

KENTUCKY DOWNS - September 9, 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, 125 lbs. Non-winners Of \$45,000 Twice On The Turf Since July 9 Allowed 2 lbs. \$45,000 Since Then Allowed 4 lbs. Claiming Price \$80,000 (Races Where Entered For \$62,500 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances). (NW2 X) **Claiming Price:** \$80,000

Distance: Seven Furlongs On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Kehoe Beach - 1:20.46 - September 8, 2024)

Purse: \$185,000

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

Plus: \$9,600 Other Sources

Available Money: \$194,600

Value of Race: \$175,795 1st \$111,000, 2nd \$18,500, 3rd \$18,500, 4th \$11,375, 5th \$7,675, 6th \$1,515, 7th \$1,515, 8th \$1,200, 9th \$1,505, 10th \$1,505, 11th \$1,505

Weather: Clear, 91° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 12:38 **Start:** Good for all except 5 **Timing Method:** Electronic

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[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
9Aug26 ³ ELP ³	11	Rose Ruler (Prat, Flavien)	121	L b	11	5	2 ¹	2 ¹	1 ¹	1 ^{1 3/4}	2.04*	prsd 3w,held clear
25Jul26 ³ ELP ⁷	4	Mountain Bear (IRE) (Hazlewood, Yedsit)	121	L	4	2	3 ¹	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{2 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	11.10	2w,tipd out,dueld 2nd
1Aug26 ³ ELP ²	8	Ganaas (Morales, Edgar)	118	L vf	8	1	4 ¹	4 ²	2 ^{1/2}	3 ²	6.52	trck 3w,duel 2nd,missd
1Aug26 ⁴ GP ³	3	Flying Liam (Rosario, Joel)	121	L	3	6	7 ^{1 1/2}	7 ^{Head}	7 ²	4 ^{Neck}	9.71	2w,tip out/in,late kck
26Jul26 ² SAR ³	6	Son of a Birch (Gaffalione, Tyler)	121	L b	6	8	8 ^{Head}	8 ¹	4 ^{Head}	5 ^{1/2}	4.19	4w,tipd out,need more
1Aug26 ⁵ CNL ³	10	Exosome (Rispoli, Umberto)	118	L b	10	10	5 ^{Head}	5 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1/2}	6 ^{3/4}	17.15	midpck 4w,wknd
22Aug26 ¹¹ CNL ⁴	7	In a Jam (Bejarano, Rafael)	121	L	7	11	11	10 ¹	8 ^{Head}	7 ^{4 1/4}	30.97	3-4w,swng 8w1/4,imprvd
25Jun26 ⁷ CNL ¹	2	The Minkster (Torres, Jaime)	121	L	2	3	6 ^{1/2}	6 ^{1/2}	6 ^{Head}	8 ^{6 3/4}	30.27	ins,early rally,wknd
26Jul26 ⁸ ELP ³	1	Exact Estimate (Ortiz, Jose)	121	L	1	7	10 ¹	9 ^{1/2}	10 ²	9 ¹	3.51	bck ins,no response
25Jul26 ⁷ BTP ⁵	9	Coming in Hot (Rodriguez, Walter)	121	L b	9	9	9 ^{Head}	11	11	10 ^{4 1/4}	129.92	back 5w,no factor
8Aug26 ³ ELP ⁶	5	Eli's Promise (Curtis, Ben)	121	L	5	4	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	9 ^{2 1/2}	11	34.53	lungd,rushd up,tired

Fractional Times: 22.89 46.15 1:09.28

Final Time: 1:23.21 **Time from Gate:** 1:23.21

Split Times: (23:26) (23:13) (13:93)

Run-Up: 0 feet

Winner: Rose Ruler, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by American Pharoah out of Meadow Rose, by Ghostzapper. Foaled May 15, 2022 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Merriebelle Stable, LLC

Owner: Paradise Farms Corp., Staudacher, David and Turman, Frank

Trainer: Maker, Michael

Claiming Prices: 4 - Mountain Bear (IRE): \$80,000; 6 - Son of a Birch: \$80,000; 7 - In a Jam: \$80,000; 2 - The Minkster: \$80,000; 1 - Exact Estimate: \$80,000; 9 - Coming in Hot: \$80,000; 5 - Eli's Promise: \$80,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$196,198

