

GULFSTREAM PARK - June 20, 2026 - Race 5



CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs.

Claiming Price \$8,000 (Registered Florida Breds Preferred). (NW2 L) **Claiming Price: \$8,000**

Distance: Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Big Drama - 1:08.12 - January 15, 2011)

Purse: \$26,500

Includes: \$1,700 FOA - Florida Owners Awards

Includes: \$4,800 FBIF - Florida Bred Incentive Fund

Available Money: \$26,500

Value of Race: \$22,140 1st \$12,000, 2nd \$6,350, 3rd \$2,400, 4th \$1,390

Weather: Clear, 91° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 2:25 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

[Video Race Replay](#)

[GPS Race Chart](#)

| Last Raced | Pgm | Horse Name (Jockey) | Wgt | M/E | PP | Start | 1/4 | 1/2 | Str | Fin | Odds | Comments |
|-------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|----|-------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|-------|-------------------------|
| 8May26 ³ GP ³ | 3 | Western Shaft (Herrera, Diego) | 126 | L b | 2 | 3 | 1 ¹ 1/2 | 1 ³ | 1 ⁵ | 1 ⁵ 1/2 | 1.80 | fast early, plenty left |
| 7Jun26 ⁷ GP ³ | 1 | Candy Road (Nicholls, Mia) | 120 | L | 1 | 4 | 4 | 3 ¹ / ₂ | 2 ¹ | 2 ⁵ 1/4 | 2.90 | dropped inside, clr 2nd |
| 8May26 ³ GP ² | 4 | Emerging Leader (ARG) (Reyes, Leonel) | 126 | L b | 3 | 2 | 3 ³ | 4 | 4 | 3 ² 1/4 | 0.80* | idled turn, along 3rd |
| 6Jun26 ⁴ GP ⁷ | 7 | Loud Applause (Perez, Luis) | 119 | L b | 4 | 1 | 2 ¹ / ₂ | 2 ³ | 3 ² | 4 | 13.50 | quick chase, gave way |

Fractional Times: 21.98 45.27 57.97

Final Time: 1:11.76 **Time from Gate:** 1:13.53

Split Times: (23:29) (12:70) (13:79)

Run-Up: 40 feet

Winner: Western Shaft, Bay Gelding, by West Coast out of Melrose Woods, by Broken Vow. Foaled Mar 07, 2022 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Tony Holmes

Owner: Joseph Bucci

Trainer: Hurtak, Daniel

1 Claimed Horse(s): **Emerging Leader (ARG)** New Trainer: Dante Zanelli New Owner: Dante Zanelli

Claiming Prices: 3 - Western Shaft: \$8,000; 1 - Candy Road: \$8,000; 4 - Emerging Leader (ARG): \$8,000; 7 - Loud Applause: \$8,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Coercive (Veterinarian), Nadir Han (Veterinarian), War to Remember (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$67,251

| Pgm | Horse | Win | Place | Wager Type | Winning Numbers | Payoff | Pool |
|-----|-----------------------|------|-------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------|---------|
| 3 | Western Shaft | 5.60 | 3.20 | \$1.00 Exacta | 3-1 | 6.60 | 52,390 |
| 1 | Candy Road | | 3.60 | \$1.00 Daily Double | 7-3 | 45.40 | 16,604 |
| 4 | Emerging Leader (ARG) | | | \$1.00 Pick 3 | 5-7-3 (3 correct) | 217.40 | 15,974 |
| | | | | \$0.50 Pick 4 | 1-5-7-3 (4 correct) | 583.25 | 44,896 |
| | | | | \$0.50 Pick 5 | 4-1-5-7-3 (5 correct) | 2,317.95 | 155,460 |

Past Performance Running Line Preview

| Pgm | Horse Name | Start | 1/4 | 1/2 | Str | Fin |
|-----|-----------------------|-------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 3 | Western Shaft | 3 | 1 ¹ 1/2 | 1 ³ | 1 ⁵ | 1 ⁵ 1/2 |
| 1 | Candy Road | 4 | 4 ⁵ | 3 ⁶ | 2 ⁵ | 2 ⁵ 1/2 |
| 4 | Emerging Leader (ARG) | 2 | 3 ² | 4 ⁶ 1/2 | 4 ⁸ | 3 ¹⁰ 3/4 |
| 7 | Loud Applause | 1 | 2 ¹ 1/2 | 2 ³ | 3 ⁶ | 4 ¹³ |

Trainers: 3 - Hurtak, Daniel; 1 - Dobber, Arnoud; 4 - D'Angelo, Jose; 7 - Rodriguez, Roderick

Owners: 3 - Joseph Bucci; 1 - Mila Mullens; 4 - Lugamo Racing Stable LLC; 7 - Malek, Pierre and Rodriguez, Roderick R.;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

WESTERN SHAFT away well, got clear through a quickly run opening quarter mile, continued to hold daylight through the turn, plenty left in the drive to hold the runner up comfortably safe under steady handling. CANDY ROAD last away, fell further back soon after, began a steady gain while off the inside midway on the turn, angled toward the rail exiting the turn, closed the gap on the winner past the furlong marker then could make no more progress on that one, well clear of the others. EMERGING LEADER (ARG) forwardly placed early, idled through the turn toward the inside in falling back to trail, along for the third position in the late going while no match for the top pair. LOUD APPLAUSE chased the winner from off the inside through that quick early pace, had little left when called on for the drive, staged a steady retreat to the wire.