

FAIR GROUNDS - February 26, 2026 - Race 9

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR ACCREDITED LA BRED THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Three Year Olds, 117 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since January 26 Allowed 3 lbs. Claiming Price \$5,000. (SNW2 L) **Claiming Price:** \$5,000

Distance: Five And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Cort's P. B. - 1:02.65 - March 25, 2007)

Purse: \$14,000

Includes: \$1,500 LTBA - Louisiana TB Breeders Association

Includes: \$8,000 Other Sources

Available Money: \$14,000

Value of Race: \$14,000 1st \$8,400, 2nd \$2,800, 3rd \$1,540, 4th \$840, 5th \$420

Weather: Cloudy, 76° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 4:49 **Start:** Good for all except 2,7 **Timing Method:** Electronic



[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
10Dec25 ⁵ DED ⁸	8	Royal Hope (Murrill, Mitchell)	122 L	7	2	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ²	1.30*	pace,drew clear late
14Aug25 ⁸ EVD ¹	11	Star Apriority (Hernandez, Colby)	122 L bf	10	5	3 ¹	3 ¹	2 ¹	2 ^{1 1/2}	7.10	bid 3w,turned away
1Feb26 ¹ FG ⁵	1	Righteous Freedom (Mudd, Jamison)	117 L bf	1	1	2 ¹	2 ^{Head}	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	3.00	ins-2w,outkicked lane
6Feb26 ⁴ DED ⁵	2	Yakety Yak (Chavez, Oriel)	122 L b	2	10	10	10	5 ²	4 ²	13.90	off slw,gain,flattened
28Jan26 ⁴ DED ⁶	3	Happy Season (Magnon, Devin)	122 L	3	4	4 ¹	4 ³	4 ^{1/2}	5 ^{2 1/4}	34.90	broke in,3-4w,no rally
30Jan26 ⁷ DED ⁷	7	Seven Digits (Inirio, Junior)	122 L b	6	9	8 ¹	6 ^{Head}	7 ^{1 1/2}	6 ^{1 3/4}	6.40	sqzd st,study 1/2,4-5w
12Feb26 ⁹ FG ⁹	9	Roadside Banker (Hernandez, Harry)	122 L bf	8	7	9 ¹	9 ¹	9 ^{1/2}	7 ^{3/4}	14.50	broke in,6-7w,no bid
12Feb26 ⁹ FG ⁷	5	Patek (Meeks, Micah)	117 L b	5	8	7 ^{Head}	5 ¹	6 ¹	8 ^{5 3/4}	54.50	ins,swung 4w,no threat
12Feb26 ⁹ FG ⁵	10	I Bet You Wont (Murray, Erica)	122 L bf	9	6	6 ^{Head}	7 ¹	8 ¹	9 ^{4 1/2}	19.40	swung 5-6w,no impact
21Dec25 ² FG ¹⁰	4	Queen's Knight (Rea, Hunter)	117 L f	4	3	5 ^{Head}	8 ¹	10	10	22.80	took back,empty lane

Fractional Times: 22.61 46.66 58.93

Final Time: 1:05.35

Split Times: (24:05) (12:27) (6:42)

Run-Up: 46 feet

Winner: Royal Hope, Bay Gelding, by Imperial Hint out of Shelly's Hope, by Strong Hope. Foaled Apr 23, 2022 in Louisiana.

Breeder: Colonel Thoroughbreds LLC

Owner: David W. Bunn

Trainer: Johnson, Jr., Henry

1 Claimed Horse(s): Seven Digits

New Trainer: Emile Schwandt

New Owner: Darrin Dares

Claiming Prices: 8 - Royal Hope: \$5,000; 11 - Star Apriority: \$5,000; 1 - Righteous Freedom: \$5,000; 2 - Yakety Yak: \$5,000; 3 - Happy Season: \$5,000; 7 - Seven Digits: \$5,000; 9 - Roadside Banker: \$5,000; 5 - Patek: \$5,000; 10 - I Bet You Wont: \$5,000; 4 - Queen's Knight: \$5,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Imperial Dynasty (Also-Eligible), Pasketee (Veterinarian), Quikonthetrigger (Trainer)