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
11	Rose Ruler	6.08	3.70	2.88	\$0.50 Pick 3	5-6-11 (3 correct)	42.17	69,018
4	Mountain Bear (IRE)		9.84	7.02	\$1.00 Daily Double	6-11	12.04	35,391
8	Ganaas			4.88	\$1.00 Exacta	11-4	26.21	166,960
					\$0.10 Superfecta	11-4-8-3	108.60	56,462
					\$0.50 Trifecta	11-4-8	68.77	82,999

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
11	Rose Ruler	5	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	1 ¹	1 ^{1 3/4}
4	Mountain Bear (IRE)	2	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1 3/4}
8	Ganaas	1	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	2 ¹	3 ^{2 1/4}
3	Flying Liam	6	7 ⁴	7 ^{4 1/2}	7 ^{4 3/4}	4 ^{4 1/4}
6	Son of a Birch	8	8 ^{5 1/2}	8 ^{4 3/4}	4 ⁴	5 ^{4 1/2}
10	Exosome	10	5 ^{3 1/2}	5 ^{3 1/2}	5 ⁴	6 ⁵
7	In a Jam	11	11 ^{6 3/4}	10 ^{6 1/4}	8 ^{6 3/4}	7 ^{5 3/4}
2	The Minkster	3	6 ^{3 1/2}	6 ⁴	6 ^{4 1/2}	8 ¹⁰
1	Exact Estimate	7	10 ^{5 3/4}	9 ^{5 3/4}	10 ^{9 1/4}	9 ^{16 3/4}
9	Coming in Hot	9	9 ^{5 3/4}	11 ^{7 1/4}	11 ^{11 1/4}	10 ^{17 3/4}
5	Eli's Promise	4	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	9 ^{6 3/4}	11 ²²

Trainers: 11 - Maker, Michael; 4 - Sweezey, J.; 8 - McKeever, Andrew; 3 - Ramsey, Nolan; 6 - Maker, Michael; 10 - Danner, Kelsey; 7 - Cook, Jason; 2 - Caramori, Caio; 1 - Sharp, Joe; 9 - Bahena, Ismael; 5 - Sharp, Joe

Owners: 11 - Paradise Farms Corp., Staudacher, David and Turman, Frank; 4 - Starry Night Racing; 8 - Shadwell Stable; 3 - Wolf Pack Racing; 6 -Robert Lambe; 10 - NBS Stable; 7 -David E. Miller; 2 - Sea Glass Stables, LLC; 1 - TEC Racing (Elliott S. Logan); 9 - Double R Racing Stables; 5 - Dugan-McNichol Racing LLC;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

ROSE RULER pressed the pace early on from the three path then shifted up and took command from it's tiring leader nearing the final furlong and inched away in the stretch and held clear to prove best. MOUNTAIN BEAR (IRE) was rated up just a length behind the pace from the two path coming around the hill then looked for some room tipping out to get around the tiring leader nearing the final furlong and dueled with GANAAS in the stretch for the place award, bumping and brushing it's rival and just prevailed at the wire. GANAAS tracked the pace up and down the hill from the three to four path and came out slightly entering the lane and dueled with MOUNTAIN BEAR shortly after entering the stretch looking to hold it's place award but after some brushing and bumping gave way and missed settling for the show. FLYING LIAM settled near the back of the field in the two path and came under urging heading into the upper before tipping out circling ELI'S PROMISE then tipping back towards the inside and having a late kick just coming up for the minor awards. SON OF A BIRCH brushed with ELI'S PROMISE at the start and settled into the four path towards the back half of the pack then tipped out coming to the

outside of the field in the upper and made a rally but just needed more. EXOSOME raced in the mid-pack about four wide off the rail and continued on into the upper but weakened in the deep stretch. IN A JAM dropped back after breaking with the field and raced off the pace between the three and four path then swung out about eight wide off the bend and made a mild late gain. THE MINKSTER raced mid-pack saving ground along the inside and made an early rally entering the upper gaining some ground on the leaders but weakened nearing the stretch. EXACT ESTIMATE raced towards the back along the inside and came under encouragement entering the upper but lacked a response. COMING IN HOT settled at the very back of the pack and came five wide around the hill and continued on nearing the quarter pole but weakened back and was no factor. ELI'S PROMISE lunged out of the gate and brushed SON OF A BIRCH then quickly rushed up and set the pace while coming to the inside but tired out sharply nearing the final furlong.