challenge near the quarter pole and finished strongly under steady handling. E LION went three wide on the first turn, tracked in the two path down the backstretch, moved up three wide nearing the quarter pole, finished with a willing effort but was outfinished late and had to settle for second. ESCAPE ARTIST settled toward the back along the inside, advanced on the second turn, came out three wide into the stretch and made some late gain. SABI pulled early while racing two wide on the first turn, settled in second under a tight hold, was sent after the leader approaching the three-eighths, made an inside bid near the quarter pole and finished with a steady effort but lacked the needed finish. INTERLOCK EMPIRE stumbled at the break and was bothered when an outside rival came over, forced three wide on the clubhouse turn, maintained that path down the backstretch, began a bid near the three-furlong marker, but failed to sustain the run in upper stretch. POINT PROVEN settled near the back for a half-mile, came out five-wide for the stretch run, but did not have the needed response. SONYA KNOWS BETTER did not appear to handle the sloppy going, trailed the field to the far turn, dropped far back, and was not involved in the late stages.