

**TAMPA BAY DOWNS - March 18, 2026 - Race 2**

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS. Weight, 122 lbs. Non-winners Of Three Races Allowed 2 lbs. Two Races Allowed 4 lbs. Claiming Price \$20,000 (Races Where Entered For \$16,000 Or Less Not Considered). **Claiming Price:** \$20,000

**Distance:** Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (It's Me Mom - 1:08.67 - April 7, 2012)

**Purse:** \$32,500

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

**Includes:** \$3,500 Other Sources

**Available Money:** \$32,500

**Value of Race:** \$27,700 1st \$15,900, 2nd \$6,765, 3rd \$2,915, 4th \$1,590, 5th \$265, 6th \$265

**Weather:** Clear, 64° **Track:** Fast

**Off at:** 12:56 **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	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
27Feb26 <sup>6</sup> TAM <sup>4</sup>	7	Ball of Fire (Gonzalez, Cesar)	113	L	6	1	4 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>Head</sup>	1 <sup>3/4</sup>	0.70*	vied 5-6w,best
20Feb26 <sup>2</sup> TAM <sup>2</sup>	5	If I Can Dream (Gonzalez, Edwin)	118	L b	4	5	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>2 1/2</sup>	2.60	prssd 3w btwn,2d best
4Mar26 <sup>2</sup> TAM <sup>3</sup>	1	DQ-I'm Mischievous (Gil, Cipriano)	120	L b	1	2	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>Head</sup>	3 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	5.60	2w,drift 1/16,DQ 4TH
4Mar26 <sup>2</sup> TAM <sup>2</sup>	3	Battalion Leader (Ho, Wesley)	118	L	3	6	5 <sup>1/2</sup>	5 <sup>9</sup>	4 <sup>5</sup>	4 <sup>6</sup>	7.40	off pce ins,std'd 1/16
4Mar26 <sup>2</sup> TAM <sup>6</sup>	6	Efata (Maldonado, Gabriel)	118	L b	5	3	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	4 <sup>1</sup>	5 <sup>12</sup>	5 <sup>28 3/4</sup>	25.20	vied btwn 4w,7w 1/4
4Mar26 <sup>2</sup> TAM <sup>4</sup>	2	Candy Road (Rodriguez, Ronaldo)	112	L	2	4	6	6	6	6	22.20	off pace,trailed

**Fractional Times:** 22.79 45.89 58.34

**Final Time:** 1:11.38

**Split Times:** (23:10) (12:45) (13:04)

**Run-Up:** 50 feet

**Winner:** Ball of Fire, Chestnut Gelding, by Munnings out of Ursula, by Tapit. Foaled Feb 21, 2023 in Kentucky.

**Breeder:** Mt Brilliant Broodmares II LLC

**Owner:** D. J. Stable, LLC and Cotran, Robert

**Trainer:** Orseno, Joseph

**2 Claimed Horse(s):** **Ball of Fire**  
**If I Can Dream**

New Trainer: Michael V. Simone

New Owner: John J. Reilly

New Trainer: Gerald S. Bennett

New Owner: Winning Stables, Inc.

**Claiming Prices:** 7 - Ball of Fire: \$20,000; 5 - If I Can Dream: \$20,000; 1 - I'm Mischievous: \$20,000; 3 - Battalion Leader: \$20,000; 6 - Efata: \$20,000; 2 - Candy Road: \$20,000;

**Disqualification(s):** # 1 I'm Mischievous from 3 to 4

**Scratched Horse(s):** Super Kick (Veterinarian)

**Total WPS Pool:** \$75,198

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
7	Ball of Fire	3.40	2.40	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	7-5	4.40	54,630
5	If I Can Dream		3.00	2.20	\$0.50 Trifecta	7-5-3	8.25	31,609
3	Battalion Leader			2.80	\$1.00 Daily Double	5-7	32.20	23,354
					\$0.10 Superfecta	7-5-3-1	3.35	18,280

**Past Performance Running Line Preview**

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
7	Ball of Fire	1	4 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>3/4</sup>
5	If I Can Dream	5	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>3/4</sup>
1	I'm Mischievous	2	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>Head</sup>	3 <sup>3 1/4</sup>
3	Battalion Leader	6	5 <sup>2 1/2</sup>	5 <sup>2 1/2</sup>	4 <sup>3/4</sup>	4 <sup>4 3/4</sup>
6	Efata	3	3 <sup>1</sup>	4 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	5 <sup>5 3/4</sup>	5 <sup>10 3/4</sup>
2	Candy Road	4	6 <sup>3</sup>	6 <sup>11 1/2</sup>	6 <sup>17 3/4</sup>	6 <sup>39 1/2</sup>

**Trainers:** 7 - Orseno, Joseph; 5 - Gallegos, Jose; 1 - Dini, Michael; 3 - Spanabel, Kelly; 6 - Delgado, Jose; 2 - Dobber, Arnoud

**Owners:** 7 - D. J. Stable, LLC and Cotran, Robert; 5 - Amaty Racing Stables; 1 -Diana J. Szymczak; 3 - Hall, Kathy, Hall, Gary T. and Crooks, Jeffrey S.; 6 - Carole Star Stables; 2 -Mila Mullens;

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

BALL OF FIRE vied early from the five to six path on the turn and assumed command entering the furlong grounds and proved best. IF I CAN DREAM pressed the pace between rivals in the three path and rallied in the stretch but was no match for the winner while being second best. I'M MISCHIEVOUS set a pressured pace from the two path and flattened in the stretch while drifting inwards. BATTALION LEADER settled off the pace early on the inside and shifted up nearing the quarter pole and steadied within the furlong grounds. EFATA vied between rivals in the four path early on and swung out seven wide off the turn into the upper and faded. CANDY ROAD settled off pace and trailed the field. THERE WAS A STEWARDS INQUIRY IN THE STRETCH INVOLVING I'M MISCHIEVOUS AND BATTALION LEADER, AFTER VIDEO REVIEW I'M MISCHIEVOUS WAS DISQUALIFIED AND PLACED FOURTH.