

TAMPA BAY DOWNS - February 20, 2026 - Race 4

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, 122 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race At A Mile Or Over Since January 20
 Allowed 2 lbs. Such A Race Since December 20 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: One And One Sixteenth Miles On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Skippylongstocking - 1:41.20 - March 8, 2025)

Purse: \$28,000

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

Includes: \$3,500 Other Sources

Available Money: \$28,000

Value of Race: \$22,600 1st \$13,200, 2nd \$4,620, 3rd \$2,800, 4th \$1,320, 5th \$220, 6th \$220, 7th \$220

Weather: Clear, 81° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 2:11 **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
1Feb26 ⁸ TAM ⁴	5	Embrace My Uncle (Gonzalez, Cesar)	113	L	5	7	6 ¹	5 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ² 1/2	1 ² 3/4	2.80	bid3/8,2-3p,kick clr
1Feb26 ⁸ TAM ¹	8	The Best Distance (Gil, Cipriano)	122	L b	7	2	3 ¹	4 ^{1/2}	4 ¹	4 ³	2 ^{Neck}	2.20	bmp brk,3-4p,lt gain
1Feb26 ⁸ TAM ²	3	El Chispazo (Leon, Sonny)	122	L b	3	1	1 ³ 1/2	1 ²	2 ¹	2 ²	3 ⁴ 3/4	1.70*	led,svd gnd,chase on
4Feb26 ³ TAM ⁵	2	Bourbon State (Rodriguez, Israel)	118	L b	2	4	4 ^{Head}	6 ¹	7	6 ¹ 1/2	4 ^{Neck}	43.20	svd gnd,outkicked
23Jan26 ⁶ TAM ⁴	4	Triple Pass (Maldonado, Gabriel)	118	L b	4	3	2 ^{1/2}	2 ¹	3 ²	3 ^{Head}	5 ¹ 1/2	8.90	track,2-3p,faded
8Feb26 ¹ TAM ³	1	Denying (Marquez, Charlie)	118	L	1	6	7	7	6 ³	5 ¹ 1/2	6 ⁷	12.80	trailed,2p,no bid
31Jan26 ⁸ TAM ¹⁰	6	Jades Jay (Marin, Samuel)	118	L	6	5	5 ⁴	3 ^{Head}	5 ^{1/2}	7	7	12.20	bmp brk,svdgnd,empty

Fractional Times: 23.80 47.47 1:11.41 1:36.79 **Final Time:** 1:43.90

Split Times: (23:67) (23:94) (25:38) (7:11)

Run-Up: 45 feet

Winner: Embrace My Uncle, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by Shanghai Bobby out of Midnight Embrace, by Midnight Lute. Foaled Feb 08, 2017 in ON.

Breeder: Yvonne Schwabe Thoroughbreds

Owner: Gina Wright

Trainer: Wright, Michael

1 Claimed Horse(s): **Embrace My Uncle** New Trainer: Michael V. Simone New Owner: Paterpop Racing

Claiming Prices: 5 - Embrace My Uncle: \$12,500; 4 - Triple Pass: \$12,500; 1 - Denying: \$12,500;

Scratched Horse(s): Style Me Royal (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$100,852

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Embrace My Uncle	7.60	3.00	2.40	\$1.00 Exacta	5-8	12.80	71,722
8	The Best Distance		3.60	2.40	\$0.50 Trifecta	5-8-3	11.55	48,899
3	El Chispazo			2.40	\$0.10 Superfecta	5-8-3-2	21.63	32,291
					\$1.00 X-5 Super High	5-8-3-2-4	1,334.60	5,633
					Five			
					\$0.50 Pick 3	7-5-5 (3 correct)	33.00	11,493
					\$1.00 Daily Double	5-5	36.50	8,176

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
5	Embrace My Uncle	7	6 ⁹	5 ³ 1/2	1 ^{1/2}	1 ² 1/2	1 ² 3/4
8	The Best Distance	2	3 ⁴	4 ³	4 ³ 1/2	4 ⁴ 1/2	2 ² 3/4
3	El Chispazo	1	1 ³ 1/2	1 ²	2 ^{1/2}	2 ² 1/2	3 ³
2	Bourbon State	4	4 ⁵	6 ⁴	7 ⁸	6 ⁹	4 ⁷ 3/4
4	Triple Pass	3	2 ³ 1/2	2 ²	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ⁴ 1/2	5 ⁸
1	Denying	6	7 ¹⁰	7 ⁵	6 ⁵	5 ⁷ 1/2	6 ⁹ 1/2
6	Jades Jay	5	5 ⁵	3 ³	5 ⁴ 1/2	7 ¹⁰ 1/2	7 ¹⁶ 1/2

Trainers: 5 - Wright, Michael; 8 - Gallegos, Jose; 3 - Bowersock, Maria; 2 - Mendieta, Alejandro; 4 - Hernandez, Enrique; 1 - McBurney, Patrick; 6 - VanWinkle, David

Owners: 5 -Gina Wright; 8 - Amaty Racing Stables; 3 -Maria Bowersock; 2 - A.O.M. Racing Stables LLC; 4 -Carlos Diaz; 1 - BK-BC Racing Stable; 6 -Christopher La Rosa;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

EMBRACE MY UNCLE raced in the three path around the first turn, settled off the pace for the run to the backstretch, began a bid from the two path coming around the far turn and kicked clear in the lane. THE BEST DISTANCE bumped with the horse to his inside at the start, raced in the three path early, stalked the leader on the outside up the backstretch, came around the far turn in the four path and gained ground late. EL CHISPAZO raced in the two path around the first bend, led the way up the backstretch, dueled from the rail around the second turn and could not go with the winner in the lane but chased on to the finish. BOURBON STATE saved ground in the middle of the pack around the first turn and up the backstretch, navigated the far bend from the path and was outkicked in the lane. TRIPLE PASS 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 three path and faded in the stretch. DENYING raced in the two path early, trailed the field up the backstretch, continued around the far turn still in the two path and made no bid. JADES JAY bumped with the horse to his outside leaving the gate, raced in the three path around the first turn, settled in the middle of the pack on the outside for the run up the backstretch, angled in to save ground around the second turn and was empty from there.