

LAUREL PARK - June 21, 2026 - Race 2

HANDICAP - Thoroughbred

FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH ARE RATED 115 OR LOWER. The highest rated horse will be assigned 158 lbs. with all other weights adjusted accordingly based on the current ratings. Minimum weight 144 lbs., not including apprentice allowances. (Rail at 87 feet). (C)

Distance: About Two And One Eighth Miles On The Steeplechase **Current Track Record:** (Morning March - 3:58.78 - June 21, 2026)

Purse: \$40,000

Available Money: \$40,000

Value of Race: \$40,000 1st \$24,000, 2nd \$7,200, 3rd \$4,000, 4th \$2,800, 5th \$2,000

Weather: Clear, 82° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 12:35 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Hand

[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	1/2	1m	11/2	13/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
2May26 ³ GRM ⁶	8	Morning March (Procter, Freddie) VA CERTIFIED	155	L h	8	5 ¹ 1/2	4 ⁴	4 ¹ / ₂	2 ¹ / ₂	1 ⁴ 1/2	1 ¹⁴ 1/2	29.50	headstrong early,drvng
25May26 ⁵ FAI ⁹	1	Doctor Love (FR) (Dwan, Evan)	156	L hf	1	1 ²⁰	1 ²⁵	1 ¹²	1 ⁶	2 ⁶	2 ⁷	14.90	bobbld 6th,willingly
9May26 ⁴ PW ⁸	3	L'Avvocato (FR) (Power, Jack)	155	L	3	10	10	9 ⁸	8 ⁵	7 ¹ 1/2	3 ¹	13.90	lag,angl 1/4,fin well
9May26 ¹ WIL ⁵	4	On the Couch (Beswick, Harrison)	158	L	4	2 ³	2 ^{Head}	2 ⁵	4 ⁶	4 ⁵	4 ¹ 1/2	11.90	chased,willing to late
2May26 ³ GRM ⁴	10	Jhirsch (Bargary, Jamie)	154	b	10	7 ^{Head}	8 ¹⁰	8 ⁸	7 ¹	6 ²	5 ^{Neck}	3.30	no factor,ins lane
9May26 ³ WIL ¹	9	Ranger Thunderbolt (IRE) (Scully, Elizabeth)	153	L	9	8 ² 1/2	5 ⁵	6 ² 1/2	3 ⁵	3 ²	6 ¹ / ₂	3.20	bobbld 5th,mve,flttnd
2May26 ⁶ GRM ⁷	2	Pleasant Fantasy (Dalton, Bernard)	155	L h	2	4 ¹	6 ⁴ 1/2	5 ¹	5 ³	5 ²	7 ¹⁵	11.90	no factor
9May26 ¹ PW ⁵	6	Going Country (IRE) (Mulqueen, Stephen)	158	b	6	3 ²	3 ³	3 ¹ / ₂	9	9	8 ⁴⁹ 1/4	3.20*	chased, faltered
25May26 ⁵ FAI ⁷	7	Missionaire (Watters, Graham)	158	L	7	6 ¹ 1/2	7 ^{Head}	7 ^{Head}	6 ^{Head}	8 ⁴ 1/2	9	5.90	outrun, eased late
28Mar26 ³ CAM ³	5	Outperform (Nevin, Dan)	155	L	5	9 ¹ 1/2	9 ²	10	---	---	---	16.20	rank,lagged,eased

Final Time: 3:58.78 (New Track Record) **Time from Gate:** 3:58.78

Run-Up: 0 feet **Temporary Rail:** 87 feet

Winner: Morning March, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by Morning Line out of Marching On, by Majestic Warrior. Foaled Mar 16, 2019 in Pennsylvania.

