

SUNLAND PARK - February 23, 2026 - Race 2

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT - Thoroughbred

FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs.

Distance: Six And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Isn't He Clever - 1:13.45 - March 24, 2013)

Purse: \$25,200

Available Money: \$25,200

Value of Race: \$25,200 1st \$15,120, 2nd \$5,040, 3rd \$2,520, 4th \$1,260, 5th \$756, 6th \$504

Weather: Clear, 62° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 12:53 **Start:** Good for all except 1,8 **Timing Method:** Electronic



[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
15Dec25 ⁶ ZIA ³	8	Fire Breather (Juarez, Jr., Alfredo)	124 L	8	7	7 ²	5 ^{1/2}	2 ¹	1 ¹	3.70	brk out,rally 5p,edged
25Nov25 ¹ ZIA ²	3	Smoothwhskygoindwn (Amparan, Francisco)	124 L b	3	4	2 ²	1 ²	1 ^{1/2}	2 ³	6.70	led 2p,collrd 1/8,bstd
8Feb26 ⁷ SUN ²	2	Honor the Giants (Perez, Miguel)	124 L	2	5	4 ¹	4 ^{1/2}	3 ¹	3 ^{3/4}	0.90*	chsd ins,edged shw 1/8
18Jan26 ⁷ SUN ⁷	6	Lion Throne (Hernandez, Olaf)	121 b	6	2	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	4 ^{1/2}	4 ¹	40.00	chs 3p,outkck btw,mild
19Jan26 ⁶ SA ³	7	Citizen Barrett (Medellin, Alejandro)	124 L b	7	1	3 ¹	3 ¹	5 ³	5 ^{3 3/4}	14.10	stalk 4p,gave way btw
1Dec25 ¹ ZIA ³	5	Gangster (Jaime, Ricardo)	124 L	5	3	6 ³	7 ^{1/2}	6 ^{1 1/2}	6 ^{2 1/4}	72.40	3p, no factor
---	1	Conclave (Negron, Luis)	124 L b	1	8	8	8	7 ^{1/2}	7 ¹	3.30	off slow,slow erly,ins
12Jan26 ⁴ TUP ³	4	Thetribehasspoken (Valenzuela, Luis)	119 L b	4	6	5 ^{Head}	6 ²	8	8	24.40	4-3p,6p3/16,tired

Fractional Times: 22.52 44.64 1:08.67

Final Time: 1:15.05

Split Times: (22:12) (24:03) (6:38)

Run-Up: 30 feet

Winner: Fire Breather, Bay Gelding, by [Bolt d'Oro](#) out of Creative Contessa, by Creative Cause. Foaled Apr 15, 2022 in Kentucky.

Winner's sire standing at Spendthrift

Breeder: Ruis Racing LLC

Owner: Tyson Esquibel

Trainer: Gleason, Timothy

Total WPS Pool: \$36,481

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
8	Fire Breather	9.40	5.40	3.40	\$1.00 Exacta	8-3	31.80	36,300
3	Smoothwhskygoindwn		6.00	3.00	\$1.00 Trifecta	8-3-2	52.30	18,977
2	Honor the Giants			2.20	\$0.10 Superfecta	8-3-2-6	35.38	15,987
					\$1.00 Daily Double	4-8	14.20	6,883

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
8	Fire Breather	7	7 ^{7 1/4}	5 ^{3 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	1 ¹
3	Smoothwhskygoindwn	4	2 ^{Head}	1 ²	1 ^{1/2}	2 ¹
2	Honor the Giants	5	4 ³	4 ³	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ⁴
6	Lion Throne	2	1 ^{Head}	2 ²	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{4 3/4}
7	Citizen Barrett	1	3 ²	3 ²	5 ³	5 ^{5 3/4}
5	Gangster	3	6 ^{4 1/4}	7 ⁶	6 ⁶	6 ^{9 1/2}
1	Conclave	8	8 ^{9 1/4}	8 ^{6 1/2}	7 ^{7 1/2}	7 ^{11 3/4}
4	Thetribehasspoken	6	5 ⁴	6 ⁴	8 ⁸	8 ^{12 3/4}

Trainers: 8 - Gleason, Timothy; 3 - Buechler, Simon; 2 - Hernandez, Daniel; 6 - Wheeler, Travis; 7 - Valdez-Cabral, Martin; 5 - Hudson, Jeff; 1 - Evans, Justin; 4 - Evans, Justin

Owners: 8 -Tyson Esquibel; 3 - Mighty Me McKee LLC; 2 -Ruben Ramirez; 6 - Grumpy Old Boys LLC; 7 -Alfredo Alvarado; 5 -Douglas Edward Winter; 1 - Amestoy, Leslie A., Amestoy, Jr., Pierre Jean, Jenson, Dawn R. and Jenson, Paul W.; 4 - Rakoczy Racing LLC and Haas, John D.;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

FIRE BREATHER broke outwardly and was slow into stride, raced off of the pace in the five path, progressed around the turn, rallied to bid outside of the leader at the furlong grounds and drove past. SMOOTHWHSKYGOINDWN vied for the lead with an outer rival early on, led in the two path around the turn, got collared by an outer rival at the furlong grounds, dug in but got bested. HONOR THE GIANTS chased forwardly along the inside, edged show from outer rivals reaching midstretch then held that posiiion. LION THRONE vied with an inner rival early on, chased that one from the three path around the turn, got outkicked by a rival on either side in upper stretch then kept on mildly to hold fourth. CITIZEN BARRETT stalked from the four path, got outkicked by foes on either side in upper stretch and gave way. GANGSTER raced off of the pace in the three path and failed to factor. CONCLAVE hesitated at the start, broke multiple lengths slow and was slow into stride, trailed along the inside and got outrun. THETRIbehasspoken pursued from midpack tucking to the four to three path into the turn, swung out to the six path enteiring the lane and tired.

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