

LOUISIANA DOWNS - June 8, 2026 - Race 2

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT - Thoroughbred

FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs. (Preference To Horses That Have Not Started For A Claiming Price Of Less Than \$20,000). (If deemed inadvisable by management to run this race over the turf course, it will be run on the main track at 1 1/16 Miles) (Rail at 20 feet).

Distance: One And One Sixteenth Miles On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Erroneous I D - 1:40.17 - September 2, 2006)

Purse: \$23,000

Includes: \$5,000 Other Sources

Plus: \$3,000 ALBSS-Accredited LA Bred Slot Supplement

Available Money: \$26,000

Value of Race: \$23,000 1st \$13,800, 2nd \$4,600, 3rd \$2,530, 4th \$1,380, 5th \$690

Weather: Cloudy, 91° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 4:35 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
12May26 ⁴ LAD ³	1	Matching Funds (Castillo, Isaac)	120	L b	1	5	3 ²	3 ¹	3 ²	1 ^{Head}	1 ² 1/2	1.10*	draft3w,5w,rallied clr
16May26 ⁵ LAD ³	6	Arco Thunder (Lozada, Carlos)	120	L b	6	3	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ²	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ^{Head}	2 ³ 4	12.90	vie/duel2w,game tyr
16May26 ³ EVD ²	5	Royal Irish (Hernandez, Harry)	125	L f	5	1	1 ¹ 2	1 ¹ 2	1 ^{Head}	3 ²	3 ³ 4	2.20	vie/duel ins,chased on
12May26 ⁴ LAD ⁵	2	Golden City Street (Williams, Rey)	125	L b	2	6	4 ¹	4 ²	4 ²	4 ⁴	4 ³ 1/2	21.90	pocket trip,one paced
12May26 ⁴ LAD ²	3	Classic Sensation (Vargas, Juan)	125	L b	3	4	6	6	5 ¹ 1/2	5 ⁶	5 ¹⁵ 3/4	2.60	4w-trip,no late kick
12May26 ⁴ LAD ⁸	4	Sunset Skip (Santiago, Edward)	120	L f	4	2	5 ¹ 2	5 ^{Head}	6	6	6	25.80	off pace3w, no factor

Fractional Times: 24.22 48.51 1:11.93 1:35.77

Final Time: 1:42.07

Time from Gate: 1:45.45

Split Times: (24:29) (23:42) (23:84) (6:30)

Run-Up: 155 feet **Temporary Rail:** 20 feet

Winner: Matching Funds, Chestnut Gelding, by Tiz the Law out of Giant Deduction, by Giant's Causeway. Foaled Mar 09, 2023 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Team Block

Owner: Patrice K. Sutherland

Trainer: Scherer, Gary

Total WPS Pool: \$46,231

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Matching Funds	4.20	2.60	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	1-6	30.90	31,957
6	Arco Thunder		8.40	3.40	\$0.50 Trifecta	1-6-5	40.80	19,748
5	Royal Irish			2.40	\$0.10 Superfecta	1-6-5-2	34.07	12,306
					\$1.00 Daily Double	5-1	16.50	11,757

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
1	Matching Funds	5	3 ²	3 ² 1/2	3 ¹ 1/2	1 ^{Head}	1 ² 1/2
6	Arco Thunder	3	2 ¹ 2	2 ¹ 2	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	2 ² 1/2
5	Royal Irish	1	1 ¹ 2	1 ¹ 2	1 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	3 ³ 1/4
2	Golden City Street	6	4 ⁴	4 ³ 1/2	4 ³ 1/2	4 ² 1/4	4 ⁴
3	Classic Sensation	4	6 ⁵ 1/2	6 ⁵ 1/2	5 ⁵ 1/2	5 ⁶ 1/4	5 ⁷ 1/2
4	Sunset Skip	2	5 ⁵	5 ⁵ 1/2	6 ⁷	6 ¹² 1/4	6 ²³ 1/4

Trainers: 1 - Scherer, Gary; 6 - Dixon, Tim; 5 - Wilson, Melton; 2 - Dixon, Tim; 3 - Duke, Steven; 4 - Hatcher, Nathan

Owners: 1 -Patrice K. Sutherland; 6 - Dixon, Tim and Whiting, John Wade; 5 - Cosmo Stables; 2 -Floyd Parnell; 3 -Steve Duke; 4 - Four Seasons Stables;

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MATCHING FUNDS drafted off the rail just off the vying two sum into the far turn, sent to the attack five deep approaching the furlong marker, rallied clear with good energy through the final sixteenth. ARCO THUNDER stalked the pace setter into the first turn, upped the pressure vied two wide down the backside, quickened stride once more dueled outside ROYAL IRISH into the lane, dug in gamely conceded grudgingly through the wire. ROYAL IRISH broke alertly, took the lead well in hand into the first turn, kicked on when hooked by ARCO THUNDER midway down the backside, dueled inside that rival into the lane, battled hard into deep stretch, chased on well late, bested the rest. GOLDEN CITY STREET found a clean pocket along the rail and off the pace into the far turn, took aim six wide into the lane, finished one paced through the final sixteenth. CLASSIC SENSATION settled off the pace four wide, remained in the four path through the stretch, had no late kick. SUNSET SKIP rated off the pace four wide down the backside, called up around the far turn, never factored.