

LAUREL PARK - May 14, 2026 - Race 3

MAIDEN CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

(PLUS UP TO 15% MBF) FOR MAIDENS, FILLIES AND MARES THREE, FOUR, FIVE, AND SIX YEARS OLD. Three Year Olds, 118 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Claiming Price \$35,000, if for \$28,000, allowed 4 lbs. MD-Bred and/or MD-Sired horses may waive claiming price in this race. (If deemed inadvisable by management to run this race on the Turf course, it will be run on the main track at One Mile) (Rail at 52 feet). **Claiming Price:** \$35,000 - \$28,000

Distance: One Mile On The Dirt - Originally Scheduled For 1 1/16 Miles On Turf **Current Track Record:** (Top Line Growth - 1:34.07 - June 8, 2019)

Purse: \$34,965

Includes: \$1,665 MBF - Maryland Bred Fund

Available Money: \$34,965

Value of Race: \$34,965 1st \$22,200, 2nd \$8,510, 3rd \$4,255

Weather: Cloudy, 62° **Track:** Good

Off at: 1:00 **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
17Jan26 ³ LRL ⁸	1	Sterling Cat (Vargas, Jose)	113	L	1	2	2 ¹	3	3	2 ⁴	1 ^{1/2}	4.10	drftd in chute, rated
18Apr26 ¹ LRL ⁵	11	Christmas Jones (Lopez, Paco) <small>VA CERTIFIED</small>	118	L	3	3	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{7 3/4}	0.70*	rail, left lead 1/8
4Apr26 ⁵ LRL ⁴	8	Snow Bella (Briceno, Jean) <small>VA CERTIFIED</small>	118	L	2	1	3	2 ⁵	2 ^{2 1/2}	3	3	1.20	prompted outside, tired

Fractional Times: 24.52 48.60 1:14.81 1:28.41 **Final Time:** 1:42.74 **Time from Gate:** 1:44.10

Split Times: (24:08) (26:21) (13:60) (14:33)

Run-Up: 20 feet

Winner: Sterling Cat, Gray or Roan Filly, by Hard Spun out of Shesakitty, by Tapit. Foaled Feb 18, 2023 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Dede McGehee

Owner: Bebe Racing Stable Inc.

Trainer: Samaniego, Jose

Claiming Prices: 1 - Sterling Cat: \$35,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Birdie Mae (Off-Turf), Dutchman's Map (Also-Eligible), Firestreak (Off-Turf), Hopperetta (Off-Turf), Kinda Clever (Off-Turf), Magic Beam (Off-Turf), Paynted by Nancy (Off-Turf), Quiet Serenity (Off-Turf), Spinning Class (Off-Turf), Spresso Mar (Also-Eligible), Woman Enticed (Off-Turf)

Total WPS Pool: \$28,656

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Sterling Cat	10.20		\$1.00 Exacta	1-11	12.30	15,121
11	Christmas Jones			\$0.50 Pick 3	13-2-1 (3 correct)	82.00	26,653
8	Snow Bella			\$1.00 Daily Double	2-1	18.40	10,176

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
1	Sterling Cat	2	2 ¹	3 ^{5 1/2}	3 ^{3 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}
11	Christmas Jones	3	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}
8	Snow Bella	1	3 ²	2 ^{1/2}	2 ¹	3 ^{4 1/2}	3 ^{8 1/4}

Trainers: 1 - Samaniego, Jose; 11 - Brion, Keri; 8 - Meyers, Madison

Owners: 1 - Bebe Racing Stable Inc.; 11 - Byrdnest Racing, LLC, Dark Horse Racing, LLC, Victory Circle Racing and Gibson, Scott; 8 - Aspire Equine, LLC;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

STERLING CAT drifted in a bit leaving the chute, rated back along the inner rail near the five eighths pole, eased out on the turn, closed determinedly outside CHRISTMAS JONES and took the lead approaching the finish. CHRISTMAS JONES set the pace slightly off the rail down the backstretch, hugged the inner rail around the turn, raced on her left lead the final furlong and gave way grudgingly. SNOW BELLA prompted outside CHARISTMAS JONES to upper stretch then gave way.

VA CERTIFIED Denotes Virginia-Certified Thoroughbred