

LOUISIANA DOWNS - September 7, 2026 - Race 4

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred  
FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race At A Mile Or Over Since July 7, 2026 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$10,000 (Races Where Entered For \$7,500 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances). (If deemed inadvisable by management to run this race over the turf course, it will be run on the main track at 1 Mile and 70 Yards) (Rail at 20 feet). **Claiming Price:** \$10,000

**Distance:** One Mile On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Star Rock Star - 1:33.78 - July 28, 2026)

**Purse:** \$10,000

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

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

**Available Money:** \$12,000

**Value of Race:** \$10,000 1st \$6,000, 2nd \$2,000, 3rd \$1,100, 4th \$600, 5th \$300

**Weather:** Cloudy, 88° **Track:** Firm

**Off at:** 5:32 **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               |
|---------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|----|-------|-----|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------|------------------------|
| 10Aug26 <sup>4</sup> LAD <sup>8</sup> | 1   | Publius (Castillo, Alexander)        | 123 | L   | b  | 1     | 5   | 1 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 1 <sup>2</sup> 1/2 | 1 <sup>2</sup>     | 1 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 2.70  | lively pace, ran on    |
| 10Aug26 <sup>4</sup> LAD <sup>6</sup> | 3   | Don'task Don'ttell (Nieves, Emanuel) | 123 | L   |    | 3     | 6   | 5 <sup>2</sup>     | 5 <sup>2</sup>     | 5 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 2 <sup>Neck</sup>  | 3.50  | 3w rally 2nd,no match  |
| 10Aug26 <sup>4</sup> LAD <sup>3</sup> | 5   | Optimus Kat (Williams, Rey)          | 123 | L   | bf | 4     | 1   | 3 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 3 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 2 <sup>2</sup>     | 3 <sup>1</sup> 1/4 | 8.20  | angld3w1/4,caught 2nd  |
| 15Aug26 <sup>2</sup> EVD <sup>5</sup> | 2   | Maasai Warrior (Roman, Kevin)        | 123 | L   | f  | 2     | 7   | 6 <sup>2</sup>     | 6 <sup>2</sup>     | 6 <sup>2</sup>     | 6 <sup>1</sup>     | 6.10  | 4w,improved,mildly     |
| 28Jul26 <sup>3</sup> LAD <sup>4</sup> | 7   | King Arthur Ridge (Alvarez, Misael)  | 118 | L   | b  | 6     | 3   | 7                  | 7                  | 7                  | 5 <sup>3</sup>     | 56.10 | passed tiring rivals   |
| 10Aug26 <sup>4</sup> LAD <sup>2</sup> | 6   | Russells Hustle (Figueroa, Cerapio)  | 123 | L   | f  | 5     | 2   | 4 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 4 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 3 <sup>1</sup>     | 4 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 1.50* | tired off rail         |
| 24Feb26 <sup>8</sup> WRD <sup>6</sup> | 8   | Waylon's Guitar (Diego, Iram)        | 123 | L   |    | 7     | 4   | 2 <sup>1</sup>     | 2 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 4 <sup>1</sup>     | 5 <sup>Head</sup>  | 14.20 | chased early,retreated |

**Fractional Times:** 23.00 46.75 1:10.42 1:22.51 **Final Time:** 1:35.10 **Time from Gate:** 1:39.61

**Split Times:** (23:75) (23:67) (12:09) (12:59)

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

**Winner:** Publius, Bay Gelding, by Constitution out of Sharp Instinct, by Awesome Again. Foaled Apr 01, 2021 in Kentucky.

**Breeder:** Twin Creeks Farm

**Owner:** Juan Munoz Cano

**Trainer:** Cano, Juan

**Claiming Prices:** 1 - Publius: \$10,000; 3 - Don'task Don'ttell: \$10,000; 5 - Optimus Kat: \$10,000; 2 - Maasai Warrior: \$10,000; 7 - King Arthur Ridge: \$10,000; 6 - Russells Hustle: \$10,000; 8 - Waylon's Guitar: \$10,000;

