

LOUISIANA DOWNS - July 3, 2026 - Race 6

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs.

Non-winners Of A Race Since May 3, 2026 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$5,000 (Louisiana Bred NW2 \$5000 & NW3 \$5000 Not

Considered In Eligibility). (NW3 L X) **Claiming Price:** \$5,000

Distance: Five And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Fighting K - 1:02.84 - September 11, 1993)

Purse: \$8,000

Includes: \$5,000 Other Sources

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

Available Money: \$10,000

Value of Race: \$8,220 1st \$4,800, 2nd \$1,600, 3rd \$1,100, 4th \$480, 5th \$240

Weather: Cloudy, 86° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 6:30 **Start:** Good for all except 2 **Timing Method:** Electronic

[Video Race Replay](#)

[GPS Race Chart](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
29May26 ⁴ LS ⁴	5	Nat Gas (Batista, Alexis)	123	L bf	5	5	5 ⁷	4 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ³	0.50*	4w bid,powered clear
16Jun26 ² LAD ²	4	Sip and Go (Lozada, Carlos)	118	L b	4	2	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1 3/4}	3.70	dueled,no match,clr2nd
16Jun26 ² LAD ⁴	3	Royal Hope (Nieves, Emanuel)	120	L f	3	4	3 ²	3 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{3 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/4}	6.40	3w, along for show
16Jun26 ² LAD ⁵	1	Mr. Texas Charm (Rodriguez, Filemon)	123	L bf	1	1	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{2 1/2}	28.60	duel inside,weakened
16Jun26 ² LAD ³	2	Pure Malice (Pena, Jonuelle)	118	L b	2	6	6	6	6	5 ^{1/2}	18.70	hesitated,not involved
11May26 ² LAD ⁴	6	Blame Me Seriously (Williams, Rey)	120	L f	6	3	4 ^{1/2}	5 ⁸	5 ⁴	6	7.00	4w turn, backed up

Fractional Times: 22.97 46.57 59.16

Final Time: 1:05.84 **Time from Gate:** 1:06.56

Split Times: (23:60) (12:59) (6:68)

Run-Up: 20 feet

Winner: Nat Gas, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by [Thousand Words](#) out of Diamond Fancy Free, by Cherokee Run. Foaled Apr 17, 2022 in Kentucky.

 Winner's sire standing at Spendthrift

Breeder: First Melody Racing, LLC, Dan Proscia & Kenny King

Owner: Scott Herbertson

Trainer: Wong, Jonathan

Claiming Prices: 5 - Nat Gas: \$5,000; 4 - Sip and Go: \$5,000; 3 - Royal Hope: \$5,000; 1 - Mr. Texas Charm: \$5,000; 2 - Pure Malice: \$5,000; 6 - Blame Me Seriously: \$5,000;

Scratched Horse(s): C D's Wild Fire (Stewards), Myspittinimage (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$27,959

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Nat Gas	3.00	2.20	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	5-4	4.60	14,043
4	Sip and Go		3.80	2.40	\$0.50 Trifecta	5-4-3	5.40	7,434
3	Royal Hope			2.40	\$0.10 Superfecta	5-4-3-1	5.95	4,698
					\$1.00 Daily Double	4-5	5.60	1,704
					\$0.50 Pick 3	3-4-5 (3 correct)	30.70	1,134

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin
5	Nat Gas	5	5 ⁴	4 ³	1 ^{1/2}	1 ³
4	Sip and Go	2	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ³
3	Royal Hope	4	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	4 ²	3 ^{4 3/4}
1	Mr. Texas Charm	1	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	3 ^{1/2}	4 ⁶
2	Pure Malice	6	6 ¹¹	6 ^{11 1/2}	6 ^{9 1/2}	5 ^{8 1/2}
6	Blame Me Seriously	3	4 ^{3 1/2}	5 ^{3 1/2}	5 ^{5 1/2}	6 ⁹

Trainers: 5 - Wong, Jonathan; 4 - Jacks, Karen; 3 - Foster, Joseph; 1 - Ramirez, Rosa; 2 - Nelson, Jr., Eric; 6 - Wilson, Shane

Owners: 5 -Scott Herbertson; 4 -David L. Fronterhouse; 3 -Amaniel Ortiz; 1 - Ramirez Racing; 2 -Charles L. Grappe, Jr; 6 -Rebecca Wilson;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

NAT GAS outrun in the early going well out in the strip, five wide into the turn, four wide exiting when beginning to advance, collared the dueling leaders approaching the furlong marker and powered by under token encouragement to win ridden out. SIP AND GO broke in good order, dueled up front in the two path, continued to alternate for the advantage through the turn and into upper stretch, proved no match for the winner while edging clear for the runner up position. ROYAL HOPE behind the first flight off the inside, remained closest to the duel through the bend, staged a mild rally to be along for the show. MR. TEXAS CHARM broke on top, dueled up front along the inside, continued on equal terms with the runner up in upper stretch, first to blink, weakened, caught for the show. PURE MALICE hesitated at the break, fell back and was never involved while picking off a single tiring rival late. BLAME ME SERIOUSLY off the pace outside, raced four wide through the lane and had little left in backing up through the stretch.