

LONE STAR PARK - May 25, 2026 - Race 8

STAKES Texas Derby Black Type - Thoroughbred

(PLUS UP TO \$15,000 Open ATB) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS. No nomination fee. \$1,500 due at time of entry. Starters to pay an additional \$1,500. Supplemental nominations may be made at time of entry in the amount of \$4,500 and shall include all fees. After payment of 1.5% of the purse to all owners finishing sixth through last, 60% of the remaining purse shall be paid to the winning owner, 20% to second, 11% to third, 6% to fourth, and 3% to fifth. If less than five horses start, the remaining purse will be distributed to the winning owner. Weights: 124 lbs. First preference will be given to highest lifetime earnings in order Grade I, II, III Stakes. Second preference to highest lifetime earnings. Lifetime earnings will be determined according to statistics provided by Equibase. This race will be limited to fourteen starters. Horses not drawing a starting position in the gate will receive a refund of the entry fee. Starters to be named through the entry box by the usual time of closing. A trophy will be presented to the winning owner.

Distance: One And One Sixteenth Miles On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Dixie Dot Com - 1:40.53 - May 28, 2001)

Purse: \$300,000 Guaranteed

Available Money: \$300,000


Value of Race: \$300,000 1st \$177,300, 2nd \$59,100, 3rd \$32,505, 4th \$17,730, 5th \$8,865, 6th \$4,500

Weather: Cloudy, 84° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 4:58 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

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[GPS Race Chart](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
26Mar26 ⁸ OP ¹	5	Desert Gate (Ortiz, Jr., Irad) 	124	L b	5	3	2 ³	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{3 1/2}	1 ^{4 1/2}	1 ^{6 1/4}	0.20*	own pace,geared down
18Apr26 ⁶ OP ²	6	Chad Allan (Ortiz, Jose)	124	--	6	5	5 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{3 1/2}	3 ^{Head}	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{Nose}	5.50	2-3w,bid,saved 2nd
1May26 ² OP ³	1	Maximum Effort (Asmussen, Erik)	124	L b	1	6	4 ²	4 ^{1 1/2}	5 ⁵	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1 1/4}	8.50	ins,tight 1/4,missd 2d
5Apr26 ¹⁰ SUN ¹	3	Avery Place (Juarez, Jr., Alfredo)	124	L	3	4	6	6	6	5 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{9 1/4}	22.70	step slow,swung widest
5Apr26 ¹⁰ SUN ³	2	Zillarro (Elliott, Stewart)	124	L	2	1	3 ³	3 ^{3 1/2}	2 ¹	4 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{3 1/2}	25.40	2-3w,ins-2w,weakened
2May26 ³ OP ⁴	4	Vintage Cowboy (Vazquez, Ramon)	124	L	4	2	1 ^{Head}	2 ³	4 ^{Head}	6	6	11.70	rank,stalked,tired

Fractional Times: 23.49 47.54 1:12.45 1:37.69

Final Time: 1:44.53 **Time from Gate:** 1:45.96

Split Times: (24:05) (24:91) (25:24) (6:84)

Run-Up: 34 feet

Winner: Desert Gate, Chestnut Colt, by [Omaha Beach](#) out of Theogony, by Curlin. Foaled Mar 06, 2023 in Kentucky.

 Winner's sire standing at Spendthrift

Breeder: Twin Oaks Bloodstock

Owner: Pegram, Michael E., Watson, Karl and Weitman, Paul

Trainer: Baffert, Bob

Total WPS Pool: \$109,377

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Desert Gate	2.40	2.10	2.10	\$2.00 Exacta	5-6	5.00	44,504
6	Chad Allan		2.60	2.10	\$0.50 Trifecta	5-6-1	3.15	14,859
1	Maximum Effort			2.40	\$0.10 Superfecta	5-6-1-3	1.52	6,853

Past Performance Running Line Preview


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5	Desert Gate	3	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{3 1/2}	1 ^{4 1/2}	1 ^{6 1/4}
6	Chad Allan	5	5 ⁸	5 ^{9 1/2}	3 ^{4 1/2}	2 ^{4 1/2}	2 ^{6 1/4}
1	Maximum Effort	6	4 ⁶	4 ⁸	5 ^{4 3/4}	3 ⁶	3 ^{6 1/4}
3	Avery Place	4	6 ^{9 1/2}	6 ¹³	6 ^{9 3/4}	5 ⁸	4 ^{7 1/2}
2	Zillarro	1	3 ³	3 ^{4 1/2}	2 ^{3 1/2}	4 ^{6 1/2}	5 ^{16 3/4}
4	Vintage Cowboy	2	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{4 1/2}	6 ^{9 1/2}	6 ^{20 1/4}

Trainers: 5 - Baffert, Bob; 6 - Young, Robert; 1 - Asmussen, Steven; 3 - Cappellucci, Dick; 2 - Asmussen, Steven; 4 - Asmussen, Steven

Owners: 5 - Pegram, Michael E., Watson, Karl and Weitman, Paul; 6 - Gentry Farms (A.P. Gentry); 1 - Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC; 3 - Judge Lanier Racing, LLC and H.P. Drought and Company; 2 - Benjamin Gase; 4 - BC Stables, LLC;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

DESERT GATE forwardly placed away from the start, contested the early pace then took command into the backstretch, made his own pace to the far turn then was in hand to upper stretch, given a pair of reminder taps of the crop through the lane, held sway to the final sixteenth, geared down late. CHAD ALLAN settled to the first turn while outside of rivals, coaxed two wide to the half, advanced three wide at the quarter marker, could not impact the winner into the stretch and saved second. MAXIMUM EFFORT allowed to settle away from the start, saved ground to the backstretch run, kept an inside path to the far turn then was caught in a bit of traffic at the quarter marker, found room along the rail into the stretch, could not muster a final response and just missed for second, while holding for third. AVERY PLACE bobbled then was shuffled back a bit at the start and was last away from the gate, unhurried to the backstretch, trailed to the far turn, swung widest to upper stretch, made a mild bid while widest to the final sixteenth and was outkicked for the minor awards. ZILARRO was prominent away from the start then took back to the first turn, tracked the leading pair two to three wide nearing the half-mile marker, shifted to the rail into the far turn and chased to the quarter marker, could not keep pace with the winner into upper stretch and weakened. VINTAGE COWBOY away in good order, showed good early speed and contested the pace from the inside heading into the first turn, was rank and hard to handle while inside of DESERT GATE then ceded the lead to that foe into the backstretch, stalked the pace two wide to the half-mile, gave chase into the far turn, lacked the needed response at the quarter marker then tired in the stretch.

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