

TAMPA BAY DOWNS - February 1, 2026 - Race 8
EQUIBASE

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON A RACE OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, OR

STARTER OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES OR OPTIONAL CLAIMING PRICE OF \$16,000. Weight, 123 lbs.

 Non-winners Of A Race At A Mile Or Over Since December 1 Allowed 2 lbs. One Such Race Allowed 4 lbs. Claiming Price \$16,000
 (Races Where Entered For \$12,500 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances) Horses entered for \$16,000 will not be eligible for

 TBD/HBPA/FL Fund monies. (NW1 X) **Claiming Price:** \$16,000

Distance: One And One Sixteenth Miles On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Skippylongstocking - 1:41.20 - March 8, 2025)

Purse: \$55,500

Includes: \$2,000 FOA - Florida Owners Awards

Includes: \$21,000 Other Sources

Available Money: \$55,500

Value of Race: \$37,100 1st \$19,500, 2nd \$11,425, 3rd \$3,250, 4th \$1,950, 5th \$325, 6th \$325, 7th \$325

Weather: Clear, 45° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 4:11 **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
14Jan26	6TAM ³	2 The Best Distance (Gil, Cipriano)	120	L b	2	1	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	3 ¹	1Neck	4.60	track,4p2nd,duel,up lt
23Jan26	6TAM ¹	8 El Chispazo (Leon, Sonny)	119	L b	7	3	1 ² 1/2	1 ²	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ¹	2 ¹ 1/4	2.20	3p1st,dug in,missed
18Jan26	9TAM ³	3 Uranium (Gonzalez, Alex)	119	L bf	3	2	3 ^{1/2}	3 ¹	1Head	1Head	3 ¹ 1/2	44.10	stalk,2-3p,kept on
4Jan26	3TAM ¹	1 Embrace My Uncle (Gonzalez, Cesar)	112	L	1	5	4 ^{1/2}	4 ¹ 1/2	5 ²	4 ³	4 ⁴ 1/4	1.90*	svd gnd,evenly
4Jan26	3TAM ³	4 Khopesh (Martinez, Gaddiel)	119	L b	4	4	6Head	5 ^{1/2}	4 ¹	5 ²	5 ¹ 1/4	9.30	3p1st,5p2nd,no kick
29Nov25	5LRL ⁷	5 Style Me Royal (Hess, Sara)	119	L b	5	7	5Head	6 ^{1/2}	7	6 ^{1/2}	6 ³ 1/4	29.70	block brk,2p,no bid
18Jan26	9TAM ¹	6 Cupid's Dude (Centeno, Daniel)	123	L b	6	6	7	7	6 ¹ 1/2	7	7	3.40	outside,3-4p,empty

Fractional Times: 23.32 46.66 1:11.96 1:37.99

Final Time: 1:44.60

Split Times: (23:34) (25:30) (26:03) (6:61)

Run-Up: 45 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: Paterpop Racing

Trainer: Simone, Michael

1 Claimed Horse(s): The Best Distance

New Trainer: Jose A. Gallegos

New Owner: Amaty Racing Stables

Claiming Prices: 2 - The Best Distance: \$16,000; 1 - Embrace My Uncle: \$16,000; 5 - Style Me Royal: \$16,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Capitan Danny (CHI) (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$185,172

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
2	The Best Distance	11.20	5.80	4.20	\$1.00 Exacta	2-8	20.80	134,069
8	El Chispazo		4.00	3.60	\$0.50 Trifecta	2-8-3	151.60	75,546
3	Uranium			12.80	\$0.10 Superfecta	2-8-3-1	119.91	59,530
					\$0.50 Pick 3	8-7-2 (3 correct)	12.15	17,297
					\$1.00 Daily Double	7-2	11.90	22,552
					\$1.00 X-5 Super High	2-8-3-1-4	9,460.30	11,540
					Five			

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
2	The Best Distance	1	2 ² 1/2	2 ²	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ¹	1Neck
8	El Chispazo	3	1 ² 1/2	1 ²	2Head	2Head	2Neck
3	Uranium	2	3 ³ 1/2	3 ² 1/2	1Head	1Head	3 ¹ 1/2
1	Embrace My Uncle	5	4 ⁴	4 ³ 1/2	5 ³	4 ²	4 ³
4	Khopesh	4	6 ⁴ 1/2	5 ⁵	4 ²	5 ⁵	5 ⁷ 1/4
5	Style Me Royal	7	5 ⁴ 1/2	6 ⁵ 1/2	7 ⁶ 1/2	6 ⁷	6 ⁸ 1/2
6	Cupid's Dude	6	7 ⁴ 3/4	7 ⁶	6 ⁵	7 ⁷ 1/2	7 ¹¹ 3/4

Trainers: 2 - Simone, Michael; 8 - Bowersock, Maria; 3 - Hernandez, Enrique; 1 - Wright, Michael; 4 - Rodriguez, Darien; 5 - Maher, Edward; 6 - Bennett, Gerald

Owners: 2 - Paterpop Racing; 8 - Maria Bowersock; 3 - Lima Horse Racing LLC; 1 - Gina Wright; 4 - Gumpster Stable LLC; 5 - Edward Maher; 6 - Averill Racing LLC;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

THE BEST DISTANCE raced in the two path around the first turn, tracked the leader on the inside up the backstretch, came around the far turn in the four path and dueled to the finish to get up for the win late. EL CHISPAZO raced in the three path around the first turn, led the way up the backstretch, saved ground around the far bend, dug in gamely in the lane and just missed. URANIUM raced in the two path early, stalked the leader on the outside up the backstretch, challenged from the three path coming around the far bend and couldn't go with the top two late, but kept on to the wire. EMBRACE MY UNCLE saved ground around the first turn, settled in the middle of the pack on the inside for the run up the backstretch, navigated the far turn from the two path and finished evenly. KHOPESH raced in the three path around the first bend, continued up the backstretch off the pace between horses, swung out to the five path coming around the far bend and showed no kick. STYLE ME ROYAL was pinched back leaving the gate, raced in the two path around the first turn, came up the backstretch off the pace on the inside, navigated the far turn still in the two path and made no bid. CUPID'S DUDE raced in the four path early, continued up the backstretch off the pace on the outside, came around the second turn in the three path and was empty from there.

