

PENN NATIONAL - May 28, 2026 - Race 3

STARTER OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

(PLUS UP TO 40% PABF) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF \$16,000 OR LESS AND WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES OR CLAIMING PRICE \$16,000 AND WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race At A Mile Or Over Since April 28 Allowed 2 lbs. Such A Race Since March 28 Allowed 4 lbs. Claiming Price \$16,000 (Races Where Entered For \$12,500 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances) Preference to horses stabled on Penn National grounds after consideration for condition eligibility and PA Breds. (If deemed inadvisable by management to run this race over the turf course it will be run on the main track at One Mile. If more than 10 horses remain it will be run at One Mile and Seventy Yards.) (NW3 L) **Claiming Price: \$16,000**

Distance: One Mile On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Thunder Brew - 1:33.12 - July 31, 2010)

Purse: \$22,000

Available Money: \$22,000

Value of Race: \$22,000 1st \$13,200, 2nd \$4,400, 3rd \$2,420, 4th \$1,320, 5th \$660

Weather: Clear, 68° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 6:56 **Start:** Good for all **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	
10May26 ⁸ MTH ²	11	Persisten (Cruz, Angel)	120	L	11	4	3 ²	3 ² 1/2	2 ² 1/2	2 ³	1 ^{3/4}	3.50	ran down leader late	
2May26 ⁹ TAM ⁶	12	Distinct (Ho, Wesley)	119	L	12	3	2 ² 1/2	2 ² 1/2	1 ² 1/2	1 ²	2 ⁴	2.60*	took over, gamely	
2May26 ⁶ LRL ⁶	3	Zapata (IRE) (Chiappe, Ricardo)	120	L	3	1	6 ^{Head}	6 ¹	3 ^{Head}	3 ² 1/2	3 ² 1/4	19.80	angled out, mild rally	
15Apr26 ¹ PRX ⁵	2	Roxton (Haddock, Dexter)	120	L	f	2	6	5 ¹	5 ^{1/2}	4 ¹	4 ^{1/2}	51.10	inside, 3w far turn	
14May26 ³ PEN ¹	4	Thick as Thieves (Ramos, Yabriel)	124	L	b	4	7	7 ^{1/2}	8 ⁴	6 ²	5 ³ 1/2	5 ²	3.10	3w into lane, mildly
7May26 ⁹ PEN ²	1	Clarely Tom (Corujo, Wilfredo)	121	L	1	9	9	9 ¹ 1/2	9 ¹	9 ¹ 1/2	6 ^{Neck}	5.70	inside, no threat	
2May26 ² PEN ⁴	5	Go Take Charge (Kingsley, Taylor)	115	L	b	5	11	11 ²	11 ²	11 ⁸	7 ⁵ 3/4	10.80	steadied start	
20May26 ² PEN ²	7	Highly Potent (Flores, Emilio)	120	L	b	7	10	8 ¹ 1/2	7 ^{Head}	8 ²	7 ^{1/2}	8 ¹	32.80	3w trip, tired
6May26 ⁴ PEN ²	6	Dangerous Driver (Beato, Inoel)	122	L	b	6	8	10 ³	10 ³	10 ^{Head}	10 ^{1/2}	9 ⁹ 1/4	21.60	no factor
15Apr26 ⁵ PRX ⁸	8	Reverse the Curse (Torres, Jomar)	120	L	b	8	5	4 ^{Head}	4 ^{Head}	7 ^{Head}	11 ³	10 ⁵ 1/2	48.60	3w, 2w, faded
6May26 ⁴ PEN ³	9	Solar Glare (Cora, David)	120	L	b	9	12	12	12	12	11 ^{3/4}	72.60	off bit slow, outrun	
1May26 ¹ PEN ⁵	10	Great Composer (Martinez, Francisco)	120	L	b	10	2	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	9 ¹	14.00	speed, gave way	

Fractional Times: 22.49 46.34 1:10.35 1:22.47

Final Time: 1:34.98 **Time from Gate:** 1:36.53

Split Times: (23:85) (24:01) (12:12) (12:51)

Run-Up: 48 feet

Winner: Persisten, Dark Bay or Brown Colt, by Complexity out of Diamond Maker, by Mineshaft. Foaled Mar 27, 2022 in Kentucky.

