

GULFSTREAM PARK - February 6, 2026 - Race 2

MAIDEN OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR MAIDENS, FOUR YEARS OLD AND UPWARD FLORIDA-BRED, OR MAIDEN CLAIMING PRICE \$50,000. Weight, 123 lbs.

Claiming Price \$50,000. (If deemed inadvisable to run this race over the turf course, it will be run on the Tapeta Course at Five

 Furlongs) (Rail at 38 feet). (C) **Claiming Price:** \$50,000

Distance: Five Furlongs On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Pay Any Price - 53.61 - March 11, 2017)

Purse: \$50,000

Includes: \$3,000 FOA - Florida Owners Awards

Includes: \$7,000 FBIF - Florida Bred Incentive Fund

Available Money: \$50,000

Value of Race: \$45,390 1st \$29,300, 2nd \$8,400, 3rd \$4,000, 4th \$2,000, 5th \$490, 6th \$400, 7th \$400, 8th \$400

Weather: Clear, 60° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 12:54 **Start:** Good for all except 3,4,5 **Timing Method:** Electronic

[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	3/16	3/8	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
3May25	6	GP ³ Cajun Gold (Torres, Yolber)	118	L b	6	4	1 1/2	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ^{Neck}	4.00	pace 2p, drift, lasted
13Dec25	7	GP ² Melody Man (Gaffalione, Tyler)	123	L b	7	3	5 1/2	4 ¹	4 ^{Head}	2 ^{Nose}	1.90*	2w, 4w 3/16, rally btw
13Dec25	8	GP ⁵ Man With the Money (Ruiz, Jorge)	123	L	8	1	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	22.80	prompt 3p, battle btw
7Dec25	5	GP ⁴ Kraken (Zayas, Edgard)	123	L b	5	7	6 ²	6 ³	5 ^{Head}	4 1/2	4.70	hard bump start, 3-5wd
13Dec25	2	GP ³ Night (Gutierrez, Mario)	123	L b	2	5	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	5 ¹	3.50	rail, one-paced
13Dec25	1	GP ⁴ Deep Dusk (Egan, David)	123	L	1	2	4 1/2	5 ^{Head}	6 3/4	6 1/2	9.60	steadied into turn,ins
22Jan26	3	GP ³ Evil Empire (Ortiz, Jr., Irad)	123	--	3	6	8	8	7 1/2	7 3/4	9.30	bumped hard start
30Jan26	4	GP ⁵ Step Slow (Husbands, Micah)	123	L b	4	8	7 2 1/2	7 1 1/2	8	8	19.40	pinched,taken up start

Fractional Times: 22.08 44.66

Final Time: 56.57

Split Times: (22:58) (11:91)

Run-Up: 32 feet **Temporary Rail:** 38 feet

Winner: Cajun Gold, Chestnut Gelding, by Cajun Breeze out of Goldminer's Dream, by Distorted Humor. Foaled Apr 29, 2022 in Florida.

Breeder: Tom McCrocklin

Owner: West Point Thoroughbreds and Sonson, Charles

Trainer: Smullen, Heather

Claiming Prices: 8 - Man With the Money: \$50,000; 5 - Kraken: \$50,000; 1 - Deep Dusk: \$50,000; 4 - Step Slow: \$50,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$144,162

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
6	Cajun Gold	10.00	4.40	3.80	\$1.00 Exacta	6-7	16.30	132,025
7	Melody Man		3.40	2.60	\$0.50 Trifecta	6-7-8	69.35	61,754
8	Man With the Money			8.60	\$0.10 Superfecta	6-7-8-5	71.96	37,520
					\$1.00 Daily Double	10-6	67.50	63,520

Past Performance Running Line Preview

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6	Cajun Gold	4	1 1/2	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ^{Neck}
7	Melody Man	3	5 ³	4 ³	4 ³	2 ^{Neck}
8	Man With the Money	1	2 1 1/2	2 ¹	2 ¹	3 ^{Neck}
5	Kraken	7	6 5 1/2	6 ⁴	5 ³	4 3/4
2	Night	5	3 ²	3 1 1/2	3 1 1/2	5 1 1/4
1	Deep Dusk	2	4 2 1/2	5 ⁴	6 3 1/4	6 2 1/4
3	Evil Empire	6	8 ¹⁰	8 8 1/2	7 6 3/4	7 3 3/4
4	Step Slow	8	7 7 1/2	7 ⁷	8 8 1/4	8 7 1/2

Trainers: 6 - Smullen, Heather; 7 - Sweezey, J.; 8 - Breen, Kelly; 5 - Orseno, Joseph; 2 - Lewis, Lisa; 1 - Lewis, Lisa; 3 - Lerman, Michael; 4 - Abreu, Fernando

Owners: 6 - West Point Thoroughbreds and Sonson, Charles; 7 - Whisper Hill Farm LLC; 8 -Richard Malouf; 5 - D. J. Stable LLC and Cotran, Robert; 2 - Phil's Racing Stable LLC; 1 - Phil's Racing Stable LLC; 3 -Michael Lerman; 4 -Fernando Abreu;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

CAJUN GOLD set the pace in the two path, drifted out under left-handed urging in the lane and dug in late to just last. MELODY MAN raced off the pace two wide, angled four wide in upper stretch, rallied between foes and just missed. MAN WITH THE MONEY prompted the winner in three path, battled on between foes through the stretch and just missed. KRAKEN bumped hard at the start, raced well back three wide, swung five wide in upper stretch and rallied widest. NIGHT raced in range inside and was one-paced through the lane. DEEP DUSK had early speed inside, steadied into the turn and was no threat from there. EVIL EMPIRE bumped hard at the start, raced far back inside and was no threat. STEP SLOW was pinched back and taken up at the start and never reached contention.