EIGHTH RACE

Laurel

MAY 16, 2026

6 FURLONGS. (1.07[4]) MARYLAND SPRINT S. Grade III. Purse $150,000 THREE–YEAR–OLDS AND UPWARD. Which have not been permitted Lasix within 48 hours of Post Time. By free subscription. $750 to pass the entry box, $750 to start, with $150,000 Guaranteed, of which 60% to the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 6% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 1% to sixth. Weights: Three–Year–Olds, 119 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Non–winners of $70,000 twice in 2026 allowed 2 lbs.; $70,000 once in 2026, 4 lbs.; $60,000 once in 2026, 6 lbs. (Maiden, Claiming and Starter races not considered in estimating allowances). The Maryland Sprint Stakes has been selected as a Breeders' Cup Dirt Dozen Bonus Series Race for the $2 million Cygames Breeders' Cup Sprint on October 31, 2026 at Keeneland Race Course. The nominated winner of the Maryland Sprint will receive a credit of $30,000 toward entry fees for the Breeders' Cup Sprint, second place will receive a $15,000 credit toward entry fees and third place will receive $7,500 credit toward entry fees. Trophy to the owner of the winner. Closed Tuesday, May 5, 2026 with 26 nominations.

Value of Race: $150,000 Winner $90,000; second $30,000; third $15,000; fourth $9,000; fifth $4,500; sixth $1,500. Mutuel Pool $1,241,616.00 Exacta Pool $819,135.00 Superfecta Pool $208,204.00 Trifecta Pool $415,294.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds $1
12Apr26 [2]Kee[2]	Bring the Smoke		4	120	1	7	4[1]	5[1]	3[hd]	1[nk]	Gaffalione T	7.30
17Apr26 [4]OP[1]	Faust	b	4	126	3	4	2½	2½	2[2]	2[nk]	Ortiz J L	4.40
1May26 [8]Lrl[1]	Haileysfirstnotion	bf	5	120	4	5	3 1½	1[hd]	1[hd]	3 3¼	Vargas J E	3.20
28Mar26 [7]Lrl[1]	Celtic Contender	f	5	120	5	1	6[2]	4½	5[2]	4[nk]	Boyce F	2.90
28Mar26 [7]Lrl[3]	S S Sinatra	bf	6	120	7	6	7	7	6 2½	5 2½	Mena R E	42.20
14Feb26 [9]Lrl[4]	Slam Notion	b	4	120	6	2	5[hd]	6[2]	7	6[4]	Toledo J	4.70
24Nov25 [10]MVR[1]	Faster Gator	b	4	120	2	3	1½	3 1½	4[hd]	7	Ortiz I Jr	3.20

OFF AT 2:53 Start Good For All But BRING THE SMOKE. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME :22, :45, :57[2], 1:10[3] (:22.08, :45.09, :57.52, 1:10.73)

$2 Mutuel Prices:

1 – BRING THE SMOKE	**16.60**	**7.20**	**4.60**
3 – FAUST		**5.20**	**3.60**
4 – HAILEYSFIRSTNOTION			**3.60**

$1 EXACTA 1–3 PAID $42.40 $1 SUPERFECTA 1–3–4–6 PAID $481.40 $1 TRIFECTA 1–3–4 PAID $161.00

B. g, (Mar), by Preservationist – Covey Trace, by Stevie Wonderboy. Trainer Beckman D Whitworth. Bred by Brereton C Jones (Ky).

BRING THE SMOKE bobbled at the break, quickly recovered and rated kindly while inside and within range, eased out with progress into the lane, took closer order between rivals near the furlong ground, altered further out soon after, closed relentlessly under right handed asks and got up outside an embattled pair. FAUST vied between foes, emerged in a duel to the inside of HAILEYSFIRSTNOTION in upper stretch, gained a slim lead while drifting out some in deep stretch, kept on gamely but was unable to deny the winner's outer surge. HAILEYSFIRSTNOTION was nudged up between runners soon after the start, disputed the pace three deep under some rating, gained a short lead past the five sixteenths, spun four wide into lane battling outside FAUST, clung to the advantage past the furlong grounds, was floated out some in deep stretch and flattened. CELTIC CONTENDER broke on top, drafted back off the leading trio after a furlong, pursued three deep mid turn, angled four to five wide for the drive and failed to punch on through the final furlong. S S SINATRA, outrun early, swung six wide for the drive and offered a belated kick. SLAM NOTION stalked off the inside, was under pressure between runners mid turn, lacked a response in upper stretch and faded. FASTER GATOR took command soon after the start, set a pressured pace inside a pair of rivals, ceded command mid turn, stayed willingly to about mid stretch then weakened.

Owners– 1, Awestrike Racing Berry Family Racing LLC Legion Racing GLAM Racing and Ohrstrom C; 2, Heiligbrodt Corinne and Heiligbrodt L William; 3, Crowley Daniel C and Non Stop Stable; 4, Lewis Family Racing Stable; 5, 3 Reasons Racing; 6, Rizer Eric A; 7, Burnsworth Richard and Dunn Brothers Racing LLC

Trainers– 1, Beckman D Whitworth; 2, Asmussen Steven M; 3, Capuano Gary; 4, Smith Hamilton A; 5, Hohlbein Kerry; 6, Bailes W Robert; 7, Farrior Anthony

Scratched– Floodlites (18Apr26 [7]Kee[1]), Hymn (10Apr26 [9]OP[¦])

50 CENT Pick Three (2–3/4–1) Paid $71.75; Pick Three Pool $139,700.
$1 Daily Double (4–1) Paid $28.80; Daily Double Pool $165,142.