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**SUNLAND PARK - February 20, 2026 - Race 3**

OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Quarter Horse

FOR REGISTERED NEW MEXICO BRED THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NOT WON A RACE SINCE FEBRUARY 20, 2025 OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON FOUR RACES OR CLAIMING PRICE \$15,000. Three Year Olds, 126 lbs.; Older, 128 lbs. Claiming Price \$15,000. (S C) **Claiming Price:** \$15,000

**Distance:** Eight Hundred And Seventy Yards On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Gone to the Mountain - 43.029 - April 5, 2009) **Purse:** \$38,600

**Includes:** \$5,000 NMHBA - New Mexico Horse Breeders Assoc.

**Available Money:** \$38,600

**Value of Race:** \$38,600 1st \$23,160, 2nd \$7,720, 3rd \$3,860, 4th \$1,930, 5th \$1,158, 6th \$772

**Wind Speed:** 25 **Wind Direction:** Tail

**Weather:** Clear, 64° **Track:** Fast

**Off at:** 1:19 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	Str 1	Str	Fin	Odds	Ind. Time	Sp. In.	Comments
12Dec25 <sup>4</sup> ZIA <sup>2</sup>	2	Mendel (Navarrete, Jr., Eugenio)	128 L b	2	2	2 <sup>Head</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	1 <sup>1</sup> 1/4	0.60*	45.518	88	speed inside, held safe
3Jan26 <sup>2</sup> SUN <sup>2</sup>	5	Beaux Dashes (Medellin, Alejandro)	128 L b	5	3	3 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	3 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup>	4.20	45.749	86	shuffled 1/4, re-bid
11Jan26 <sup>9</sup> SUN <sup>8</sup>	7	Z Marks the Spot (Arboleda, Aldo)	128 L b/fk	7	8	8	7 <sup>2</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup>	7.80	46.098	82	rallied btwn, up 3rd
8Mar25 <sup>2</sup> SUN <sup>5</sup>	4	Ebw Solidasarock (Andrade, Jr., Oscar)	128 L b/f	4	1	4 <sup>1</sup>	4 <sup>1/2</sup>	4 <sup>1</sup>	13.40	46.283	79	angld widest, no kick
18Nov25 <sup>10</sup> ZIA <sup>4</sup>	1	Sidewinder Slick (Medrano, Gabriel)	128 L b	1	5	5 <sup>1/2</sup>	5 <sup>1/2</sup>	5 <sup>1</sup> 3/4	6.50	46.446	78	chased inside, no rally
18Jan26 <sup>3</sup> SUN <sup>1</sup>	3	Sheza Hailstorm (Sigala, Alfredo)	128 L b	3	4	6 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	6 <sup>2</sup>	6 <sup>3</sup> 1/2	14.90	46.744	74	2-3w, angl in, no rally
16Jan26 <sup>2</sup> SUN <sup>5</sup>	8	Dark Ivory Coast (Torres, Daniel)	128 L b	8	6	1 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	7 <sup>1</sup>	34.40	47.385	67	vied 3-2wd, faded lane
31May25 <sup>1</sup> RUJ <sup>6</sup>	6	Woodybejammin (Purcell, Kelsi)	128 L b	6	7	7 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	8	8	27.80	47.556	65	chase 3-4w, no response

**Run-Up:** 0 feet

**Winner:** Mendel, Gray Gelding, by Big Daddy Cartel out of Diamondia, by Mr Jess Perry. Foaled Jan 29, 2022 in New Mexico.

**Breeder:** Mj Farms

**Owner:** Rancho El 48 LLC

**Trainer:** Gonzales III, James

**Claiming Prices:** 7 - Z Marks the Spot: \$15,000; 3 - Sheza Hailstorm: \$15,000;

**Scratched Horse(s):** Juniors Legacy (Also-Eligible), Sweet Money (Also-Eligible)

**Total WPS Pool:** \$6,530

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
2	Mendel	3.20	2.60	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	2-5	4.90	5,801
5	Beaux Dashes		2.80	2.40	\$1.00 Trifecta	2-5-7	22.20	4,142
7	Z Marks the Spot			4.20	\$0.10 Superfecta	2-5-7-4	11.48	3,495

**Past Performance Running Line Preview**

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	Str 1	Str	Fin
2	Mendel	2	2 <sup>Head</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	1 <sup>1</sup> 1/4
5	Beaux Dashes	3	3 <sup>Head</sup>	3 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	2 <sup>1</sup> 1/4
7	Z Marks the Spot	8	8 <sup>7</sup> 1/4	7 <sup>6</sup> 1/2	3 <sup>3</sup> 1/4
4	Ebw Solidasarock	1	4 <sup>2</sup> 3/4	4 <sup>3</sup> 1/2	4 <sup>4</sup> 1/4
1	Sidewinder Slick	5	5 <sup>3</sup> 3/4	5 <sup>4</sup>	5 <sup>5</sup> 1/4
3	Sheza Hailstorm	4	6 <sup>4</sup> 1/4	6 <sup>4</sup> 1/2	6 <sup>7</sup>
8	Dark Ivory Coast	6	1 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	7 <sup>10</sup> 1/2
6	Woodybejammin	7	7 <sup>5</sup> 3/4	8 <sup>8</sup> 1/2	8 <sup>11</sup> 1/2

**Trainers:** 2 - Gonzales III, James; 5 - Armstrong, Sherry; 7 - Fincher, Leroy; 4 - Crawford, Clinton; 1 - Buechler, Simon; 3 - Chavez, Arturo; 8 - Gomez-Barraza, David; 6 - Lello, Tony

**Owners:** 2 - Rancho El 48 LLC; 5 - Sherri Galvez; 7 - Fincher, Leroy and Fincher, Maureen S.; 4 - Wood, Brenda M. and Wood, Ernie J.; 1 - Driggers, Robert M. and Ivey, Ben Lee; 3 - Rebecca Sierra; 8 - EB Racing, LLC; 6 - Tony P. Lello;

**Footnotes** | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

MENDEL showed speed, pressed inside to 1/4, shook free upper stretch, kept to task in the lane, held safe late. BEAUX DASHES pressed between, shuffled 1/4, angled 3wide stretch, re-rallied late, 2nd best. Z MARKS THE SPOT off bit slow, settled to turn, rallied between foes lane, up 3rd. EBW SOLIDASAROCK vied btw 2wide early, chased to 1/4, angled widest, no late kick. SIDEWINDER SLICK took back to turn, chased inside to stretch, needed more late. SHEZA HAILSTORM settled btwn 2-3wide, angled in mid-stretch, no late rally. DARK IVORY COAST chased outside, vied 3-2wide to 1/4, turned away 1/8, faded lane. WOODYBEJAMMIN took back, chased 3-4wide to 1/4, no late response.