THIRD RACE

Evangeline

APRIL 29, 2026

ABOUT 1 MILE. (Turf) (1.34[1]) MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT. Purse $40,000 (includes $30,100 Other Sources) (INCLUDES UP TO $1,200 LTBASBF) FOR ACCREDITED LA BRED MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. (Preference To Horses That Have Not Started For Less $20,000). (Rail at 20 feet).

Value of Race: $40,000 Winner $24,000; second $8,000; third $4,400; fourth $2,400; fifth $1,200. Mutuel Pool $93,853.00 Exacta Pool $82,115.00 Superfecta Pool $43,609.00 Trifecta Pool $51,759.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	¾	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds $1
15Mar26 ^{3}FG^{2}	Metairie	L	4	124	5	8	9	9	1½	1½	1½	Vargas J P	1.50
15Mar26 ^{3}FG^{7}	Lil Central	L b	3	121	7	9	8 1½	8½	6½	3½	2^{1}	Hernandez C J	10.20
15Mar26 ^{3}FG^{8}	Musical Band	L b	4	124	6	1	1^{1}	1 1½	2^{1}	2^{2}	3 1½	Hernandez H	8.00
11Apr26 ^{4}EvD^{2}	Von Erich	L b	3	121	2	7	5½	5^{hd}	4^{hd}	4 1½	4 4¾	Melancon J	2.50
10Apr26 ^{5}EvD^{5}	Soft Hands	L b	3	116	9	5	3^{hd}	3^{hd}	5 1½	5½	5 4¼	Mudd J^{5}	10.00
10Apr26 ^{5}EvD^{4}	Sarge Custivity	L b	3	121	4	2	2^{2}	2^{1}	3^{2}	6^{3}	6 3½	Castillo I	9.40
10Apr26 ^{9}EvD^{2}	DH Nathan Henry	L f	4	124	1	4	7 1½	7^{hd}	7^{hd}	7½	7	Perez C	8.70
3Apr26 ^{9}EvD^{10}	DH Hillbilly's Heart	L b	5	124	8	6	6 1½	6 1½	8^{4}	8^{6}	7 9½	Ramirez J Jr	55.60
10Apr26 ^{5}EvD^{7}	Bee Aurelius	L	3	121	3	3	4^{1}	4 1½	9	9	9	Barrera E J	49.40

DH–Dead Heat.

OFF AT 6:31 Start Good For All But VON ERICH, BEE AURELIUS. Won driving. Course firm.

TIME :23[2], :48[2], 1:13[4], 1:26[1], 1:38[4] (:23.54, :48.42, 1:13.94, 1:26.28, 1:38.98)

$2 Mutuel Prices:

6 – METAIRIE	**5.00**	**2.60**	**2.20**
8 – LIL CENTRAL		**9.00**	**5.20**
7 – MUSICAL BAND			**3.80**

$1 EXACTA 6–8 PAID $19.80 10 CENT SUPERFECTA 6–8–7–2 PAID $20.67 50 CENT TRIFECTA 6–8–7 PAID $39.35

Ch. g, (May), by Hard Spun – Precision Farming, by Smart Strike. Trainer Cuccia L Jay. Bred by Scott & Company Farm LLC (La).

METAIRIE settled at the back of the field for the first half, circled the field on the rar turn to vie for the lead at the quarter pole, dueled with MUSICAL BAND into the stretch, then put that one away late and held off a late charge from LIL CENTRAL to prevail. LIL CENTRAL settled two-wide near the back through the first half, then rallied, weaving through the field on the far turn and in the stretch, closed the gap late but ran out of time. MUSICAL BAND showed good speed from the break and made the lead before the first turn, had SARGE CUSTIVITY pressing the issue to the outside down the backstretch, then dug in when challenged by METARIE at the quarter pole, battled to deep stretch, then yielded inside the sixteenth marker. VON ERICH got squeezed at the start, settled in mid-pack two-wide, ran on some and was mildly gaining in the late stages, but not doing enough to be considered a threat. SOFT HANDS got away well and secured a forward position on the first turn, tracked close up three-wide down the backstretch, kept to the same path through the far turn, then could not find the winning kick in the stretch and was outfinished. SARGE CUSTIVITY pressed the pace two-wide to the far turn, then weakened in the stretch. NATHAN HENRY saved ground throughout, raced near the back of the field to the half, steadied near the five-sixteenths marker but managed to regain momentum, was finishing up the rail then took up sharply near the furlong marker, and lost all chance at that point. HILLBILLY'S HEART was three-wide on the first turn, continued that path in mid-pack through the middle stages, then did not offer a rally. BEE AURELIUS ducked in at the start, raced close up to the far turn, took up sharply near the five-sixteenths marker, lost all momentum, and was galloped to the finish and walked off.

Owners– 1, Cuccia L Jay; 2, Hernandez Earl J Hernandez Keith J and Duvieilh John; 3, Brittlyn Stable Inc and Clear Creek Stud LLC; 4, Harrington Maury and Harrington Christopher K; 5, Set-Hut LLC; 6, Suarez Aubrie; 7, Hodges Phyllis J; 8, Romero Chadwick; 9, Leonard Kirby

Trainers– 1, Cuccia L Jay; 2, David Sam B Jr; 3, Wilson Shane; 4, Landry Allen; 5, Delhomme Jerry; 6, Suarez Aubrie; 7, Ward Ronnie P; 8, West Henry Jr; 9, Leonard Kirby

Scratched– Jus Surprise Me (22Feb26 ^{1}FG^{9}), Ayden's Edge (11Apr26 ^{1}EvD^{4})

50 CENT Pick Three (1–3–6) Paid $79.60; Pick Three Pool $47,051.
$1 Daily Double (3–6) Paid $6.00; Daily Double Pool $24,392.