

**LOUISIANA DOWNS - June 16, 2026 - Race 6**

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON FOUR RACES OR WHICH HAVE NOT WON TWO RACES

SINCE JANUARY 16, 2026. Weight, 125 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since April 16, 2026 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$5,000. (

C) **Claiming Price:** \$5,000

**Distance:** Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Tangent (NZ) - 1:08.40 - April 28, 1984)

**Purse:** \$8,500

**Includes:** \$5,000 Other Sources

**Plus:** \$2,000 ALBSS-Accredited LA Bred Slot Supplement

**Available Money:** \$10,500

**Value of Race:** \$8,500 1st \$5,100, 2nd \$1,700, 3rd \$935, 4th \$510, 5th \$255

**Weather:** Cloudy, 85° **Track:** Fast

**Off at:** 6:31 **Start:** Good for all except 11 **Timing Method:** Electronic

[Video Race Replay](#)

[GPS Race Chart](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
26May26 <sup>6</sup> LAD <sup>3</sup>	10	Playing Hardball (Luzzi, Lane)	123 L b	9 1	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>3</sup>	1 <sup>3</sup>	1 <sup>3</sup>	1 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	17.90	solo pace,clear drivin
14Feb26 <sup>7</sup> GP <sup>6</sup>	5	Unclecharliesgift (Williams, Rey)	123 L f	5 8	9 <sup>5</sup>	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup>	2.40	knifed in3/8,chased on
7Mar26 <sup>4</sup> FG <sup>3</sup>	8	Midnight Pranks (Castillo, Isaac)	123 L bf	8 7	6 <sup>1</sup>	7 <sup>Head</sup>	4 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	3 <sup>4</sup>	3 <sup>4</sup>	0.90*	split2x3/8,4w,willing
26May26 <sup>6</sup> LAD <sup>4</sup>	1	Huey Duey (Barrera, Elio)	123 L f	1 6	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	4 <sup>Neck</sup>	4 <sup>Neck</sup>	25.50	chase ins3/8,5w,evenly
26May26 <sup>6</sup> LAD <sup>2</sup>	7	Violent River (Hernandez, Harry)	125 L b	7 4	7 <sup>Head</sup>	9 <sup>5</sup>	5 <sup>1/2</sup>	5 <sup>4 1/2</sup>	5 <sup>4 1/2</sup>	3.50	7w/8w1/8,no late kick
25May26 <sup>2</sup> LAD <sup>5</sup>	3	Slava Ukraini (Mudd, Jamison)	118 L b	3 9	8 <sup>Head</sup>	8 <sup>2</sup>	8 <sup>2</sup>	6 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	6 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	87.50	save,5w1/8,no impact
26May26 <sup>6</sup> LAD <sup>7</sup>	4	Loudthundrhevyrain (Nava-Marin, Jose)	120 L b	4 3	4 <sup>1</sup>	4 <sup>1/2</sup>	6 <sup>Head</sup>	7 <sup>3/4</sup>	7 <sup>3/4</sup>	78.10	btw5/16,3w1/4,g-way
4May26 <sup>7</sup> LAD <sup>7</sup>	2	Leaving Shadows (Pena, Jonuelle)	115 L b	2 5	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	6 <sup>Head</sup>	7 <sup>2</sup>	8 <sup>1</sup>	8 <sup>1</sup>	84.40	chased btw,weakened
21May26 <sup>2</sup> EVD <sup>9</sup>	11	Dr. Niko (Nieves, Emanuel)	123 L b	10 10	10	10	10	9 <sup>8 1/4</sup>	9 <sup>8 1/4</sup>	18.20	veer out st,no threat
26May26 <sup>6</sup> LAD <sup>8</sup>	6	Bad Brad (Ramirez, Jr., Julio)	120 L bf	6 2	5 <sup>2</sup>	5 <sup>Head</sup>	9 <sup>1/2</sup>	10	10	82.50	press4w3/8,faltered

**Fractional Times:** 22.65 45.70 58.04

**Final Time:** 1:11.14 **Time from Gate:** 1:12.10

**Split Times:** (23:05) (12:34) (13:10)

**Run-Up:** 20 feet

**Winner:** Playing Hardball, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by Hard Spun out of Pamona Ball, by Pleasantly Perfect. Foaled Feb 23, 2018 in California.

