

DEL MAR - August 9, 2025 - Race 4

STAKES Best Pal S. Grade 3 - Thoroughbred
FOR TWO-YEAR-OLDS. By subscription of \$150 each, which shall accompany the nomination, Closed Thursday July 31,2025 with 8 or by supplementary nomination of \$1,500 each by closing time of entries, Closed with 1 (St Petersburg)\$2,250 additional to start, with \$150,000 Guaranteed, of which \$90,000 to first, \$30,000 to second, \$18,000 to third, \$9,000 to fourth and \$3,000 to fifth. Weight 123 lbs.; Non-winners of \$50,000 allowed 3 lbs.; of \$30,000 other than claiming 5 lbs. High weights preferred. Total non-claiming earnings will determine preference of horses with equal weights. A trophy will be presented to the winning owner.
Distance: Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (King of Cricket - 1:07.60 - August 22, 1973)

Purse: \$150,000 Guaranteed
Available Money: \$150,000
Value of Race: \$150,000 1st \$90,000, 2nd \$30,000, 3rd \$18,000, 4th \$9,000, 5th \$3,000
Weather: Cloudy, 71° **Track:** Fast
Off at: 3:35 **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
13Jun25 ² SA ¹	5	Desert Gate (Hernandez, Juan)	120 --	5 2	2 ²	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{5 1/2}	1 ^{8 3/4}	0.20*	outside,cleared,easily	
15Jun25 ⁶ SA ¹	4	Pavlovian (Rispoli, Umberto)	120 b	4 3	4 ^{Head}	5	4 ²	2 ¹	12.30	3deep,floatd5w,gain2nd	
1Jun25 ⁶ SA ²	1	Brigante (Berrios, Hector)	118 --	1 5	5	3 ¹	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{4 1/2}	8.40	ins-3w,outkickd for2nd	
21Jun25 ¹ LRC ¹	2	Punto Forty (Fresu, Antonio)	118 b	2 1	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{Head}	4 ^{Neck}	6.90	duel inside, retreated	
21Jun25 ¹ LRC ³	3	St Petersburg (Van Dyke, Drayden)	118 b	3 4	3 ^{Head}	4 ^{Head}	5	5	11.00	btw,floatd4w,green str	

Fractional Times: 22.26 45.31 57.78 **Final Time:** 1:10.37
Split Times: (23:05) (12:47) (12:59)
Run-Up: 45 feet

Winner: Desert Gate, Chestnut Colt, by [Omaha Beach](#) out of Theogony, by Curlin. Foaled Mar 06, 2023 in Kentucky.

Winner's sire standing at Spendthrift

Breeder: Twin Oaks Bloodstock
Owner: Pegram, Michael E., Watson, Karl and Weitman, Paul
Trainer: Baffert, Bob

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Desert Gate	2.40	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	5-4	5.00	162,585
4	Pavlovian		5.00	\$2.00 Quinella	4-5	9.60	6,137
1	Brigante			\$0.50 Trifecta	5-4-1	7.85	108,421
				\$2.00 Daily Double	8-5	12.20	39,660
				\$0.50 Pick 3	3-8-5 (3 correct)	8.95	52,296

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
5	Desert Gate	2	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{5 1/2}	1 ^{8 3/4}
4	Pavlovian	3	4 ^{2 1/4}	5 ³	4 ^{5 3/4}	2 ^{8 3/4}
1	Brigante	5	5 ^{2 1/4}	3 ²	3 ^{5 1/2}	3 ^{9 3/4}
2	Punto Forty	1	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{5 1/2}	4 ^{14 1/4}
3	St Petersburg	4	3 ²	4 ³	5 ^{7 3/4}	5 ^{14 1/2}

Trainers: 5 - Baffert, Bob; 4 - O'Neill, Doug; 1 - O'Neill, Doug; 2 - O'Neill, Doug; 3 - Baffert, Bob

Owners: 5 - Pegram, Michael E., Watson, Karl and Weitman, Paul; 4 - Reddam Racing LLC; 1 - Calumet Farm; 2 - Run Fast Racing; 3 - SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Bashor, Dianne, Determined Stables, Golconda Stable, Waves Edge Capital LLC and Donovan, Catherine;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

DESERT GATE fought outside PUNTO FORTY for command, inched ahead at the quarter pole, put that rival away shortly after, drew off under light coaxing in upper stretch, then widened on his own through the final furlong in an easy victory. PAVLOVIAN stalked the top pair outside a pair of rivals, got floated to the five path late on the turn, chased outside BRIGANTE in the lane and edged that rival for second. BRIGANTE coaxed along early chasing inside a pair of rivals, angled out with a quarter mile left to run, came three wide into the stretch and got outkicked for the place honors. PUNTO FORTY held a narrow lead early dueling inside DESERT GATE, lost command midway around the turn, could not keep up with the winner past the quarter pole and faded down the lane. ST PETERSBURG stalked the dueling leaders from between rivals, got floated out to the four path late on the turn, raced greenly midstretch and weakened.

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