

LAUREL PARK - May 16, 2026 - Race 8

STAKES Maryland Sprint S. Grade 3 - Thoroughbred

THREE-YEAR-OLDS AND UPWARD. Which have not been permitted Lasix within 48 hours of Post Time. By free subscription. \$750 to pass the entry box, \$750 to start, with \$150,000 Guaranteed, of which 60% to the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 6% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 1% to sixth. Weights: Three-Year-Olds, 119 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Non-winners of \$70,000 twice in 2026 allowed 2 lbs.; \$70,000 once in 2026, 4 lbs.; \$60,000 once in 2026, 6 lbs. (Maiden, Claiming and Starter races not considered in estimating allowances). The Maryland Sprint Stakes has been selected as a Breeders' Cup Dirt Dozen Bonus Series Race for the \$2 million Cygames Breeders' Cup Sprint on October 31, 2026 at Keeneland Race Course. The nominated winner of the Maryland Sprint will receive a credit of \$30,000 toward entry fees for the Breeders' Cup Sprint, second place will receive a \$15,000 credit toward entry fees and third place will receive \$7,500 credit toward entry fees. Trophy to the owner of the winner. Closed Tuesday, May 5, 2026 with 26 nominations.

Distance: Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Richter Scale - 1:07.95 - July 15, 2000)

Purse: \$150,000 Guaranteed

Available Money: \$150,000

Value of Race: \$150,000 1st \$90,000, 2nd \$30,000, 3rd \$15,000, 4th \$9,000, 5th \$4,500, 6th \$1,500

Weather: Clear, 81° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 2:53 **Start:** Good for all except 1 **Timing Method:** Electronic



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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
12Apr26 ² KEE ²	1	Bring the Smoke (Gaffalione, Tyler)	120 --	1	7	4 ¹	5 ¹	3 ^{Head}	1 ^{Neck}	7.30	bobbl,ins,alter o,surg
17Apr26 ⁴ OP ¹	3	Faust (Ortiz, Jose)	126 b	3	4	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ²	2 ^{Neck}	4.40	btw-ins foe,led lt,gme
1May26 ⁸ LRL ¹	4	Haileysfirstnotion (Vargas, Jose)	120 bf	4	5	3 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	3 ^{3 1/4}	3.20	3deep,4w uppr,outkick
28Mar26 ⁷ LRL ¹	6	Celtic Contender (Boyce, Forest)	120 f	5	1	6 ²	4 ^{1/2}	5 ²	4 ^{Neck}	2.90*	3deep,shift 4-5w,empty
28Mar26 ⁷ LRL ³	9	S S Sinatra (Mena, Raul)	120 bf	7	6	7	7	6 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{2 1/2}	42.20	swung 6wd,belatedly
14Feb26 ⁹ LRL ⁴	8	Slam Notion (Toledo, Jevian)	120 b	6	2	5 ^{Head}	6 ²	7	6 ⁴	4.70	urged btw 5/16,fade
24Nov25 ¹⁰ MVR ¹	2	Faster Gator (Ortiz, Jr., Irad)	120 b	2	3	1 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{Head}	7	3.20	vied ins pair,weaknd

Fractional Times: 22.08 45.09 57.52

Final Time: 1:10.73 **Time from Gate:** 1:13.11

Split Times: (23:01) (12:43) (13:21)

Run-Up: 60 feet

Winner: Bring the Smoke, Bay Gelding, by Preservationist out of Covey Trace, by Stevie Wonderboy. Foaled Mar 11, 2022 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Brereton C. Jones

Owner: Awestrike Racing, Berry Family Racing, LLC, Legion Racing, GLAM Racing and Ohrstrom, Clarke

Trainer: Beckman, D. Whitworth

Scratched Horse(s): Floodlites (Trainer), Hymn (Trainer)

Total WPS Pool: \$1,241,616

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Bring the Smoke	16.60	7.20	4.60	\$0.50 Pick 3	2-3/4-1 (3 correct)	71.75	139,700
3	Faust		5.20	3.60	\$1.00 Daily Double	4-1	28.80	165,142
4	Haileysfirstnotion			3.60	\$1.00 Exacta	1-3	42.40	819,135
					\$1.00 Superfecta	1-3-4-6	481.40	208,204
					\$1.00 Trifecta	1-3-4	161.00	415,294

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
1	Bring the Smoke	7	4 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{2 1/2}	3 ²	1 ^{Neck}
3	Faust	4	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Neck}
4	Haileysfirstnotion	5	3 ¹	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	3 ^{1/2}
6	Celtic Contender	1	6 ^{3 1/2}	4 ²	5 ^{2 1/4}	4 ^{3 3/4}
9	S S Sinatra	6	7 ^{5 1/2}	7 ^{5 1/2}	6 ^{4 1/4}	5 ⁴
8	Slam Notion	2	5 ^{3 1/2}	6 ^{3 1/2}	7 ^{6 3/4}	6 ^{6 1/2}
2	Faster Gator	3	1 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	4 ^{2 1/4}	7 ^{10 1/2}

Trainers: 1 - Beckman, D. Whitworth; 3 - Asmussen, Steven; 4 - Capuano, Gary; 6 - Smith, Hamilton; 9 - Hohlbein, Kerry; 8 - Bailes, W.; 2 - Farrior, Anthony

Owners: 1 - Awestrike Racing, Berry Family Racing, LLC, Legion Racing, GLAM Racing and Ohrstrom, Clarke; 3 - Heiligbrodt, Corinne and Heiligbrodt, L. William; 4 - Crowley, Daniel C. and Non Stop Stable; 6 - Lewis Family Racing Stable; 9 - 3 Reasons Racing; 8 - Eric A. Rizer; 2 - Burnsworth, Richard and Dunn Brothers Racing, LLC;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

BRING THE SMOKE bobbled at the break, quickly recovered and rated kindly while inside and within range, eased out with progress into the lane, took closer order between rivals near the furlong ground, altered further out soon after, closed relentlessly under right handed asks and got up outside an embattled pair. FAUST vied between foes, emerged in a duel to the inside of HAILEYSFIRSTNOTION in upper stretch, gained a slim lead while drifting out some in deep stretch, kept on gamely but was unable to deny the winner's outer surge. HAILEYSFIRSTNOTION was nudged up between runners soon after the start, disputed the pace three deep under some rating, gained a short lead past the five sixteenths, spun four wide into lane battling outside FAUST, clung to the advantage past the furlong grounds, was floated out some in deep stretch and flattened. CELTIC CONTENDER broke on top, drafted back off the leading trio after a furlong, pursued three deep mid turn, angled four to five wide for the drive and failed to punch on through the final furlong. S S SINATRA , outrun early, swung six wide for the drive and offered a belated kick. SLAM NOTION stalked off the inside, was under pressure between runners mid turn, lacked a response in upper stretch and faded. FASTER GATOR took command soon after the start, set a pressured pace inside a pair of rivals, ceded command mid turn, stayed willingly to about mid stretch then weakened.

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Denotes Virginia-Certified Thoroughbred

