

FAIR GROUNDS - January 18, 2026 - Race 3

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES OR FOUR YEAR OLDS. Weight, 124 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race At A Mile Or Over On The Turf Since December 18 Allowed 3 lbs. Claiming Price \$30,000 (Preference To

Horses That Have Not Started For Less Than \$25,000 In Their Last 3 Starts). (If deemed inadvisable by management to run this race over the turf course, it will be run on the main track at One Mile and 70 Yards.). (C) **Claiming Price:** \$30,000

Distance: One Mile On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Higgins Boat - 1:34.58 - December 27, 2025)

Purse: \$24,000

Includes: \$4,000 Other Sources

Plus: \$3,000 ALBSS-Accredited LA Bred Slot Supplement

Available Money: \$27,000

Value of Race: \$24,000 1st \$14,400, 2nd \$4,800, 3rd \$2,640, 4th \$1,440, 5th \$720

Weather: Clear, 48° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 1:49 Start: Good for all **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	
23Nov25	4	CD ⁵	8	Polar Bear Plunge (Ortiz, Jose)	121	L b	8 8	7 ²	5 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	4 ²	1 ^{3/4}	4.00	2p,angle6p str,up late
3Jan26	5	DED ¹	2	Frosty Blue (Geroux, Florent)	121	L b	2 2	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{Head}	3 ¹	3 ^{1/2}	2 ^{3/4}	4.30	2p5/16,5p lane,ran on
18Dec25	8	FG ⁸	5	News At Nine (Castillo, Isaac)	121	L	5 1	2 ¹	2 ¹	1Head	1Head	32 1/4	1.10*	2p5/16,4p lane,yld1/16
18Dec25	3	FG ¹	4	C Mac Da Boss (Lopez, Paco)	121	L f	4 3	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ¹	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{Head}	45 1/2	5.60	ins, 3p lane, faded1/8
27Nov25	6	FG ⁸	3	Super Stormy (Rodriguez, Jose)	116	L	3 4	8	8	5 ^{Head}	5 ²	5 ^{2 3/4}	41.10	5p1st,raill5/16,wknd1/8
7Dec25	3	FG ³	1	Bernin Tune (Curtis, Ben)	121	L f	1 5	6 ^{1/2}	7 ^{1/2}	6 ²	6 ¹	6 ^{1 1/4}	10.40	chased ins-2p,no close
28Dec25	5	FG ⁸	6	Raising Kane (Nieves, Emanuel)	121	L b	6 7	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	8	8	7 ^{Head}	17.20	stalk3p, retreated5/16
27Dec25	7	FG ¹⁰	7	Highstakes Hustler (McMahon, C.J.)	121	L	7 6	5 ^{Head}	6 ^{1/2}	7 ^{Head}	7 ²	8	19.30	off pace5-4,no threat

Fractional Times: 23.18 47.79 1:12.37 1:24.30

Final Time: 1:36.55

Split Times: (24:61) (24:58) (11:93) (12:25)

Run-Up: 75 feet

Winner: Polar Bear Plunge, Chestnut Gelding, by English Channel out of Let It Snow, by Tapit. Foaled Jan 23, 2021 in Kentucky.

Breeder: B. D. Gibbs Farm, LLC

Owner: Flying P Stable

Trainer: Kantarmaci, Mertkan

Claiming Prices: 8 - Polar Bear Plunge: \$30,000; 2 - Frosty Blue: \$30,000; 5 - News At Nine: \$30,000; 4 - C Mac Da Boss: \$30,000; 3 - Super Stormy: \$30,000; 1 - Bernin Tune: \$30,000; 6 - Raising Kane: \$30,000; 7 - Highstakes Hustler: \$30,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$96,279

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
8	Polar Bear Plunge	10.00	5.40	2.80	\$0.50 Pick 3	4-6-8 (3 correct)	67.15	36,659
2	Frosty Blue		5.40	3.00	\$1.00 Daily Double	6-8	12.60	14,330
5	News At Nine			2.20	\$1.00 Exacta	8-2	24.00	67,464
					\$0.10 Superfecta	8-2-5-4	14.41	26,218
					\$0.50 Trifecta	8-2-5	24.00	35,748

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
8	Polar Bear Plunge	8	7 ⁵	5 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{3/4}	1 ^{3/4}
2	Frosty Blue	2	3 ^{2 1/2}	3 ²	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{Head}	2 ^{3/4}
5	News At Nine	1	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ¹	1Head	1Head	3 ^{1 1/2}
4	C Mac Da Boss	3	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ¹	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	43 3/4
3	Super Stormy	4	8 ⁷	8 ⁴	5 ⁴	5 ^{2 3/4}	5 ^{9 1/4}
1	Bernin Tune	5	6 ^{4 1/2}	7 ^{3 1/2}	6 ^{4 1/4}	6 ^{4 3/4}	6 ¹²
6	Raising Kane	7	4 ⁴	4 ²	8 ^{6 1/4}	8 ^{7 3/4}	7 ^{13 1/4}
7	Highstakes Hustler	6	5 ^{4 1/2}	6 ³	7 ^{6 1/4}	7 ^{5 3/4}	8 ^{13 1/4}

Trainers: 8 - Kantarmaci, Mertkan; 2 - Landry, Allen; 5 - Rosin, Coty; 4 - Wilson, Shane; 3 - Schmidt, Denise; 1 - Claire, Alexis; 6 - Desormeaux, J.; 7 - Breaux, Samuel

Owners: 8 - Flying P Stable; 2 - Davis, Joey Keith, JD Thoroughbreds, LLC, Romero, Larry J. and Patel, Pravin A.; 5 - Linda Juckette; 4 - Tim McCarthy; 3 - Steven J. McCoy; 1 - Alexis Claire Racing Services LLC and Pinnacle Racing LLC; 6 - Blazing Saddles Racing Stables LLC; 7 - Roger G. Smith;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE rated in the two path turning into the backstretch, was cued between foes early around the far turn, angled out to the six path at the top of the stretch, and stayed on to inch ahead of an inner trio in the closing stages. FROSTY BLUE tracked along the rail, was cued in the two path midway around the far turn, tipped out to the five path at the top of the lane, and ran on between foes to get up for place late. NEWS AT NINE prompted the pace in the two path, bid midway around the far turn, took the lead while being roused from the four path into the stretch, dug in between foes passing the eighth pole, but yielded to an outer pair around the sixteenth. C MAC DA BOSS showed the way along the inside, waited around the far turn, was asked for more run while swinging from the three path into the lane, and fought on before fading in the final furlong. SUPER STORMY floated out to the five path around the first turn, trailed in the three path up the backstretch, angled inside midway around the far turn, cut the corner entering the stretch, but weakened in the final furlong. BERNIN TUNE chased inside, came under a ride in the two path midway around the far turn, but made no closing bid. RAISING KANE stalked in the three path up the backstretch but retreated around the far turn. HIGHSTAKES HUSTLER floated out to the five path around the first turn, was off the pace in the four path up the backstretch but did not threaten.