

LOUISIANA DOWNS - September 22, 2026 - Race 4

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON FOUR RACES OR WHICH HAVE NOT WON TWO RACES SINCE MARCH 22, 2026. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since July 22, 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: \$8,600
Includes: \$5,000 Other Sources
Plus: \$2,000 ALBSS-Accredited LA Bred Slot Supplement
Available Money: \$10,600
Value of Race: \$8,660 1st \$5,160, 2nd \$1,720, 3rd \$946, 4th \$516, 5th \$318
Weather: Cloudy, 96° **Track:** Fast
Off at: 5:32 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

[Video Race Replay](#)
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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
31Jul26 ⁴ EVD ⁶	4	Playing Hardball (Castillo, Isaac)	122 L b	2 2		1 ¹	1 ²	1 ²	1 ⁴ 1/2	1.60	shook off foes turn
11Aug26 ¹ LAD ⁵	6	Castille (Alvarez, Misael)	117 L b	4 1		2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ² 1/4	5.20	chased 3p turn,2nd bst
24Aug26 ⁴ LAD ⁴	5	Bandera Bling (Lozada, Carlos)	122 L	3 3		3 ¹ 1/2	3 ³	3 ³	3 ¹ 1/4	5.30	4w turn,outkicked 2nd
4Sep26 ² EVD ³	7	Saint Peter's Bay (Barrera, Elio)	122 L bf	5 4		5	5	5	4 ³ 1/2	1.20*	broke back,lil impact
14Sep26 ⁴ LAD ⁶	1	Order Up (Ramirez, Jr., Julio)	119 L b	1 5		4 ⁴	4 ⁴	4 ³	5	13.60	step slow,4w 1/4,tired

Fractional Times: 23.18 46.20 58.25 **Final Time:** 1:10.93 **Time from Gate:** 1:11.99
Split Times: (23:02) (12:05) (12:68)
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: 4 - Playing Hardball: \$5,000; 6 - Castille: \$5,000; 5 - Bandera Bling: \$5,000; 7 - Saint Peter's Bay: \$5,000; 1 - Order Up: \$5,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Hedge (Veterinarian), Huey Duey (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$33,769

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
4	Playing Hardball	5.20	3.20	2.60	\$1.00 Exacta	4-6	11.60	21,904
6	Castille		4.60	3.20	\$0.50 Trifecta	4-6-5	15.45	15,395
5	Bandera Bling			3.20	\$0.10 Superfecta	4-6-5-7	3.95	9,679
					\$1.00 Daily Double	6-3	9.30	3,564
					\$1.00 Daily Double	6-4	25.90	0
					\$0.50 Pick 3	3-6-3 (3 correct)	22.15	5,484
					\$0.50 Pick 3	3-6-4 (3 correct)	70.60	0
					\$0.50 Pick 4	4/6-3-6-4 (4 correct)	309.65	14,574

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
4	Playing Hardball	2	1 ¹	1 ²	1 ²	1 ⁴ 1/2
6	Castille	1	2 ¹	2 ²	2 ²	2 ⁴ 1/2
5	Bandera Bling	3	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ²	3 ² 1/2	3 ⁶ 3/4
7	Saint Peter's Bay	4	5 ⁷	5 ⁹	5 ⁸ 1/2	4 ⁸
1	Order Up	5	4 ³	4 ⁵	4 ⁵ 1/2	5 ¹¹ 1/2

Trainers: 4 - Wong, Jonathan; 6 - Nelson, Jr., Eric; 5 - Jacks, Karen; 7 - Gonzalez, Isai; 1 - Cano, Juan

Owners: 4 - Taboada Racing Stables LLC; 6 -Eric D. Nelson, Jr.; 5 - Schlansky, Desra and Smoak, Julie; 7 -Hiram J. Gonzalez; 1 - Wilcher, Derek and Byram, Ben;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

PLAYING HARDBALL took command soon after the start, showed the way up the backstretch in the two path, shook off a pair of foes midway on the turn, not threatened through the lane while under steady handling. CASTILLE broke forwardly, relinquished the advantage to the winner soon after, chased that one up the backstretch and through the turn in the three path could not keep pace with the winner through the stretch, edged clear for the second spot. BANDERA BLING within striking distance outside, moved a bit closer along with the runner up while outside that one early in the turn then also could not keep up with the victor, fell back off the runner up to finish up best of the rest. SAINT PETER'S BAY broke back, trailed most of the way while racing off the inside, picked off a single tiring foe through the lane in making little impact. ORDER UP last away, moved up inside while being asked, fell back a bit early in the turn, angled out four wide late in the bend, tired in the run to the wire.