

GULFSTREAM PARK - August 15, 2026 - Race 3

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs.
Claiming Price \$10,000, if for \$8,000, allowed 2 lbs. (Registered Florida Breds Preferred). (NW2 L) **Claiming Price:** \$10,000 - \$8,000

Distance: One And One Sixteenth Miles On The All Weather Track **Current Track Record:** (Fighter in the Win - 1:39.91 - February 4, 2024)

Purse: \$27,500

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

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

Available Money: \$27,500

Value of Race: \$21,715 1st \$12,600, 2nd \$4,620, 3rd \$3,025, 4th \$1,050, 5th \$210, 6th \$210

Weather: Clear, 91° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 1:32 **Start:** Good for all except 5 **Timing Method:** Electronic

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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
4Jul26 ⁵ GP ⁷	2	Esperanzito (Martinez, Carlos)	116 L b	1	3	6	6	6	3 ¹	1 ^{2 1/2}	4.10	ang 5wd 1/4 pl, bid
26Jul26 ¹ GP ¹	7	Finest Gamble (Pena, Pedro)	115 L b	6	2	5 ¹	4 ^{Head}	3 ^{2 1/2}	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{Nose}	1.50*	3wd bid, led, no match
12Jun26 ⁴ GP ³	4	Rockingham Joe (Morelos, Jose)	125 L f	3	1	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{4 3/4}	1.70	pace, worn down late
21Jun26 ⁴ GP ⁸	3	Sponge Time (Meneses, Marcos)	125 L f	2	4	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Head}	5 ²	4 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{3 1/4}	36.80	fwd ins, urged, no bid
25Jul26 ¹ GP ³	6	Captcha (Santos, Jonathan)	113 L bf	5	5	2 ^{1/2}	2 ³	2 ^{1/2}	5 ¹	5 ^{2 1/2}	4.40	dropped back far turn
25Jul26 ¹ GP ⁵	5	My Foolish Notion (Thomas, Anthony)	122 L b	4	6	4 ^{Head}	5 ²	4 ^{1/2}	6	6	20.20	bobble, lk rm 7/8, btw

Fractional Times: 24.85 48.87 1:13.36 1:39.18

Final Time: 1:46.00 **Time from Gate:** 1:48.41

Split Times: (24:02) (24:49) (25:82) (6:82)

Run-Up: 60 feet

Winner: Esperanzito, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by Instilled Regard out of Mrs. Bucket, by Cross Traffic. Foaled Feb 24, 2022 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Emerald Edge Stud

Owner: La Milagrosa Stable LLC

Trainer: Perez, Carlos

1 Claimed Horse(s): Finest Gamble

New Trainer: Nicholas J. Tomlinson New Owner: Bruno Schickedanz

Claiming Prices: 2 - Esperanzito: \$8,000; 7 - Finest Gamble: \$10,000; 4 - Rockingham Joe: \$10,000; 3 - Sponge Time: \$10,000; 6 - Captcha: \$8,000; 5 - My Foolish Notion: \$10,000;

Scratched Horse(s): One More Duke (Re-entered)

Total WPS Pool: \$80,347

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
2	Esperanzito	10.20	3.60	2.40	\$1.00 Exacta	2-7	12.00	59,326
7	Finest Gamble		2.60	2.10	\$0.50 Trifecta	2-7-4	13.40	32,905
4	Rockingham Joe			2.20	\$0.10 Superfecta	2-7-4-3	11.65	22,874
					\$1.00 Daily Double	2-2	28.40	10,882
					\$1.00 Pick 3	4-2-2 (3 correct)	178.60	30,162

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
2	Esperanzito	3	6 ^{2 1/2}	6 ^{5 3/4}	6 ⁶	3 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{2 1/2}
7	Finest Gamble	2	5 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{3 1/2}	3 ¹	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{2 1/2}
4	Rockingham Joe	1	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	3 ^{2 1/2}
3	Sponge Time	4	3 ¹	3 ^{3 1/2}	5 ⁴	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{7 1/4}
6	Captcha	5	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	5 ⁴	5 ^{10 1/2}
5	My Foolish Notion	6	4 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{3 3/4}	4 ^{3 1/2}	6 ⁵	6 ¹³

Trainers: 2 - Perez, Carlos; 7 - David, Carlos; 4 - Antonucci, Jena; 3 - Vitali, Marcus; 6 - D'Angelo, Jose; 5 - Miller, Herbert

Owners: 2 - La Milagrosa Stable LLC; 7 - Four Tags Stable; 4 - John Grossi's Racing Corp.; 3 -Marcus J. Vitali; 6 - Tag Stables LLC; 5 -Gabriel Duignan;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

ESPERANZITO saved ground, commenced his bid when maneuvered off the rail on the far turn, was angled five wide turning for home and rallied strongly under his rider's strong hand ride and two right-handed taps from his crop. FINEST GAMBLE raced striking position while four wide, surged up on the far turn, gained the lead at the eighth pole, proved no match and gained a nod for the place spot. ROCKINGHAM JOE grabbed the early lead, dug in gamely under pressure but was worn down in the stretch. SPONGE TIME raced forwardly along the inside, was urged on the far turn and lacked the needed bid. CAPTCHA forced the early pace and dropped back on the far turn. MY FOOLISH NOTION bobbed at the start, lacked room at the seven-eighths pole, chased between foes and offered no bid.