

TAMPA BAY DOWNS - March 28, 2026 - Race 2

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 February 28 Allowed 2 lbs. A Race Since January 28 Allowed 4 lbs. Claiming Price \$12,500 (Races Where Entered For \$8,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances).

(C) **Claiming Price:** \$12,500

Distance: One Mile And Forty Yards On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Golden Juan - 1:38.14 - March 21, 2025)

Purse: \$28,000

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

Includes: \$3,500 Other Sources

Available Money: \$28,000

Value of Race: \$20,680 1st \$13,200, 2nd \$4,840, 3rd \$2,640

Weather: Clear, 83° **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	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
20Feb26 ⁴ TAM ²	5	The Best Distance (Ho, Wesley)	121 L bf	1 1	1	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ³	1 ^{Neck}	0.20*	led,2p,duel,held
8Mar26 ⁸ TAM ¹	7	Texas Splurge (Centeno, Daniel)	119 L b	3 2	2	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{4 1/2}	6.20	stalk,3p,duel,miss
18Mar26 ⁹ TAM ²	6	Soulmate (Ferrer, Jose)	119 L b	2 3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2.60	track,4p2nd,chase on

Fractional Times: 24.55 48.68 1:13.05 1:37.92 **Final Time:** 1:40.47 **Time from Gate:** 1:41.67

Split Times: (24:13) (24:37) (24:87) (2:55)

Run-Up: 35 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: Amaty Racing Stables

Trainer: Gallegos, Jose

Claiming Prices: 6 - Soulmate: \$12,500;

Scratched Horse(s): Cupid's Dude (Veterinarian), El Chispazo (Veterinarian), Secret Treasure (Veterinarian), Style Me Royal (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$51,891

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	The Best Distance	2.40	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	5-7	2.70	14,529
7	Texas Splurge		2.60	\$1.00 Daily Double	8-5	4.00	15,998
6	Soulmate						

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
5	The Best Distance	1	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{Neck}
7	Texas Splurge	2	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{Neck}
6	Soulmate	3	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ³	3 ^{4 3/4}

Trainers: 5 - Gallegos, Jose; 7 - Olivo, Daisy; 6 - Wright, Michael

Owners: 5 - Amaty Racing Stables; 7 - Ashley Massengale; 6 - Gina Wright;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

THE BEST DISTANCE raced in the two path around the first turn, led the way up the backstretch, continued around the far turn still in the two path and dueled gamely to the wire to hold the win. TEXAS SPLURGE raced in the three path early, stalked the leader on the outside up the backstretch, challenged from the three path coming around the second bend and dueled gamely in the lane to just miss. SOULMATE saved ground around the first bend, tracked the leader on the inside up the backstretch, came around the far turn in the four path and chased on in the stretch.