

PARX RACING - July 20, 2026 - Race 3

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
(PLUS UP TO 40% PABF) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race At One Mile Or Over Since June 20 Allowed 3 lbs. Claiming Price \$16,000, For Each \$2,000 To \$12,000 2 lbs. **Claiming**

Price: \$16,000 - \$12,000
Distance: One Mile And Seventy Yards On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Tragedy - 1:38.70 - December 12, 1995)
Purse: \$28,000
Available Money: \$28,000
Value of Race: \$27,160 1st \$16,800, 2nd \$5,600, 3rd \$3,080, 4th \$1,680
Weather: Clear, 79° **Track:** Fast
Off at: 1:37 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic



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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
9Jul26 ⁶ PRX ⁴	2	Nixon Joy (ARG) (Ruiz, Eliseo)	122 L f	1 3	4	4	4	3 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{8 1/4}	0.70*	trailed,surged,handily
16Jun26 ⁵ PRX ⁵	4	Best Bet (Gonzalez, Silvestre)	122 L	3 1	1 ^{Head}	1 ¹	1 ³	2 ³	2 ³	2 ^{1/2}	3.10	controlled pace, empty
22Jun25 ² BAQ ⁴	3	Celestial Moon (Sanchez, Mychel)	122 L b	2 2	3 ⁵	3 ³	2 ²	3 ⁵	3 ⁵	3 ^{5 1/4}	2.30	well placed, willingly
1Jul26 ⁵ PRX ⁴	6	Union Express (Orellana, Sebastian)	108 L b	4 4	2 ⁵	2 ⁷	4	4	4	4	10.10	forced pace, gave way

Fractional Times: 23.93 47.48 1:13.06 1:39.72 **Final Time:** 1:44.04 **Time from Gate:** 1:45.55
Split Times: (23:55) (25:58) (26:66) (4:32)
Run-Up: 40 feet

Winner: Nixon Joy (ARG), Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by Fortify out of =Stormy Nimble (ARG), by Bernstein. Foaled Sep 26, 2017 in Argentina.
Breeder: La Biznaga
Owner: Maria Alejandra Marquez
Trainer: Santaella-Calderon, Jose

1 Claimed Horse(s): Nixon Joy (ARG) New Trainer: Esteban Padilla New Owner: Top Notch Racing

Claiming Prices: 2 - Nixon Joy (ARG): \$16,000; 4 - Best Bet: \$16,000; 6 - Union Express: \$12,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Inmortal J (Veterinarian), Missouri River (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$31,195

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
2	Nixon Joy (ARG)	3.40	2.20	\$2.00 Exacta	2-4	10.20	18,782
4	Best Bet		3.00	\$1.00 Pick 3	6-4-2/5 (3 correct)	70.50	12,138
3	Celestial Moon			\$2.00 Daily Double	4-2	23.00	8,773

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
2	Nixon Joy (ARG)	3	4 ¹⁰	4 ¹¹	3 ⁵	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{8 1/4}
4	Best Bet	1	1 ^{Head}	1 ¹	1 ³	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{8 1/4}
3	Celestial Moon	2	3 ⁵	3 ⁸	2 ³	3 ³	3 ^{8 3/4}
6	Union Express	4	2 ^{Head}	2 ¹	4 ^{5 1/2}	4 ⁸	4 ¹⁴

Trainers: 2 - Santaella-Calderon, Jose; 4 - Noble, James; 3 - Ness, Jamie; 6 - Gonzalez-Milian, Jose

Owners: 2 -Maria Alejandra Marquez; 4 - Bing Cherry Racing, Inc.; 3 - Madison Avenue Racing Stable, Inc., Kernan, Jr., Morris E. and Jagger, Inc.; 6 -Ricardo Alvarez;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

NIXON JOY (ARG) trailed far behind, advanced on the final turn then surged away in the final furlong handily. BEST BET controlled the pace to the stretch then was no match for the winner. CELESTIAL MOON settled in clear off the leaders and continued willingly while no threat. UNION EXPRESS flashed speed for half mile and gave way.