

KENTUCKY DOWNS - September 5, 2026 - Race 3

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER, OR STATE BRED OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES OR CLAIMING PRICE \$80,000. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Non-winners Of \$45,000 Twice Over A Mile On The Turf Since July 5 Allowed 2 lbs. \$45,000 At A Mile Or Over On The Turf Since Then Allowed 4 lbs. Claiming Price \$80,000 (Races Where Entered For \$62,500 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances). (Rail at 25 feet). (NW2 X) **Claiming Price:** \$80,000

Distance: One And Five Sixteenth Miles On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Freydis the Red (FR) - 2:06.13 - September 3, 2023)

Purse: \$185,000

Includes: \$92,500 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund

Plus: \$7,200 Other Sources

Available Money: \$192,200

Value of Race: \$192,200 1st \$111,000, 2nd \$37,000, 3rd \$18,500, 4th \$11,375, 5th \$7,675, 6th \$1,663, 7th \$1,663, 8th \$1,662, 9th \$1,662

Weather: Clear, 95° **Track:** Firm

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

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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	1/4	1/2	3/4	1m	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
14Aug26 ³ PEN ⁵	2	Idratherbeblesed (Fresu, Antonio)	122	L	2	2 ²	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{2 1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Neck}	5.80	stlkd 2w,duel,lugd out
7May26 ⁶ CD ²	9	Esmark (Saez, Luis)	122	L f	8	7 ²	7 ¹	7 ^{5 1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1 1/2}	5.70	4-3w,swng out,bmp 1/8
16Aug26 ⁶ ELP ¹	8	Andthewinneris (Curtis, Ben)	124	L	7	5 ^{1/2}	5 ²	4 ^{2 1/2}	3 ¹	3 ^{3 1/2}	3 ⁵	2.33*	chsd 2w,bmpd 1/8
8Aug26 ⁶ CNL ¹	10	War Officer (Gaffalione, Tyler)	122	L	9	6 ¹	6 ^{Head}	6 ^{Head}	6 ²	4 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{3 1/2}	5.21	ins-2w,tipd out,imprvd
26Jul26 ⁸ ELP ⁴	4	Risk Manager (Hazlewood, Yedsit)	122	L b	4	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	5 ²	5 ^{7 1/4}	8.77	chsd 3w-ins,lack rally
26Jul26 ³ ELP ⁴	1	Sugoi (Morales, Edgar)	122	L b	1	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	7 ^{5 1/2}	7 ¹	6 ^{1 3/4}	45.07	chased ins,tired out
16Aug26 ⁶ ELP ⁵	7	Lincoln Highway (Gutierrez, Mario)	122	L bf	6	9	8 ²	8 ¹	8 ^{4 1/2}	8 ^{7 1/2}	7 ^{3 1/2}	43.00	2w-ins,no factor
17Jul26 ⁶ SAR ³	3	Gilded Craken (Ortiz, Jose)	122	L	3	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	6 ⁴	8 ¹⁰	2.57	3w-ins,duel,faded upr
9Aug26 ⁶ MNR ¹	5	Geraldraydaplegray (De La Cruz, Fernando)	122	L b	5	8 ^{Head}	9	9	9	9	9	44.59	ins,never a factor

Fractional Times: 25.21 49.45 1:12.37 1:35.99

Final Time: 2:09.13

Time from Gate: 2:09.13

Split Times: (24:24) (22:92) (23:62) (33:14)

Run-Up: 0 feet **Temporary Rail:** 25 feet

Winner: Idratherbeblesed, Bay Gelding, by Unified out of Celestial Smile, by Tiznow. Foaled Feb 18, 2020 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Narola, LLC

Owner: Paradise Farms Corp. and Staudacher, David

Trainer: Maker, Michael

2 Claimed Horse(s): **Andthewinneris** New Trainer: Brad H. Cox New Owner: Daniel Epstein
Idratherbeblesed New Trainer: Brad H. Cox New Owner: Daniel Epstein

Claiming Prices: 2 - Idratherbeblesed: \$80,000; 8 - Andthewinneris: \$80,000; 4 - Risk Manager: \$80,000; 1 - Sugoi: \$80,000; 7 - Lincoln Highway: \$80,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Divin Propos (FR) (Trainer)

