

WILL ROGERS DOWNS - March 23, 2026 - Race 3

MAIDEN CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Claiming Price \$7,500. **Claiming**

Price: \$7,500

Distance: One Mile On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Aleric - 1:35.06 - April 27, 2010)

Purse: \$11,000

Plus: \$2,200 OBP - Oklahoma Bred Program

Available Money: \$13,200

Value of Race: \$11,000 1st \$6,420, 2nd \$2,140, 3rd \$1,177, 4th \$642, 5th \$321, 6th \$100, 7th \$100, 8th \$100

Weather: Clear, 62° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 2:16 **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
13Mar26 ¹ OP ⁵	4	Empire Ranch (Wethey Jr., Floyd)	126	L f	4	8	5 ^{1/2}	6 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1/2}	0.10*	ins, led1/4, drew clr
17Feb26 ³ WRD ⁶	7	Dr J Y. G (Sanchez, Obed)	126	L f	7	6	7 ¹	7 ^{3/2}	2 ^{Head}	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	45.50	wide trip, second best
9Mar26 ¹ WRD ³	8	Gospel Don (Goncalves, Leandro)	126	L b	8	7	8	5 ^{Head}	6 ²	4 ²	3 ^{2/4}	17.90	7w1st,belated,clr3rd
2Mar26 ³ WRD ³	1	Twisted Steel (Delorme, Larren)	120	L	1	1	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	4 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	4 ^{3/4}	10.50	co-led, best of rest
3Mar26 ³ WRD ⁵	2	Mo Mesa (Eramia, Richard)	126	--	2	3	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	5 ^{1/2}	5 ^{12/4}	7.10	co-led2w, tired
2Mar26 ³ WRD ⁵	5	Lil Slappy (Hamilton, Weston)	120	L bk	5	5	4 ¹	3 ^{Head}	5 ^{1/2}	6 ⁸	6 ^{17/4}	55.00	lacked late response
2Mar26 ³ WRD ⁷	3	Out With Ty (Kimes, Curtis)	126	L	3	4	3 ¹	4 ¹	7 ⁹	7 ⁷	7 ^{4/4}	164.10	through after half
3Mar26 ³ WRD ⁸	6	Euro K (Hebert, Lindsey)	120	b	6	2	6 ²	8	8	8	8	235.70	5w1st, blew tm, trld

Fractional Times: 24.51 50.61 1:17.39

Final Time: 1:44.17 **Time from Gate:** 1:46.46

Split Times: (26:10) (26:78) (26:78)

Run-Up: 64 feet

Winner: Empire Ranch, Bay Gelding, by [Union Rags](#) out of Senada, by Pulpit. Foaled May 26, 2022 in Kentucky.

Winner's sire standing at Lane's End

Breeder: Rusty Roberts

Owner: Doyle Williams

Trainer: Young, Scott

Claiming Prices: 4 - Empire Ranch: \$7,500; 7 - Dr J Y. G: \$7,500; 8 - Gospel Don: \$7,500; 1 - Twisted Steel: \$7,500; 2 - Mo Mesa: \$7,500; 5 - Lil Slappy: \$7,500; 3 - Out With Ty: \$7,500; 6 - Euro K: \$7,500;

Total WPS Pool: \$35,908

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
4	Empire Ranch	2.20	2.10		\$0.50 Pick 3	1-2-4 (3 correct)	5.45	6,517
7	Dr J Y. G		11.80	9.00	\$2.00 Daily Double	2-4	8.60	3,496
8	Gospel Don			4.40	\$2.00 Exacta	4-7	37.80	28,012
					\$0.10 Superfecta	4-7-8-1	27.51	12,146
					\$0.50 Trifecta	4-7-8	42.05	16,774

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
4	Empire Ranch	8	5 ^{2/4}	6 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1/2}
7	Dr J Y. G	6	7 ^{4/4}	7 ^{2/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}
8	Gospel Don	7	8 ^{5/4}	5 ^{1/4}	6 ^{2/4}	4 ^{2/2}	3 ³
1	Twisted Steel	1	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	4 ^{3/4}	3 ¹	4 ^{5/4}
2	Mo Mesa	3	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	3 ^{1/2}	5 ^{4/2}	5 ^{8/2}
5	Lil Slappy	5	4 ^{1/4}	3 ^{Head}	5 ^{1/4}	6 ⁶	6 ^{21/4}
3	Out With Ty	4	3 ^{Head}	4 ^{Neck}	7 ^{4/4}	7 ¹⁴	7 ³⁹
6	Euro K	2	6 ^{2/4}	8 ⁶	8 ^{13/4}	8 ²¹	8 ^{43/4}

Trainers: 4 - Young, Scott; 7 - Villafranco, Federico; 8 - Williams, Steve; 1 - Green, Ike; 2 - Oberlander, Jesse; 5 - Williams, J.; 3 - Gunter, Michael; 6 - Addicott, Ronald

Owners: 4 -Doyle Williams; 7 -Fidel Martinez; 8 -Steve F. Williams; 1 - Oak Creek Thoroughbreds; 2 - Bergsrud, Gary and Brenda; 5 -Clark O. Brewster; 3 -Martin H. Grotheer; 6 -Ronald W. Addicott;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

EMPIRE RANCH raced off the pace while saving ground to near the half mile marker, tipped out to move up from four wide through the final turn and took the lead near the quarter pole and drew clear. DR J Y. G race six wide in to the first turn and raced wide throughout while being in striking distance, made a late run but was no match for the winner and proved second best. GOSPEL DON raced seven wide into the first turn then trailed the field into the backstretch, steadily advanced from the inside to the top of the stretch before shifting out to four wide at the eighth pole to make a belated bid to be a clear third. TWISTED STEEL went to the front to co-lead from the inside to midway through the final turn and was overtaken near the quarter pole but fought gamely to be best of the rest. MO MESA was fractious in the gate then broke well to co-lead from two wide to midway through the final turn before tiring. LIL SLAPPY was fractious in the gate prior to the start then stalked the pace from three or four wide to midway through the final turn but lacked a late response. OUT WITH TY co-led from three wide for a half and was done. EURO K raced five wide in to the first turn then blew the turn into the backstretch and trailed the rest of the way.