

OAKLAWN PARK - March 6, 2026 - Race 6

STARTER ALLOWANCE - Thoroughbred

FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF \$40,000 OR LESS IN ONE OF THEIR LAST THREE STARTS. Weight, 126 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since January 6, 2026 Allowed 4 lbs. A Race Since October 6, 2025 Allowed 8 lbs. (Horses Which Have Never Won A Race At A Mile Or Over Allowed 3 lbs.). (C) **Claiming Price:** \$40,000 - \$0

Distance: One And One Sixteenth Miles On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Heatherthen - 1:40.20 - April 18, 1984)

Purse: \$65,000

Available Money: \$65,000

Value of Race: \$65,000 1st \$39,000, 2nd \$13,000, 3rd \$6,500, 4th \$3,250, 5th \$1,084, 6th \$1,083, 7th \$1,083

Weather: Cloudy, 74° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 3:11 **Start:** Good for all except 4 **Timing Method:** Electronic



[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
16Feb26 ¹⁰ OP ³	2	Expect the Best (Bejarano, Rafael)	122	L b	2	6	3 ⁵	3 ⁴	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{4 3/4}	1.50*	bid3p1/4,bmp3/16,clear
22Feb26 ⁶ OP ⁴	8	Pike Place (Arrieta, Francisco)	126	L f	7	4	7	6 ^{1/2}	6 ⁸	3 ¹	2 ^{1 1/4}	11.00	4p1/4, 6p lane, ran on
21Jan26 ⁷ DED ¹	1	Morunning (Saez, Luis)	123	L	1	2	1 ³	1 ^{4 1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	2 ³	3 ¹	3.30	cue2p1/4,bmp3/16,faded
16Feb26 ⁴ OP ⁵	4	Carolo Rapido (Torres, Cristian)	122	L b	4	7	6 ^{Head}	5 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ⁴	5.30	slow st,2-4p,flatnd1/8
22Feb26 ⁶ OP ⁷	7	Creative Minister (Cabrera, David)	122	L bf	6	5	4 ^{Head}	4 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	5 ^{6 1/2}	4.30	4-3p,drift out,no bid
14Feb26 ⁷ OP ²	3	Sara's Shaman (Mendoza, Amir)	113	L bf	3	1	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{Head}	3 ^{2 1/2}	6 ¹²	6 ^{11 3/4}	19.00	track 2p-ins, gave way
8Feb26 ⁷ OP ⁴	6	Uncle Caesar (Bacon, Tyler)	118	L	5	3	5 ^{1 1/2}	7	7	7	7	9.10	behind5p,never menaced

Fractional Times: 23.27 47.36 1:12.53 1:38.20

Final Time: 1:44.36

Split Times: (24:09) (25:17) (25:67) (6:16)

Run-Up: 60 feet

Winner: Expect the Best, Chestnut Gelding, by Khozan out of Gulf Coast Gal, by Constitution. Foaled Feb 19, 2022 in Florida.

Breeder: Trevor James

Owner: Sparks, William S., Monroe, Chris, Johnston, Keith, Patterson, Trey and Patterson, Ty

Trainer: Moquett, Ron

Scratched Horse(s): Black Powder (Trainer)

Total WPS Pool: \$210,032

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
2	Expect the Best	5.00	2.80	2.20	\$1.00 Exacta	2-8	18.80	130,038
8	Pike Place		8.20	4.80	\$0.50 Trifecta	2-8-1	53.60	72,044
1	Morunning			3.20	\$1.00 Pick 3	8-4-2/5 (3 correct)	25.40	16,471
					\$1.00 Daily Double	4-2	5.60	18,293
					\$0.10 Superfecta	2-8-1-4	43.87	45,848

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
2	Expect the Best	6	3 ^{4 1/2}	3 ^{4 1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{4 3/4}
8	Pike Place	4	7 ^{11 1/4}	6 ^{11 1/2}	6 ⁶	3 ^{3 1/2}	2 ^{4 3/4}
1	Morunning	2	1 ³	1 ^{4 1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	3 ⁶
4	Carolo Rapido	7	6 ¹¹	5 ¹⁰	5 ^{4 1/2}	4 ^{4 1/2}	4 ⁷
7	Creative Minister	5	4 ^{9 1/2}	4 ^{8 1/2}	4 ^{4 1/2}	5 ⁷	5 ¹¹
3	Sara's Shaman	1	2 ³	2 ^{4 1/2}	3 ²	6 ⁷	6 ^{17 1/2}
6	Uncle Caesar	3	5 ^{9 1/2}	7 ¹²	7 ¹⁴	7 ¹⁹	7 ^{29 1/4}

Trainers: 2 - Moquett, Ron; 8 - Van Berg, Thomas; 1 - Davis, Christopher; 4 - Blair, Jordan; 7 - Hartman, Chris; 3 - Johnston, Lane; 6 - Martin, Timothy

Owners: 2 - Sparks, William S., Monroe, Chris, Johnston, Keith, Patterson, Trey and Patterson, Ty; 8 - Scott, Jeff and Scott, Penny; 1 -David A. Williams; 4 -Craig Peerenboom; 7 - JD Thoroughbreds LLC, Davis, Joey Keith and Romero, Larry J.; 3 -Aaron Wilkey; 6 - Campbell, Heath Aaron and Campbell, Sheena;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

EXPECT THE BEST stalked in the three path up the backstretch, ranged up around the far turn to bid under coaxing passing the quarter, bumped with the inner pacesetter from the four path at the top of the lane, took command passing the furlong grounds, and kicked clear. PIKE PLACE trailed from the three path turning into the backstretch, improved from the four path around the far turn, and ran on in the six path down the stretch for place. MORUNNING drew clear around the first turn to set an uncontested pace in the two path up the backstretch, came under pressure as the outer eventual winner moved up to challenge approaching the quarter, bumped with that foe while in the three path at the top of the stretch, surrendered the lead passing the furlong grounds, and faded in the final sixteenth to show. CAROLO RAPIDO had a slow start, was wellback in the two path, ridden along the inside around the far turn, split foes in the two path passing the quarter, but flattened from the four path in the final furlong. CREATIVE MINISTER rated in the four path, was pushed along from the three path around the far turn, drifted out down the lane, and made no impact. SARA'S SHAMAN tracked in the two path, was roused midway around the far turn, but gave way along the inside in the stretch. UNCLE CAESAR dropped well behind in the five path up the backstretch and was never involved.