Total WPS Pool: \$311,189

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
2	Idratherbeblesed	13.60	6.26	3.90	\$0.50 Pick 3	4-5-2 (3 correct)	264.59	94,308
9	Esmark		7.10	4.42	\$1.00 Daily Double	5-2	142.23	53,763
8	Andthewinneris			2.74	\$1.00 Exacta	2-9	46.73	262,260
					\$0.10 Superfecta	2-9-8-10	46.75	79,696
					\$0.50 Trifecta	2-9-8	74.28	113,737

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	1/4	1/2	3/4	1m	Str	Fin
2	Idratherbeblesed	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Neck}
9	Esmark	7 ⁷	7 ^{5 3/4}	7 ^{6 1/4}	4 ^{2 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Neck}
8	Andthewinneris	5 ^{5 1/2}	5 ^{3 1/2}	4 ^{3 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1 3/4}
10	War Officer	6 ⁶	6 ^{5 1/2}	6 ⁶	6 ^{4 1/4}	4 ⁴	4 ^{6 3/4}
4	Risk Manager	4 ³	4 ^{3 1/2}	5 ⁶	5 ⁴	5 ^{5 1/2}	5 ^{10 1/4}
1	Sugoi	3 ³	3 ²	3 ³	7 ^{6 1/4}	7 ^{11 1/2}	6 ^{17 1/2}
7	Lincoln Highway	9 ^{9 1/4}	8 ^{6 3/4}	8 ^{11 3/4}	8 ^{11 3/4}	8 ^{12 1/2}	7 ^{19 1/4}
3	Gilded Craken	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	6 ^{7 1/2}	8 ^{22 3/4}
5	Geraldraydaplegray	8 ⁹	9 ^{8 3/4}	9 ^{12 3/4}	9 ^{16 1/4}	9 ²⁰	9 ^{32 3/4}

Trainers: 2 - Maker, Michael; 9 - Oliver, Victoria; 8 - Maker, Michael; 10 - Joseph, Jr., Saffie; 4 - Foster, Eric; 1 - Bahena, Ismael; 7 - Oliver, Victoria; 3 - Sharp, Joe; 5 - Donjuan, Sergio

Owners: 2 - Paradise Farms Corp. and Staudacher, David; 9 - Esmark Equine, LLC; 8 - Paradise Farms Corp. and Staudacher, David; 10 -Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.; 4 - Foster Family Racing, Wargel, William J. and Dant, John; 1 -Anayeli Ramirez; 7 -G. Watts Humphrey, Jr.; 3 - Epona Racing Stable and Toga Party Racing Stable; 5 -Fred L. Jackson;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

IDRATHERBEBLESSED stalked the pace from the break two wide then shifted up a bit heading up the hill and dueled GILDED CRAKEN remaining two wide before pulling ahead in the upper then lugged out entering the stretch and held off two other rivals in the deep stretch. ESMARK bumped with ANDTHEWINNERIS at the start and raced towards the back coming four wide around the first turn then settled into the third flight three wide off the rail and swung to the outside in the upper and was bumped by ANDTHEWINNERIS again nearing the furlong marker but kept on and held out for the place award. ANDTHEWINNERIS was bumped at the break and settled back early then advanced along the backstretch and chased the pace from the top of the hill in the two path, kept on in the upper and swung out bumping with ESMARK nearing the furlong marker then had trouble finding enough room in the deep stretch. WAR OFFICER settled towards the back along the inside through the early stages then came out a bit while heading up the hill and being

positioned in the third flight, was between rivals heading down the hill then tipped out in the upper and improved in the stretch while being no match for the top finishers. RISK MANAGER chased the pace early from the three path on the outside of SUGOI then settled back a bit heading up the hill and came to the inside but lacked a rally in the stretch. SUGOI was up early along the inside and chased the pace through the early stages making a little gain on the backstretch then weakened heading down the hill and tired out in the stretch. LINCOLN HIGHWAY raced off the pace from the two path and shifted to the inside at the crest of the hill and got distanced from the pack then made up ground in the upper but was still no factor. GILDED CRAKEN sent for the pace early while coming three wide around the first turn and inched ahead of it's contenders coming down the backstretch before being closely pursued again up the hill, then shifted to the inside and dueled with IDRATHERBEBLESSED coming down the hill and faded into the upper. GERALDRAYDAPLEGRAY dropped back quickly after the break and steered to the inside then raced off the pace at the back of the pack and gained a marginal distance between the last in the pack heading towards the quarter pole and was never a factor.