

SUNLAND PARK - March 2, 2026 - Race 7

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NOT WON TWO RACES SINCE SEPTEMBER 2, 2025 OR WHICH HAVE NOT WON A RACE SINCE DECEMBER 2, 2025 OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON FOUR RACES. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Claiming Price \$7,500 (Claiming Races For \$5,000 Or Less Not Considered In Eligibility). (C) **Claiming Price:** \$7,500

Distance: One Mile On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Escape Clause - 1:34.00 - March 24, 2019)

Purse: \$12,600

Available Money: \$12,600

Value of Race: \$12,600 1st \$7,560, 2nd \$2,520, 3rd \$1,260, 4th \$630, 5th \$378, 6th \$252

Weather: Clear, 85° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 3:06 **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
22Feb26 ⁶ SUN ⁵	2	Kirby Derby (Negron, Luis)	124	L b	2	2	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ¹	3.90	2p,ins bid 3/8,dueled
9Feb26 ¹ SUN ⁶	6	Upward Mobility (Rodriguez, Luis)	124	L b	5	3	1 ²	1 ²	2 ^{1/2}	2 ²	2 ^{1 1/4}	12.10	3p,collared 2w3/8,duel
12Jan26 ⁴ SUN ¹	8	Free Again (Valenzuela, Luis)	124	L b	7	6	6 ⁶	5 ^{2 1/2}	5 ²	4 ¹	3 ^{2 1/2}	1.20*	5-6p,stay on willingly
16Feb26 ⁶ SUN ¹	5	American Empire (Gomez, Enrique)	124	L	4	5	4 ^{1/2}	4 ²	3 ¹	3 ¹	4 ^{2 1/2}	1.20	4-5p1st,track,gave way
16Feb26 ⁶ SUN ³	7	Sharp Stick (Jaime, Ricardo)	124	L	6	4	3 ¹	3 ^{1/2}	4 ¹	5 ³	5 ⁴	40.70	stalk 4p,btw 3/8,faded
23Feb26 ⁵ SUN ⁵	3	Holcombe (Medellin, Erick)	124	L	3	7	7	7	7	6 ²	6 ^{4 1/4}	44.70	trailed 2p, no impact
8Feb26 ⁵ SUN ¹⁰	1	We Need Marketing (Vazquez, Jose)	124	L	1	1	5 ^{Head}	6 ⁵	6 ^{1 1/2}	7	7	47.40	ins, 6p1/2, tired

Fractional Times: 24.73 47.58 1:11.63 1:24.02 **Final Time:** 1:36.12

Split Times: (22:85) (24:05) (12:39) (12:10)

Run-Up: 30 feet

Winner: Kirby Derby, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by Wicked Strong out of Madam Smack, by Closing Argument. Foaled Apr 17, 2019 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Dream Walkin' Farms Inc.

Owner: Jerry A. Groen

Trainer: Cappellucci, Dick

2 Claimed Horse(s): American Empire
Kirby Derby

New Trainer: Edwin A. Martinez

New Owner: Cesar Mendoza

New Trainer: Carlos C. Gonzalez

New Owner: Athenian Racing Stable, LLC

Claiming Prices: 2 - Kirby Derby: \$7,500; 6 - Upward Mobility: \$7,500; 8 - Free Again: \$7,500; 5 - American Empire: \$7,500; 7 - Sharp Stick: \$7,500; 3 - Holcombe: \$7,500; 1 - We Need Marketing: \$7,500;

Scratched Horse(s): Ten Figures (Stewards)

Total WPS Pool: \$42,159

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
2	Kirby Derby	9.80	5.20	2.60	\$1.00 Exacta	2-6	43.30	29,045
6	Upward Mobility		11.20	4.60	\$1.00 Trifecta	2-6-8	116.80	15,550
8	Free Again			2.20	\$0.10 Superfecta	2-6-8-5	18.80	15,694

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
2	Kirby Derby	2	2 ²	2 ²	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ¹
6	Upward Mobility	3	1 ²	1 ²	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	2 ¹
8	Free Again	6	6 ⁴	5 ⁵	5 ³	4 ³	3 ^{2 1/4}
5	American Empire	5	4 ^{3 1/2}	4 ³	3 ¹	3 ²	4 ^{4 3/4}
7	Sharp Stick	4	3 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{2 1/2}	4 ²	5 ⁴	5 ^{7 1/4}
3	Holcombe	7	7 ¹⁰	7 ^{12 1/2}	7 ^{6 1/2}	6 ⁷	6 ^{11 1/4}
1	We Need Marketing	1	5 ⁴	6 ^{7 1/2}	6 ⁵	7 ⁹	7 ^{15 1/2}

Trainers: 2 - Cappellucci, Dick; 6 - Quiroz, Filiberto; 8 - Fincher, Todd; 5 - Armstrong, Sherry; 7 - Blea III, Anthony; 3 - Blea III, Anthony; 1 - Quiroz, Filiberto

Owners: 2 -Jerry A. Groen; 6 -Filiberto Quiroz; 8 - HX3 Incorporated; 5 -Sherry Armstrong; 7 -Juan Rodriguez; 3 -Roy J. Manfredi; 1 -Filiberto Quiroz;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

KIRBY DERBY stalked in the two path, bid inside of the leader at the three furlong pole, duelled with that one into deep stretch and edged ahead. UPWARD MOBILITY set a clear pace in the three path, got collared by an inner bidder at the three furlong pole, duelled with that one thereafter but got bested. FREE AGAIN raced off of the pace in the five to six path then stayed on willingly. AMERICAN EMPIRE tracked from the four to five path into the backstretch, pursued within striking range around the far turn then gave way. SHARP STICK stalked in the four path, then within range among foes into the far turn but faded. HOLCOMBE trailed in the two path then made little impact. WE NEED MARKETING pursued along the inside early on, moved out to the six path down the backstretch, hung wide around the far turn the tired.