

GULFSTREAM PARK - February 15, 2026 - Race 8
EQUIBASE

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON \$20,000 ONCE OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING,

STARTER OR RESTRICTED OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES OR CLAIMING PRICE \$25,000. Weight, 123 lbs.

Non-winners Of A Race Since November 15 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$25,000 (Races Where Entered For \$20,000 Or Less Not

 Considered In Allowances)(Maiden Races Not Considered in Allowances). (NW1\$ X) **Claiming Price:** \$25,000

Distance: One And One Sixteenth Miles On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Social Inclusion - 1:40.97 - March 12, 2014)

Purse: \$86,000

Includes: \$6,000 FOA - Florida Owners Awards

Includes: \$10,000 FBIF - Florida Bred Incentive Fund

Available Money: \$86,000

Value of Race: \$70,000 1st \$42,000, 2nd \$14,700, 3rd \$7,700, 4th \$3,500, 5th \$700, 6th \$700, 7th \$700

Weather: Clear, 76° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 4:12 **Start:** Good for all except 5 **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
17Jan26	8GP ²	3 Steeze (Zayas, Edgard)	121	L	3 1	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	1 Head	1 Head	1 Head	1 Head	1.50*	press,bid3w,duel,game
3Jan26	8GP ⁶	4 Founders (Husbands, Micah)	121	L	4 4	6 Head	6 ¹	3 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{3/4}	11.40	4w1st,bid5w,outgamed	
17Jan26	8GP ³	2 Statesman (Velazquez, John)	121	L	2 3	3 Head	4 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	3 ³	4.70	btwn,angled out,closed	
14Dec25	9GP ²	1 Only in America (Gaffalione, Tyler)	121	L b	1 2	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	1.50	inside,weakened 1/8	
27Dec25	4GP ⁵	7 Brooklyn Guy (Morelos, Jose)	121	L b	7 5	4 ¹	3 ^{1/2}	4 Head	5 ^{2 1/2}	5 ¹¹	35.30	5w1st,bid4w,weakened	
23Nov25	9CD ¹¹	5 Jonathan's Song (Gutierrez, Mario)	121	L b	5 7	7	5 ^{1/2}	6 ³	6 ^{3 1/2}	6 ^{3/4}	7.70	off slw,ins trip,tired	
27Dec25	4GP ⁴	6 Swashbuckle (Ocasio, Jonathan)	121	L	6 6	5 Head	7	7	7	7	44.10	failed to menace	

Fractional Times: 24.53 48.56 1:12.29 1:38.17

Final Time: 1:44.80

Split Times: (24:03) (23:73) (25:88) (6:63)

Run-Up: 165 feet

Winner: Steeze, Bay Colt, by [Vekoma](#) out of Stylish Ways, by Empire Maker. Foaled May 14, 2022 in Kentucky.

VEKOMA  Winner's sire standing at Spendthrift

Breeder: Springhouse Farm, Fox Straus KY &Golden Acorn Equine

Owner: Pin Oak Stud LLC

Trainer: Mott, Riley

Claiming Prices: 7 - Brooklyn Guy: \$25,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$255,563

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
3	Steeze	5.00	3.00	2.20	\$1.00 Exacta	3-4	17.10	151,940
4	Founders		8.00	4.40	\$0.50 Trifecta	3-4-2	25.45	80,140
2	Statesman			3.20	\$0.10 Superfecta	3-4-2-1	9.75	52,164
					\$1.00 Daily Double	5-3	35.50	35,755
					\$1.00 Pick 3	6-5-3 (3 correct)	270.90	44,826

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
3	Steeze	1	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	1 Head	1 Head	1 Head
4	Founders	4	6 ^{2 1/4}	6 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	2 Head	2 Head
2	Statesman	3	3 ¹	4 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{1 1/4}	4 ³	3 ^{3/4}
1	Only in America	2	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	2 Head	3 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{3 3/4}
7	Brooklyn Guy	5	4 ¹	3 ¹	4 ¹	5 ^{4 1/2}	5 ^{5 1/4}
5	Jonathan's Song	7	7 ^{2 1/4}	5 ²	6 ^{1 3/4}	6 ⁷	6 ^{16 1/4}
6	Swashbuckle	6	5 ²	7 ^{3 1/2}	7 ^{4 3/4}	7 ^{10 1/2}	7 ¹⁷

Trainers: 3 - Mott, Riley; 4 - Joseph, Jr., Saffie; 2 - McGaughey III, Claude; 1 - Pletcher, Todd; 7 - Coy, Ronald; 5 - Bauer, Philip; 6 - Negrete, Javier

Owners: 3 - Pin Oak Stud LLC; 4 - LaPenta, Robert V. and Madaket Stables LLC; 2 - West Point Thoroughbreds, Woodford Racing LLC and CJ Stables; 1 - Low, Lawana L. and Robert E.; 7 - Phuong Nghit Nguyen; 5 - Rigney Racing LLC; 6 - Aramis Hernandez;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

STEEZE pressed the pace three wide under a good hold, made a three wide bid by the five sixteenths and then dueled for command to the inside of FOUNDERS nearing the quarter pole and came off the turn together, then had a long drive and prevailed late to prove best in a game score. FOUNDERS was four wide into the first turn, rated along and made a five wide move on the far turn to duel for command nearing the quarter pole and into the lane, fought on to the wire but was out-gamed late. STATESMAN tracked the pace in between rivals, had to wait while the outside rivals made the first move by the five sixteenths, advanced nearing the turn and angled out to have aim and closed well. ONLY IN AMERICA set a pressured pace on the inside and then was in the two path midway on the turn and was headed and moved back to the inside but weakened in the lane. BROOKLYN GUY was five wide into the first turn, stalked the pace from the outside and made a four wide bid on the far turn but could not sustain that bid and weakened. JONATHAN'S SONG was off slowly and spotted the field three to four lengths, then made a inside middle move to be in contention to the five sixteenths marker but tired. SWASHBUCKLE was settled early and then failed to menace.