**Breeder:** Premier Thoroughbreds LLC

**Owner:** Taboada Racing Stables LLC

**Trainer:** Wong, Jonathan

**Claiming Prices:** 10 - Playing Hardball: \$5,000; 5 - Unclecharliesgift: \$5,000; 8 - Midnight Pranks: \$5,000; 1 - Huey Duey: \$5,000; 7 - Violent River: \$5,000; 3 - Slava Ukraini: \$5,000; 4 - Loudthundrhevyrain: \$5,000; 2 - Leaving Shadows: \$5,000; 11 - Dr. Niko: \$5,000; 6 - Bad Brad: \$5,000;

**Scratched Horse(s):** Scallywag (Trainer)

**Total WPS Pool:** \$63,204

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
10	Playing Hardball	37.80	11.80	4.60	\$1.00 Exacta	10-5	118.20	53,945
5	Unclecharliesgift		4.00	2.60	\$0.50 Trifecta	10-5-8	108.80	28,027
8	Midnight Pranks			2.20	\$0.10 Superfecta	10-5-8-1	180.80	23,268
					\$1.00 Daily Double	6-10	42.10	6,629
					\$0.50 Pick 3	8-6-10 (3 correct)	35.25	10,056

**Past Performance Running Line Preview**

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
10	Playing Hardball	1	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>3</sup>	1 <sup>3</sup>	1 <sup>1 1/2</sup>
5	Unclecharliesgift	8	9 <sup>6 1/4</sup>	3 <sup>3 1/2</sup>	2 <sup>3</sup>	2 <sup>1 1/2</sup>
8	Midnight Pranks	7	6 <sup>5</sup>	7 <sup>4 3/4</sup>	4 <sup>5 1/2</sup>	3 <sup>3 1/2</sup>
1	Huey Duey	6	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>3</sup>	3 <sup>5</sup>	4 <sup>7 1/2</sup>
7	Violent River	4	7 <sup>6</sup>	9 <sup>6 3/4</sup>	5 <sup>7</sup>	5 <sup>7 3/4</sup>
3	Slava Ukraini	9	8 <sup>6</sup>	8 <sup>4 3/4</sup>	8 <sup>9 1/2</sup>	6 <sup>12 1/4</sup>
4	Loudthundrhevyrain	3	4 <sup>2</sup>	4 <sup>4</sup>	6 <sup>7 1/2</sup>	7 <sup>13 3/4</sup>
2	Leaving Shadows	5	3 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	6 <sup>4 1/2</sup>	7 <sup>7 1/2</sup>	8 <sup>14 1/2</sup>
11	Dr. Niko	10	10 <sup>11 1/4</sup>	10 <sup>11 3/4</sup>	10 <sup>12</sup>	9 <sup>15 1/2</sup>
6	Bad Brad	2	5 <sup>3</sup>	5 <sup>4 1/2</sup>	9 <sup>11 1/2</sup>	10 <sup>23 3/4</sup>

**Trainers:** 10 - Wong, Jonathan; 5 - Diodoro, Robertino; 8 - Diodoro, Robertino; 1 - Foster, Joseph; 7 - Gibson, Jonas; 3 - Antwine, Michael; 4 - Ramirez, Rosa; 2 - Turner, Patti; 11 - Claire, Alexis; 6 - Ramirez, Rosa

**Owners:** 10 - Taboada Racing Stables LLC; 5 - Jerry Caroom; 8 - Diodoro, Robertino, Exelby, Randy, Mayo, Tom and Avansino, James; 1 - Collier, Sarah and Collier, Rodney; 7 - Jonas Gibson; 3 - Toshita Antwine; 4 - Javier Ramirez Oyarvide; 2 - Patti Turner; 11 - Alexis Claire Racing Services LLC, Pinnacle Racing Stable LLC and Dice Table Racing Stable LLC; 6 - Javier Ramirez Oyarvide;

**Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)**

PLAYING HARDBALL broke sharp, set a solo pace around the turn, widened leaving the quarter pole, held sway driving for the score. UNCLECHARLIESGIFT rated off the pace and off the rail into the turn, knifed inside rivals leaving the three eighths marker, steadily moved off the rail into the lane, chased on late second best. MIDNIGHT PRANKS slow into stride, upped the tempo split foes twice around the bend, found a clean lane four wide approaching the furlong marker, chased on willingly for the show. HUEY DUEY chased the pace inside into the turn, tipped out five wide for clear run into the lane, evened out through the final sixteenth. VIOLENT RIVER chased the lead group four wide into the turn, lopped out eight wide into the lane, had no late kick. SLAVA UKRAINI slow into stride, saved ground off the pace, steadily worked off the rail through the lane, had no late impact. LOUDTHUNDRHEVYRAIN broke alertly, pressed between runners into the turn, clean lane three wide around the bend, gave way through the stretch. LEAVING SHADOWS chased between runners into the turn, roused on leaving the quarter pole, weakened through the lane. DR. NIKO veered out at the start, raced off the pace five wide into the turn, never threatened. BAD BRAD pressed four wide into the turn, under pressure around the bend, faltered through the stretch.