**Scratched Horse(s):** Crosby Beach (Veterinarian), Soul Coaxing (Main-Track-Only)

**Total WPS Pool:** \$19,155

| Pgm | Horse              | Win  | Place | Show | Wager Type                | Winning Numbers     | Payoff | Pool   |
|-----|--------------------|------|-------|------|---------------------------|---------------------|--------|--------|
| 1   | Publius            | 7.40 | 3.60  | 2.80 | \$1.00 Exacta             | 1-3                 | 16.90  | 11,248 |
| 3   | Don'task Don'ttell |      | 3.40  | 2.80 | \$0.50 Trifecta           | 1-3-5               | 30.00  | 7,646  |
| 5   | Optimus Kat        |      |       | 4.40 | \$0.10 Superfecta         | 1-3-5-2             | 14.11  | 6,436  |
|     |                    |      |       |      | \$1.00 Daily Double       | 2-1                 | 6.70   | 1,362  |
|     |                    |      |       |      | \$0.50 Pick 3             | 5-2-1 (3 correct)   | 37.15  | 2,183  |
|     |                    |      |       |      | \$0.50 Pick 4             | 4-5-2-1 (4 correct) | 258.30 | 6,990  |
|     |                    |      |       |      | \$0.50 Consolation Pick 3 | 5-2-4 (3 correct)   | 6.80   | 0      |
|     |                    |      |       |      | \$1.00 Consolation Double | 2-4                 | 1.50   | 0      |

Past Performance Running Line Preview

| Pgm | Horse Name         | Start | 1/4                | 1/2                | 3/4                | Str                | Fin                 |
|-----|--------------------|-------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1   | Publius            | 5     | 1 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 1 <sup>2</sup> 1/2 | 1 <sup>2</sup>     | 1 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 1 <sup>3</sup> 1/2  |
| 3   | Don'task Don'ttell | 6     | 5 <sup>4</sup> 1/2 | 5 <sup>5</sup>     | 5 <sup>6</sup>     | 3 <sup>3</sup> 1/2 | 2 <sup>3</sup> 1/2  |
| 5   | Optimus Kat        | 1     | 3 <sup>2</sup> 1/2 | 3 <sup>3</sup>     | 2 <sup>2</sup>     | 2 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 3 <sup>3</sup> 3/4  |
| 2   | Maasai Warrior     | 7     | 6 <sup>6</sup> 1/2 | 6 <sup>7</sup>     | 6 <sup>7</sup> 1/2 | 6 <sup>7</sup>     | 4 <sup>5</sup>      |
| 7   | King Arthur Ridge  | 3     | 7 <sup>8</sup> 1/2 | 7 <sup>9</sup>     | 7 <sup>9</sup> 1/2 | 7 <sup>8</sup>     | 5 <sup>8</sup>      |
| 6   | Russells Hustle    | 2     | 4 <sup>3</sup>     | 4 <sup>3</sup> 1/2 | 3 <sup>4</sup>     | 4 <sup>5</sup> 1/2 | 6 <sup>11</sup>     |
| 8   | Waylon's Guitar    | 4     | 2 <sup>1</sup> 1/2 | 2 <sup>2</sup> 1/2 | 4 <sup>5</sup>     | 5 <sup>7</sup>     | 7 <sup>16</sup> 3/4 |

**Trainers:** 1 - Cano, Juan; 3 - Nelson, Jr., Eric; 5 - Diodoro, Robertino; 2 - Leonard III, George; 7 - Rodriguez-Torres, Pedro; 6 - Wong, Jonathan; 8 - Ashford, Tristan

**Owners:** 1 -Juan Munoz Cano; 3 -C. Dale Ledgess; 5 - Baron Racing Stables (Dwight D. Baron); 2 -Ronald J. Brockmeyer; 7 -Adan Sebastian Rodriguez; 6 -Les Blake; 8 -Tristan R. Ashford;

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

PUBLIUS broke up front, showed the way into the first turn toward the inside, set a lively set of fractions while under light restraint, remained clear through the final turn, not threatened through the lane while kept to pressure. DON'TASK DON'TTELL raced in mid pack while off the inside, moved out three wide late in the second turn, launched a steady rally to be up late for the second spot while not a threat to the winner. OPTIMUS KAT settled off the pace along the inside, angled out three wide late in the second turn when moving a bit closer, closer still past the furlong marker then could not keep pace to the wire, caught late for the runner up spot. MAASAI WARRIOR broke back, lacked speed while saving ground, swung four wide into the stretch, improved position a bit in the final furlong without posing a serious threat. KING ARTHUR RIDGE fell back to trail after the start, continued to lag the middle half mile, picked off a couple of tiring rivals while not a factor. RUSSELLS HUSTLE back off the pace while three wide through the first turn, continued one paced, tired through the stretch. WAYLON'S GUITAR closest to the winner for a half, staged a steady retreat thereafter.