Breeder: St. Simon Place LLC

Owner: Paterpop Racing

Trainer: Simone, Michael

Claiming Prices: 3 - Zapata (IRE): \$16,000; 2 - Roxton: \$16,000; 5 - Go Take Charge: \$16,000; 7 - Highly Potent: \$16,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$82,340

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
11	Persisten	9.00	4.00	3.40	\$0.50 Pick 3	4-5-11 (3 correct)	322.70	15,095
12	Distinct		4.20	3.00	\$1.00 Daily Double	5-11	390.10	4,389
3	Zapata (IRE)			9.00	\$1.00 Exacta	11-12	17.60	72,229
					\$0.20 Super High Five	11-12-3-2-4	7,057.08	1,847
					Jackpot			
					\$0.10 Superfecta	11-12-3-2	287.87	30,114
					\$0.50 Trifecta	11-12-3	95.05	40,667

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
11	Persisten	4	3 ⁴	3 ² 1/2	2 ² 1/2	2 ²	1 ^{3/4}
12	Distinct	3	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ^{Head}	1 ² 1/2	1 ²	2 ^{3/4}
3	Zapata (IRE)	1	6 ⁷	6 ⁵ 3/4	3 ⁵	3 ⁵	3 ⁴ 3/4
2	Roxton	6	5 ⁶	5 ⁵ 1/4	4 ⁵	4 ⁷ 1/2	4 ⁷
4	Thick as Thieves	7	7 ⁷ 1/4	8 ⁶ 3/4	6 ⁶ 1/4	5 ⁸ 1/2	5 ⁷ 1/2
1	Clarely Tom	9	9 ⁹ 1/4	9 ¹⁰ 3/4	9 ¹⁰ 1/4	6 ¹²	6 ⁹ 1/2
5	Go Take Charge	11	11 ¹³ 3/4	11 ¹⁴ 3/4	11 ¹²	8 ¹⁴ 1/2	7 ⁹ 3/4
7	Highly Potent	10	8 ⁷ 3/4	7 ⁶ 3/4	8 ⁸ 1/4	7 ¹⁴	8 ¹⁵ 1/2
6	Dangerous Driver	8	10 ¹⁰ 3/4	10 ¹¹ 3/4	10 ¹¹ 3/4	10 ¹⁶	9 ¹⁶ 1/2
8	Reverse the Curse	5	4 ⁶	4 ⁵	7 ⁸ 1/4	11 ¹⁶ 1/2	10 ²⁵ 3/4
9	Solar Glare	12	12 ¹⁵ 3/4	12 ¹⁶ 3/4	12 ²⁰	12 ¹⁹ 1/2	11 ³¹ 1/4
10	Great Composer	2	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ^{Head}	5 ⁶	9 ¹⁵	12 ³²

Trainers: 11 - Simone, Michael; 12 - Gallegos, Jose; 3 - Bentley, Fenneka; 2 - Vega, Richard; 4 - Salvaggio, Mark; 1 - Stites, Flint; 5 - Neilson, Katherine; 7 - Johnson, Carlos; 6 - Moreno-Barban, Leandro; 8 - Demasi, Kathleen; 9 - Sinnafia, Paulina; 10 - Perez, Ruperto

Owners: 11 - Paterpop Racing; 12 - Amaty Racing Stables; 3 - Turks Head Turf; 2 - Equivine Farm, Louis A. Bisso, Jr. and Richard Vega Racing Stable Inc.; 4 -Anthony Spinazzola; 1 - Jackson, Stephen G. and Debbie; 5 - Commonwealth Racing, LLC; 7 -Milton D. Rodriguez, Jr.; 6 -Leandro Moreno-Barban; 8 -Christopher H. Fisher; 9 -Peter Kazamias; 10 - MPT Racing Stables;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

PERSISTEN tracked the pace, advanced two wide on the far turn, rallied in the stretch run, closed well late and ran down the leader nearing the wire. DISTINCT stalked early on, then vied two wide on the backside, took over, shook free, dug in gamely in the final furlong and was caught at the end. ZAPATA (IRE) raced off the pace inside, advanced on the far turn, angled out in the stretch and rallied mildly. ROXTON raced off the pace inside, moved up three wide on the far turn and gained mildly. THICK AS THIEVES raced off the pace between rivals, advanced inside on the far turn, angled around a rival, came three wide into the lane and gained mildly. CLARELY TOM raced off the pace inside and failed to threaten. GO TAKE CHARGE was steadied at the start, outrun early and passed tired rivals. HIGHLY POTENT had a three wide trip off the pace, chased on the far turn and tired. DANGEROUS DRIVER

raced off the pace and did not factor. REVERSE THE CURSE raced three wide early, then two wide off the pace and faded. SOLAR GLARE was off a bit slow and outrun. GREAT COMPOSER showed good early speed to set the pace, then vied inside, chased and gave way.

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