Total WPS Pool: \$143,393

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool	Carryover
8	Royal Hope	4.60	3.20	2.80	\$1.00 Exacta	8-11	23.90	108,451	
11	Star Apriority		6.00	4.60	\$0.50 Trifecta	8-11-1	49.05	67,476	
1	Righteous Freedom			2.80	\$0.50 Pick 3	5-2-8 (3 correct)	14.45	33,303	
					\$0.50 Pick 4	4/9/10/11-5-2/9-6/8/12/13 (4 correct)	29.60	48,564	
					\$1.00 Daily Double	2-8	5.60	43,387	
					\$0.50 Pick 5	3-4/9/10/11-5-2/9-6/8/12/13 (5 correct)	133.40	57,825	
					\$0.20 Pick 6 Jackpot	2-3-4/9/10/11-5-2/9-6/8/12/13 (6 correct)	382.62	42,515	90,048
					\$0.10 Superfecta	8-11-1-2	39.01	60,303	

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin
8	Royal Hope	2	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ²
11	Star Apriority	5	3 ²	3 ¹	2 ¹	2 ²
1	Righteous Freedom	1	2 ¹	2 ¹	3 ²	3 ^{3 1/2}
2	Yakety Yak	10	10 ^{6 1/4}	10 ^{9 1/4}	5 ⁴	4 ⁴
3	Happy Season	4	4 ³	4 ²	4 ^{3 1/2}	5 ⁶
7	Seven Digits	9	8 ^{4 1/4}	6 ⁶	7 ⁷	6 ^{8 1/4}
9	Roadside Banker	7	9 ^{5 1/4}	9 ^{8 1/4}	9 ^{9 1/2}	7 ¹⁰
5	Patek	8	7 ^{4 1/4}	5 ⁵	6 ⁶	8 ^{10 3/4}
10	I Bet You Wont	6	6 ⁴	7 ^{6 1/4}	8 ^{8 1/2}	9 ^{16 1/2}
4	Queen's Knight	3	5 ⁴	8 ^{7 1/4}	10 ¹⁰	10 ²¹

Trainers: 8 - Johnson, Jr., Henry; 11 - Thomas, Lee; 1 - Noel, Dane; 2 - Flugence, Henry; 3 - Zenon, Charles; 7 - Flugence, Henry; 9 - Wilson, Shane; 5 - Peterson, Jessie; 10 - Schmidt, Denise; 4 - Morrell, Cynthia

Owners: 8 -David W. Bunn; 11 - Elite Thoroughbred Racing LLC; 1 - All Us Racing, LLC; 2 -Kevin A. Fontenot; 3 -Miguel Cruz, Sr.; 7 - Alfred, Albert and Babineaux, Quincy; 9 - Brittlyn Stable, Inc.; 5 -Harry S. Garber; 10 -Denise Schmidt; 4 -Cynthia Morrell;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

ROYAL HOPE sent to assume early command, set a contested pace to the turn, shook free into the bend then showed the way to the quarter marker, held off STAR APRIORITY into the final furlong, repelled that rival into the final sixteenth and drew clear in deep stretch. STAR APRIORITY tracked the early pace from the outside, bid three wide to upper stretch, ran in pursuit of ROYAL HOPE into the final furlong, was turned away in the final sixteenth and bested the rest. RIGHTEOUS FREEDOM showed speed and contested the early pace from the inside, chased to upper stretch, was outkicked in the final

furlong and held for third. YAKETY YAK was bumped then shuffled back at the start, trailed to the turn then made an inside gain to upper stretch, chased the leaders into the final furlong, flattened out late and missed for third. HAPPY SEASON broke in at the start, settled in mid-pack, chased three then four wide to upper stretch, no late rally. SEVEN DIGITS squeezed at the start, got caught in tight and steadied nearing the half-mile marker, chased four to five wide to upper stretch and finished evenly. ROADSIDE BANKER broke in at the start, settled early, coaxed six to seven wide to upper stretch, no factor late. PATEK settled, saved ground into the turn, swung four wide upper, no threat late. I BET YOU WONT settled, swung five to six wide upper, no impact. QUEEN'S KNIGHT took back off of the early pace, lost ground three wide along the turn, empty stretch.

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