Breeder: Alexander Gordon Watson

Owner: Morning March Partners

Trainer: Neilson, Katherine

Scratched Horse(s): Claramente (Also-Eligible), Starforce (Also-Eligible), Tuddenham Green (GB) (Also-Eligible), Vintage Year (Also-Eligible), Whiskeyinthejaro (Also-Eligible)

Total WPS Pool: \$33,943

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
8	Morning March	61.00	25.60	19.60	\$1.00 Daily Double	2-8	114.10	9,061
1	Doctor Love (FR)		14.40	9.60	\$1.00 Exacta	8-1	362.60	38,355
3	L'Avvocato (FR)			11.80	\$1.00 Superfecta	8-1-3-4	35,432.10	9,565
					\$1.00 Trifecta	8-1-3	2,689.20	19,937

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	1/2	1m	11/2	13/4	Str	Fin
8	Morning March	5 ²⁶	4 ²⁸	4 ¹⁷ 1/2	2 ⁶	1 ⁴ 1/2	1 ¹⁴ 1/2
1	Doctor Love (FR)	1 ²⁰	1 ²⁵	1 ¹²	1 ⁶	2 ⁴ 1/2	2 ¹⁴ 1/2
3	L'Avvocato (FR)	10 ³³	10 ⁵³ 3/4	9 ²⁹ 1/2	8 ²¹ 1/2	7 ²¹ 1/2	3 ²¹ 1/2
4	On the Couch	2 ²⁰	2 ²⁵	2 ¹²	4 ¹¹ 1/2	4 ¹² 1/2	4 ²² 1/2
10	Jhirsch	7 ²⁹	8 ⁴¹ 3/4	8 ²¹ 1/2	7 ²⁰ 1/2	6 ¹⁹ 1/2	5 ²⁴
9	Ranger Thunderbolt (IRE)	8 ²⁹	5 ³²	6 ¹⁹	3 ⁶ 1/2	3 ¹⁰ 1/2	6 ²⁴ 1/4
2	Pleasant Fantasy	4 ²⁵	6 ³⁷	5 ¹⁸	5 ¹⁷ 1/2	5 ¹⁷ 1/2	7 ²⁴ 3/4
6	Going Country (IRE)	3 ²³	3 ²⁵	3 ¹⁷	9 ²⁶ 1/2	9 ²⁷ 1/2	8 ³⁹ 3/4
7	Missionaire	6 ²⁷ 1/2	7 ⁴¹ 1/2	7 ²¹ 1/2	6 ²⁰ 1/2	8 ²³	9 ⁸⁹
5	Outperform	9 ³¹ 1/2	9 ⁵¹ 3/4	10 ³⁷ 1/2	---	---	---

Trainers: 8 - Neilson, Katherine; 1 - Garner, Thomas; 3 - Neilson, Katherine; 4 - McKenna, Todd; 10 - George, Laird; 9 - Murphy, Cyril; 2 - Dalton, Kate; 6 - Brion, Keri; 7 - Morris, Neil; 5 - Davies, Joseph

Owners: 8 - Morning March Partners; 1 - Willis, Molly, Willis, Paul and Smith, Devon; 3 - Hard Game LLC; 4 - Keystone Thoroughbreds; 10 - Riverdee Stable; 9 - Irvin S. Naylor; 2 - St Rita Racing; 6 - Madaket Stables, LLC, R and K Racing, LLC and The International Venture; 7 - Ballybristol Farm, LLC; 5 - Joseph G. Davies;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

MORNING MARCH , headstrong early on, relaxed inside for the backstretch run then made some progress entering the stretch for the first time, worked outward near the seventh, gained outside rivals then picked up the chase with three furlongs remaining, rolled past DOCTOR LOVE (FR) entering the stretch and drew out under a strong left handed drive. DOCTOR LOVE (FR) opened up a huge lead through the opening half mile, remained well in front to the five eighths, saw his lead evaporate leaving the three eighths, ceded to the winner into the lane but kept on with effort to be well clear of the rest. L'AVVOCATO (FR) lagged far back, angled out with about a quarter mile remaining and finished with good energy to earn the show. ON THE COUCH chased the pace, continued willingly past mid stretch then faded. JHIRSCH failed to menace while inside through the drive. RANGER THUNDERBOLT (IRE) , wide early, bobbled at the fifth, moved up between runners near the seventh, chased to the inside of the winner heading to the far turn then flattened out. PLEASANT FANTASY was not a factor. GOING COUNTRY (IRE) chased and faltered. MISSIONAIRE , outrun, was eased late. OUTPERFORM , rank early, lagged back then was eased when distanced leaving the last. THIS RACE WAS HAND TIMED

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