THIRD RACE

Ky Downs

SEPTEMBER 5, 2026

1 5/16 MILES. (Turf) ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING . Purse $185,000 (includes $7,200 KTDF – Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER, OR STATE BRED OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES OR CLAIMING PRICE $80,000. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Non–winners Of $45,000 Twice Over A Mile On The Turf Since July 5 Allowed 2 lbs. $45,000 At A Mile Or Over On The Turf Since Then Allowed 4 lbs. Claiming Price $80,000 (Races Where Entered For $62,500 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances). (Rail at 25 feet).

Value of Race: $192,200 Winner $111,000; second $37,000; third $18,500; fourth $11,375; fifth $7,675; sixth $1,663; seventh $1,663; eighth $1,662; ninth $1,662. Mutuel Pool $311,189.00 Exacta Pool $262,260.00 Superfecta Pool $79,696.00 Trifecta Pool $113,737.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	¼	½	¾	1	Str	Fin	Jockey	Cl'g Pr	Odds $1
14Aug26 3Pen5	Idratherbeblessed	L	6	122	2	2²	2 1½	2 2½	1hd	1½	1nk	Fresu A	80000	5.80
7May26 6CD2	Esmark	L f	4	122	8	7²	7¹	7 5½	4 1½	2hd	2 1½	Saez L		5.70
16Aug26 6EIP1	Andthewinneris	L	6	124	7	5½	5²	4 2½	3¹	3 3½	3⁵	Curtis B	80000	2.33
8Aug26 6Cnl1	War Officer	L	6	122	9	6¹	6hd	6hd	6²	4 1½	4 3½	Gaffalione T		5.21
26Jly26 8EIP4	Risk Manager	L b	8	122	4	4 2½	4hd	5hd	5hd	5²	5 7¼	Hazlewood Y	80000	8.77
26Jly26 3EIP4	Sugoi	L b	9	122	1	3hd	3 1½	3½	7 5½	7¹	6 1¾	Morales E	80000	45.07
16Aug26 6EIP5	Lincoln Highway	L bf	6	122	6	9	8²	8¹	8 4½	8 7½	7 3½	Gutierrez Mario	80000	43.00
17Jly26 6Sar3	Gilded Craken	L	6	122	3	1¹	1½	1½	2 1½	6⁴	8¹⁰	Ortiz J L		2.57
9Aug26 6Mnr1	Geraldraydaplegray	L b	4	122	5	8hd	9	9	9	9	9	De La Cruz F		44.59

OFF AT 1:32 Start Good. Won driving. Course firm.

TIME : 25¹, :49², 1:12¹, 1:35⁴, 2:09 (:25.21, :49.45, 1:12.37, 1:35.99, 2:09.13)

$2 Mutuel Prices:

2 – IDRATHERBEBLESSED	**13.60**	**6.26**	**3.90**
9 – ESMARK		**7.10**	**4.42**
8 – ANDTHEWINNERIS			**2.74**

$1 EXACTA 2–9 PAID $46.73 10 CENT SUPERFECTA 2–9–8–10 PAID $46.75 50 CENT TRIFECTA 2–9–8 PAID $74.28

B. g, (Feb), by Unified – Celestial Smile, by Tiznow. Trainer Maker Michael J. Bred by Narola LLC (Ky).

IDRATHERBEBLESSED stalked the pace from the break two wide then shifted up a bit heading up the hill and dueled GILDED CRAKEN remaining two wide before pulling ahead in the upper then lugged out entering the stretch and held off two other rivals in the deep stretch. ESMARK bumped with ANDTHEWINNERIS at the start and raced towards the back coming four wide around the first turn then settled into the third flight three wide off the rail and swung to the outside in the upper and was bumped by ANDTHEWINNERIS again nearing the furlong marker but kept on and held out for the place award. ANDTHEWINNERIS was bumped at the break and settled back early then advanced along the backstretch and chased the pace from the top of the hill in the two path, kept on in the upper and swung out bumping with ESMARK nearing the furlong marker then had trouble finding enough room in the deep stretch. WAR OFFICER settled towards the back along the inside through the early stages then came out a bit while heading up the hill and being positioned in the third flight, was between rivals heading down the hill then tipped out in the upper and improved in the stretch while being no match for the top finishers. RISK MANAGER chased the pace early from the three path on the outside of SUGOI then settled back a bit heading up the hill and came to the inside but lacked a rally in the stretch. SUGOI was up early along the inside and chased the pace through the early stages making a little gain on the backstretch then weakened heading down the hill and tired out in the stretch. LINCOLN HIGHWAY raced off the pace from the two path and shifted to the inside at the crest of the hill and got distanced from the pack then made up ground in the upper but was still no factor. GILDED CRAKEN sent for the pace early while coming three wide around the first turn and inched ahead of it's contenders coming down the backstretch before being closely pursued again up the hill, then shifted to the inside and dueled with IDRATHERBEBLESSED coming down the hill and faded into the upper. GERALDRAYDAPLEGRAY dropped back quickly after the break and steered to the inside then raced off the pace at the back of the pack and gained a marginal distance between the last in the pack heading towards the quarter pole and was never a factor.

Owners– 1, Paradise Farms Corp and Staudacher David; 2, Esmark Equine LLC; 3, Paradise Farms Corp and Staudacher David; 4, Joseph Saffie A Jr; 5, Foster Family Racing Wargel William J and Dant John; 6, Ramirez Anayeli; 7, Humphrey G Watts Jr; 8, Epona Racing Stable and Toga Party Racing Stable; 9, Jackson Fred L

Trainers– 1, Maker Michael J; 2, Oliver Victoria; 3, Maker Michael J; 4, Joseph Saffie A Jr; 5, Foster Eric; 6, Bahena Ismael; 7, Oliver Victoria; 8, Sharp Joe; 9, Donjuan Sergio

Idratherbeblessed was claimed by Epstein Daniel; trainer, Cox Brad H,

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Scratched– Divin Propos (FR) (01Aug26 8GP 5)

50 CENT Pick Three (4–5–2) Paid $264.59 ; Pick Three Pool $94,308 .

$1 Daily Double (5–2) Paid $142.23 ; Daily Double Pool $53,763 .