

TAMPA BAY DOWNS - February 12, 2026 - Race 3

STARTER OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF \$8,000 OR LESS IN 2025 - 2026
OR OPTIONAL CLAIMING PRICE OF \$12,500. Weight, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since January 12 Allowed 2 lbs. A Race
Since December 12 Allowed 4 lbs. Claiming Price \$12,500 (Races Where Entered For \$8,000 Or Less Not Considered In
Allowances) (Registered Florida Breds Preferred). (C) **Claiming Price:** \$12,500

Distance: Five And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Lady of Greatness - 1:02.79 - March 14, 2012)

Purse: \$28,000

Includes: \$2,500 FOA - Florida Owners Awards

Includes: \$3,500 Other Sources

Available Money: \$28,000

Value of Race: \$27,400 1st \$17,400, 2nd \$5,820, 3rd \$2,420, 4th \$1,320, 5th \$220, 6th \$220

Weather: Cloudy, 74° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 1:40 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

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[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
23Jan26 ⁹ TAM ²	4	Secret Empire (Camacho, Samy)	119	L b	3	1	1 ¹ / ₂	1 ^{Head}	1 ¹	1 ² ¹ / ₂	1.10*	duel,2p,kick clear
1Feb26 ⁹ TAM ³	2	Bar Down Express (Leon, Sonny)	119	L b	2	2	5 ¹ / ₂	5 ³	4 ¹	2 ²	11.80	2p,bid1/4,improved
16Jan26 ³ TAM ¹	7	Guapo Again (ARG) (Gil, Cipriano)	120	L b	6	6	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{Nose}	3.70	prsd pc,3p,chase on
11Jan26 ² TAM ¹	5	Protege (Rodriguez, Ronaldo)	113	L	4	3	2 ^{Head}	4 ¹ ¹ / ₂	5 ⁶	4 ¹ ¹ / ₄	3.00	chase,3p,outkicked
23Jan26 ⁹ TAM ⁵	1	Morning Cup (Marin, Samuel)	119	L b	1	4	4 ¹ ¹ / ₂	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	5 ¹² ¹ / ₄	4.20	duel,svd gnd,wkn
31Jan26 ² TAM ⁸	6	Battle Warrior (Batista, Jose)	121	L bf	5	5	6	6	6	6	58.40	off pace,3p,no bid

Fractional Times: 22.07 44.53 56.98

Final Time: 1:03.83

Split Times: (22:46) (12:45) (6:85)

Run-Up: 50 feet

Winner: Secret Empire, Bay Gelding, by Chitu out of Charging Lil, by Big Drama. Foaled Mar 27, 2021 in Florida.

Breeder: Queen Farm LLC

Owner: Winning Stables, Inc.

Trainer: Bennett, Gerald

Scratched Horse(s): Johnnynfrenchfri (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$87,237

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
4	Secret Empire	4.20	2.80	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	4-2	12.60	62,915
2	Bar Down Express		5.60	3.60	\$0.50 Trifecta	4-2-7	23.80	39,342
7	Guapo Again (ARG)			2.60	\$0.10 Superfecta	4-2-7-5	13.67	31,511
					\$1.00 Daily Double	6-4	20.20	11,847
					\$0.50 Pick 3	3-6-4 (3 correct)	37.30	21,736

Past Performance Running Line Preview

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4	Secret Empire	1	1 ¹ / ₂	1 ^{Head}	1 ¹	1 ² ¹ / ₂
2	Bar Down Express	2	5 ² ¹ / ₄	5 ¹ ³ / ₄	4 ¹ ¹ / ₄	2 ² ¹ / ₂
7	Guapo Again (ARG)	6	3 ¹ / ₂	3 ^{Head}	3 ¹	3 ⁴ ¹ / ₂
5	Protege	3	2 ¹ / ₂	4 ^{Neck}	5 ² ¹ / ₄	4 ⁴ ¹ / ₂
1	Morning Cup	4	4 ³ / ₄	2 ^{Head}	2 ¹	5 ⁵ ³ / ₄
6	Battle Warrior	5	6 ² ³ / ₄	6 ⁴ ³ / ₄	6 ⁸ ¹ / ₄	6 ¹⁸

Trainers: 4 - Bennett, Gerald; 2 - Smith, Craig; 7 - Avila, Juan; 5 - Delgado, Jose; 1 - Simone, Michael; 6 - Posadas, Pedro

Owners: 4 - Winning Stables, Inc.; 2 - Dialed In Racing Stable; 7 - Lugamo Racing Stable LLC; 5 - Carole Star Stables; 1 - AR Racing LLC (Marsh); 6 -Stacey Posadas;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

SECRET EMPIRE dueled between horses up the backstretch, continued around the turn in the two path and kicked clear in the lane. BAR DOWN EXPRESS raced in the middle of the pack early, navigated the turn from the two path, began a bid entering the stretch and improved position from there. GUAPO AGAIN (ARG) pressed the pace on the outside up the backstretch, continued to battle from the three path around the bend and could not go with the winner in the lane but chased on to the wire. PROTEGE chased the leader between horses through the opening quarter, came around the turn in the three path and was outkicked in the stretch. MORNING CUP dueled on the inside through the early going, saved ground around the bend and weakened in the lane. BATTLE WARRIOR raced off the pace up the backstretch, continued around the turn in the three path and made no bid.