

HORSESHOE INDIANAPOLIS - October 1, 2026 - Race 3

ALLOWANCE - Thoroughbred
FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON \$12,000 ONCE OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER, RESTRICTED OR STATE BRED OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race At A Mile Or Over Since September 1 Allowed 2 lbs. (Races Where Entered For \$15,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances). (NW1\$ X)

Distance: One And One Sixteenth Miles On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Tip Top Thomas - 1:41.15 - July 5, 2025)

Purse: \$34,000

Includes: \$12,240 State Bred

Available Money: \$34,000

Value of Race: \$34,000 1st \$20,400, 2nd \$6,800, 3rd \$3,400, 4th \$1,700, 5th \$340, 6th \$340, 7th \$340, 8th \$340, 9th \$340

Weather: Cloudy, 85° Track: Fast

Off at: 3:26 Start: Good for all 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
1Aug26 ⁷ SAR ²	7	Expect the Best (Bejarano, Rafael) 	122	L b	7	6	3 ¹	2 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1 3/4}	0.70*	3p,bid1/2,5p1/4,drv
31Aug26 ² IND ²	6	Palm Tree (Prescott, Rodney)	122	L b	6	2	5 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	3 ²	2 ^{7 1/2}	2 ^{14 1/2}	8.20	bid4p3/8,carried out6p
12Sep26 ⁴ CD ⁸	8	Spirit of Royal (Beschizza, Adam) 	118	L	8	8	8 ²	7 ^{1/2}	8 ⁵	5 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{2 1/4}	25.30	inside,bid1/8,no match
11Sep26 ¹⁰ IND ³	3	Magnus Gold (Esquivel, Emmanuel)	117	L	3	9	9	8 ^{1 1/2}	7 ^{1/2}	6 ²	4 ^{1 1/2}	8.40	hop,bid3p3/8,improved
26Aug26 ³ IND ¹	9	Lay Down the Law (Ramos, Joseph)	118	L	9	7	7 ²	6 ^{2 1/2}	5 ²	4 ^{Head}	5 ^{1/2}	3.10	stalked3p,faded str
8Sep26 ⁶ IND ²	2	Aguila Negra (Murrill, Mitchell)	118	L b	2	1	1 ¹	1 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	6 ^{3 3/4}	15.70	clear,gave way5/16
23May26 ⁴ CD ⁷	5	Start Mo Up (Bealmear, Joseph)	122	b	5	3	2 ^{1/2}	5 ¹	6 ¹	7 ^{1/2}	7 ⁶	44.60	stlk btw,gave way3/8
10Sep26 ⁷ IND ⁴	1	Explosively (Pedroza, Jr., Marcelino)	122	L b	1	5	4 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	4 ¹	8 ⁵	8 ¹	16.60	stalk,gave way1/4
8Sep26 ⁶ IND ⁶	4	Vaccinator (Meeks, Micah)	115	L b	4	4	6 ^{Head}	9	9	9	9	114.90	no factor

Fractional Times: 23.65 47.34 1:11.79 1:36.64 Final Time: 1:43.35 Time from Gate: 1:45.16

Split Times: (23:69) (24:45) (24:85) (6:71)

Run-Up: 45 feet

Winner: Expect the Best, Chestnut Gelding, by Khozan out of Gulf Coast Gal, by Constitution. Foaled Feb 19, 2022 in Florida.

Breeder: Trevor James

Owner: Sparks, William S., Monroe, Chris, Patterson, Trey, Patterson, Ty and Johnston, Keith F.

Trainer: Moquett, Ron

Total WPS Pool: \$86,537

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
7	Expect the Best	3.40	2.20	2.10	\$2.00 Exacta	7-6	14.60	83,605
6	Palm Tree		5.60	3.60	\$0.50 Trifecta	7-6-8	28.25	52,406
8	Spirit of Royal			8.20	\$0.10 Superfecta	7-6-8-3	25.44	40,084
					\$0.50 Pick 3	5-8-7 (3 correct)	71.70	25,269
					\$2.00 Daily Double	8-7	26.20	16,175

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
7	Expect the Best	6	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1 3/4}
6	Palm Tree	2	5 ⁴	3 ²	3 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1 3/4}
8	Spirit of Royal	8	8 ^{7 1/2}	7 ^{6 1/2}	8 ^{7 1/2}	5 ^{9 1/2}	3 ^{16 1/4}
3	Magnus Gold	9	9 ^{9 1/2}	8 ⁷	7 ⁷	6 ¹¹	4 ^{18 1/2}
9	Lay Down the Law	7	7 ^{5 1/2}	6 ⁴	5 ⁴	4 ^{9 1/2}	5 ²⁰
2	Aguila Negra	1	1 ¹	1 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	3 ⁸	6 ^{20 1/2}
5	Start Mo Up	3	2 ¹	5 ³	6 ⁶	7 ¹³	7 ^{24 1/4}
1	Explosively	5	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ³	8 ^{13 1/2}	8 ^{30 1/4}
4	Vaccinator	4	6 ^{5 1/2}	9 ^{8 1/2}	9 ^{12 1/2}	9 ^{18 1/2}	9 ^{31 1/4}

Trainers: 7 - Moquett, Ron; 6 - Contreras, Cipriano; 8 - Cunningham, S.; 3 - Contreras, Cipriano; 9 - Eurtion, Peter; 2 - Banks, Chris; 5 - Lejzerowicz, Joe; 1 - Matthews, Randy; 4 - Hayes, Michael

Owners: 7 - Sparks, William S., Monroe, Chris, Patterson, Trey, Patterson, Ty and Johnston, Keith F.; 6 - Contreras Stable, Inc. and Victory Stables, LLC; 8 - Gervais Racing LLC; 3 - Gumpster Stable LLC; 9 - C R K Stable LLC; 2 -Chris Banks; 5 -Randy Jill Gootzeit; 1 -Mark David Hixson; 4 - Hayes, Ellen and Hayes, Michael S.;

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EXPECT THE BEST stalked the pace in the three path, bid near the quarter pole, dueled, bore out to the five path near the quarter pole, went clear and held sway under mild urging. PALM TREE stalked the pace in the three path, bid four wide near the three-eighths pole, dueled, was carried out to the six path near the quarter pole and was no match in the drive. SPIRIT OF ROYAL saved ground, bid near the eighth pole and proved best of the rest. MAGNUS GOLD hopped at the start, bid in the three path near the three-eighths pole and improved position late. LAY DOWN THE LAW stalked the pace in the three path and faded near the stretch. AGUILA NEGRA was clear before giving way on the far turn. START MO UP stalked the early pace between rivals and gave way near the three-eighths pole. EXPLOSIVELY stalked the pace inside before giving way near the quarter pole. VACCINATOR was not a factor.

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