

TAMPA BAY DOWNS - January 7, 2026 - Race 3

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred  
FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Weight, 122 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race At A Mile Or Over Since December 7 Allowed 2 lbs. Such A Race Since November 7 Allowed 4 lbs. Claiming Price \$10,000 (Races Where Entered For \$8,000 Or Less Not Considered) (Registered Florida Breds Preferred). **Claiming Price:** \$10,000  
**Distance:** One Mile And Forty Yards On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Golden Juan - 1:38.14 - March 21, 2025)  
**Purse:** \$25,000  
**Includes:** \$1,000 FOA - Florida Owners Awards  
**Includes:** \$3,000 Other Sources  
**Available Money:** \$25,000  
**Value of Race:** \$21,400 1st \$12,600, 2nd \$4,410, 3rd \$2,500, 4th \$1,260, 5th \$210, 6th \$210, 7th \$210  
**Weather:** Cloudy, 74° **Track:** Fast  
**Off at:** 1:21 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

EQUIBASE



Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
27Dec25 <sup>6</sup> TAM <sup>1</sup>	4	The Best Distance (Rodriguez, Ronaldo)	111 L b	4	1	1 <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>3 1/2</sup>	1 <sup>7 1/4</sup>	0.30*	2p,kicked away stretch
24Dec25 <sup>2</sup> TAM <sup>1</sup>	1	St. Louie Louie (Quinonez, Alonso)	119 L b	1	4	3 <sup>3</sup>	3 <sup>2 1/2</sup>	2 <sup>3</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup>	9.20	4p, loom1/4, no match
27Dec25 <sup>6</sup> TAM <sup>4</sup>	2	Fort Charles (Camacho, Samy)	118 L b	2	7	7	5 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>Head</sup>	3 <sup>2</sup>	3 <sup>Neck</sup>	9.10	rail1/4, 3p lane, fade
27Dec25 <sup>6</sup> TAM <sup>5</sup>	5	Mission Mike (Centeno, Daniel)	118 L	5	5	4 <sup>1/2</sup>	6 <sup>1/2</sup>	5 <sup>1/2</sup>	4 <sup>1/2</sup>	4 <sup>4 1/4</sup>	29.40	midpack 5-6p,no impact
24Dec25 <sup>2</sup> TAM <sup>2</sup>	6	Action Seeker (Marin, Samuel)	118 L	6	2	2 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	2 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	4 <sup>2 1/2</sup>	5 <sup>1/2</sup>	5 <sup>3/4</sup>	9.50	stalked 3p, retreated
24Dec25 <sup>2</sup> TAM <sup>3</sup>	3	Hari (Gonzalez, Cesar)	111 L b	3	6	6 <sup>1/2</sup>	4 <sup>Head</sup>	6 <sup>2</sup>	6 <sup>3</sup>	6 <sup>5</sup>	25.60	wellback ins,no threat
26Sep25 <sup>3</sup> MED <sup>6</sup>	7	Crypto Man (Batista, Jose)	118 L b	7	3	5 <sup>3</sup>	7	7	7	7	10.90	off pace 6p, no threat

**Fractional Times:** 23.46 47.01 1:12.02 1:38.03 **Final Time:** 1:40.38  
**Split Times:** (23:55) (25:01) (26:01) (2:35)  
**Run-Up:** 40 feet

**Winner:** The Best Distance, Chestnut Gelding, by Distorted Humor out of Voyelle, by Broken Vow. Foaled May 13, 2018 in Kentucky.  
**Breeder:** Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding  
**Owner:** Juan Arriagada  
**Trainer:** Arriagada, Juan

**1 Claimed Horse(s):** The Best Distance      New Trainer: Michael V. Simone      New Owner: Paterpop Racing

**Claiming Prices:** 4 - The Best Distance: \$10,000; 1 - St. Louie Louie: \$10,000; 2 - Fort Charles: \$10,000; 5 - Mission Mike: \$10,000; 6 - Action Seeker: \$10,000; 3 - Hari: \$10,000; 7 - Crypto Man: \$10,000;

**Total WPS Pool:** \$85,080

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payout	Pool
4	The Best Distance	2.60	2.10	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	4-1	4.80	64,024
1	St. Louie Louie		3.80	3.00	\$0.10 Superfecta	4-1-2-5	6.12	27,775
2	Fort Charles			3.00	\$0.50 Pick 3	7-2-4 (3 correct)	43.45	30,501
					\$1.00 Daily Double	2-4	4.40	17,104
					\$0.50 Trifecta	4-1-2	7.35	41,282
					\$1.00 X-5 Super High Five	4-1-2-5-6	179.10	3,496

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
4	The Best Distance	1	1 <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>3 1/2</sup>	1 <sup>7 1/4</sup>
1	St. Louie Louie	4	3 <sup>3 1/2</sup>	3 <sup>3 1/2</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>3 1/2</sup>	2 <sup>7 1/4</sup>
2	Fort Charles	7	7 <sup>10 1/2</sup>	5 <sup>6</sup>	3 <sup>4</sup>	3 <sup>5 1/2</sup>	3 <sup>9 1/4</sup>
5	Mission Mike	5	4 <sup>6 1/2</sup>	6 <sup>7</sup>	5 <sup>6 1/2</sup>	4 <sup>7 1/2</sup>	4 <sup>9 1/2</sup>
6	Action Seeker	2	2 <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup>	4 <sup>4</sup>	5 <sup>8</sup>	5 <sup>13 3/4</sup>
3	Hari	6	6 <sup>10</sup>	4 <sup>6</sup>	6 <sup>7</sup>	6 <sup>8 1/2</sup>	6 <sup>14 1/2</sup>
7	Crypto Man	3	5 <sup>7</sup>	7 <sup>7 1/2</sup>	7 <sup>9</sup>	7 <sup>11 1/2</sup>	7 <sup>19 1/2</sup>

**Trainers:** 4 - Arriagada, Juan; 1 - Becker, Scott; 2 - Simone, Michael; 5 - Cahill, Steven; 6 - Arnett, Jon; 3 - Ferraro, M.; 7 - Delgado, Jose

**Owners:** 4 -Juan Arriagada; 1 - Ritter, Charles W. and Becker, Scott; 2 - Paterpop Racing; 5 -Dennis F. Smith; 6 -Danny Stafford; 3 -M. Anthony Ferraro; 7 - Ladycaroly Stable LLC;

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

THE BEST DISTANCE showed the way from the two path turning into the backstretch, was coaxed along around the far turn, and kicked away down the lane to be much the best. ST. LOUIE LOUIE tracked in the four path, was ridden into the far turn, ranged up passing the quarter, could not keep up with the winning pacesetter down the stretch, but held place. FORT CHARLES trailed from the two path into the backstretch, moved up passing the half, was ridden from the rail around the far turn, swung out to the three path at the top of the lane, and faded but held show. MISSION MIKE raced in midpack out in the five path, was driven into the far turn, but made no impact from the six path down the stretch. ACTION SEEKER stalked in the three path early but retreated. HARI was wellback along the inside and never threatened. CRYPTO MAN raced off the pace out in the six path and never threatened.