

FAIR GROUNDS - March 21, 2026 - Race 6

STAKES Tom Benson Memorial S. Listed - Thoroughbred

FOR FILLIES AND MARES FOUR YEARS OLD AND UPWARD.

Distance: One And One Sixteenth Miles On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Explosive Bid - 1:42.40 - January 13, 1983)

Purse: \$150,000 Guaranteed

Available Money: \$150,000

Value of Race: \$145,500 1st \$90,000, 2nd \$30,000, 3rd \$15,000, 4th \$6,000, 5th \$3,000, 6th \$1,500

Weather: Clear, 75° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 2:32 **Start:** Good for all except 6 **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
8Nov25 ¹⁰ AQU ⁵	3	Way to Be Marie (Saez, Luis)	118 L	3	5	5 ²	5 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{1/2}	5 ¹	1 ^{Neck}	1.10*	setld, 4wbid, dug in
14Feb26 ⁸ FG ⁷	2	Sophie's Cruiser (Castillo, Isaac)	118 L	2	1	1 ³	1 ⁴	1 ²	1 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	10.70	speed, nailed
24Jan26 ¹⁰ GP ¹¹	1	Ready for Shirl (Hernandez, Jr., Brian)	118 L	1	2	4 ¹	4 ²	4 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Neck}	2.50	setld, gained3w, short
8Mar26 ⁷ FG ¹	4	For Love and Honor (Gaffalione, Tyler)	118 L	4	4	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	4 ²	9.30	ins, shdw upr, out-fin
7Feb26 ⁷ FG ⁵	6	Sea To Sky (IRE) (Ortiz, Jose)	118 L b	5	6	6	6	6	6	5 ^{1 1/2}	5.10	step slw, trail, no room
17Feb26 ⁸ FG ⁵	7	Gavea (GER) (Prat, Flavien)	118 L	6	3	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ²	2 ¹	4 ^{Head}	6	7.80	chsd ins, faded 1/8

Fractional Times: 23.29 46.97 1:11.78 1:35.53

Final Time: 1:41.78

Split Times: (23:68) (24:81) (23:75) (6:25)

Run-Up: 96 feet

Winner: Way to Be Marie, Bay Mare, by Not This Time out of Woman of the World, by Henrythenavigator. Foaled May 18, 2021 in Kentucky.

Breeder: William B. Harrigan & Mike Pietrangelo

Owner: Twin Oaks Bloodstock LLC

Trainer: Kenneally, Eddie

Scratched Horse(s): Cupids Crush (Stakes Scratch)

Total WPS Pool: \$249,171

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
3	Way to Be Marie	4.20	3.00	2.40	\$0.50 Pick 3	10-4-3 (3 correct)	26.35	29,744
2	Sophie's Cruiser		6.60	3.80	\$1.00 Daily Double	4-3	14.40	39,137
1	Ready for Shirl			2.60	\$1.00 Exacta	3-2	13.10	146,610
					\$0.10 Superfecta	3-2-1-4	18.32	32,683
					\$0.50 Trifecta	3-2-1	20.05	66,185

Past Performance Running Line Preview

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3	Way to Be Marie	5	5 ^{5 1/2}	5 ⁸	5 ^{3 1/2}	5 ^{1 3/4}	1 ^{Neck}
2	Sophie's Cruiser	1	1 ³	1 ⁴	1 ²	1 ¹	2 ^{Neck}
1	Ready for Shirl	2	4 ^{4 1/2}	4 ⁶	4 ³	3 ¹	3 ^{3/4}
4	For Love and Honor	4	3 ^{4 1/2}	3 ⁶	3 ³	2 ¹	4 ¹
6	Sea To Sky (IRE)	6	6 ^{7 1/2}	6 ^{9 1/2}	6 ⁴	6 ^{2 3/4}	5 ³
7	Gavea (GER)	3	2 ³	2 ⁴	2 ²	4 ^{1 1/2}	6 ^{4 1/2}

Trainers: 3 - Kenneally, Eddie; 2 - Brinkman, Brett; 1 - Stewart, Dallas; 4 - Sharp, Joe; 6 - DeVaux, Cherie; 7 - Stall, Jr., Albert

Owners: 3 - Twin Oaks Bloodstock LLC; 2 - Sugarland Thoroughbreds LLC; 1 - Charles E. Fipke; 4 - Redhawk Racing, LLC; 6 - John D. Gunther; 7 - Bal Mar Equine, LLC;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

WAY TO BE MARIE was allowed to settle off the pace, began steadily advancing three wide after the half mile marker, launched a four wide bid at the top of the stretch and began driving under immense encouragement from the rider, dug in late to earn the win. SOPHIE'S CRUISER quickly assumed command, led by a considerable margin up the backstretch under a tight rein from the rider, began asking at the quarter to maintain lead over foes that closed in through the far turn, just got nailed at the wire. READY FOR SHIRL settled off the pace in the two path, closed in through the far turn three wide, entered the stretch just behind the pace between foes, came up just short but earned a spot for the show honors. FOR LOVE AND HONOR was rated along the inside, moved up through the far turn to shadow the pace in the upper stretch, tipped out into the two path to pass foe at the eighth, got out-finished in the final furlong for any minor awards. SEA TO SKY (IRE) broke a step slow, trailed the pack for most, closed some ground in the far turn, had no room for most of the stretch, was able to shift out at the sixteenth to pass tiring foe. GAVEA (GER) saved ground to chase the pace from the inside, closed in through the far turn to enter the stretch just behind the leader, faded in the final furlong.

Denotes OBS Graduate

Denotes Virginia-Certified Thoroughbred