EIGHTH RACE

Oaklawn

MARCH 26, 2026

1 MILE. (1.34[2]) HOT SPRINGS S. Purse $200,000 THREE YEAR OLDS. No nomination fee. $1,000 to pass the entry box and $1,000 additional to start. Supplementary nominations may be made by the closing time of entries at a fee of $2,500 which qualifies to start. $200,000 Guaranteed. After paying 2.5% of original purse to the owners of horses finishing 6th through last, 60% of the remaining purse will be paid to owner(s) of the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 6% to fourth and 4% to fifth. Weights: 124 lbs. Non–winners of $50,000 twice allowed 3 lbs.; $50,000 once 5 lbs. (Maiden and Claiming races not considered in allowances.) In Allowance Stakes starting preference will be given to horses that have accumulated the highest earnings. Starters to be named through the entry box by the usual time of closing. The Owner of the winner to receive a trophy. Closed Friday, March 13, 2026 with 23 nominations.

Value of Race: $192,000 Winner $120,000; second $40,000; third $20,000; fourth $12,000. Mutuel Pool $185,243.00 Exacta Pool $71,068.00 Trifecta Pool $32,879.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	¾	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds $1
7Feb26 [8] SA[4]	Desert Gate	b	3	121	1	2	1[1]	1[1]	1[1]	1[4]	1[9¾]	Prat F	0.40
1Mar26 [11] OP[5]	Soldier N Diplomat		3	121	4	4	2[1½]	2[3]	2[6]	2[6]	2[7¾]	Ortiz I Jr	1.80
28Feb26 [3] OP[1]	Race Ready		3	119	2	1	4	4	4	4	3[no]	Vazquez R A	11.60
28Feb26 [9] OP[2]	Top Level		3	119	3	3	3[½]	3[2½]	3[3½]	3[½]	4	Torres C A	8.70

OFF AT 4:23 Start Good. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME : 23[1], :46[2], 1:10[1], 1:23[3], 1:37 (:23.33, :46.58, 1:10.37, 1:23.61, 1:37.03)

$2 Mutuel Prices:

1 – DESERT GATE	2.80	2.10	—
7 – SOLDIER N DIPLOMAT		2.20	—
4 – RACE READY		—	—

$1 EXACTA 1–7 PAID $2.50 50 CENT TRIFECTA 1–7–4 PAID $3.45

Ch. c, (Mar), by Omaha Beach – Theogony, by Curlin. Trainer Baffert Bob. Bred by Twin Oaks Bloodstock (Ky).

DESERT GATE showed the way from off the rail turning into the backstretch, came under a ride early around the far turn, and kicked away from the two path down the shortened lane to be much the best. SOLDIER N DIPLOMAT laid up close in the three path, was coaxed along in the two path around the far turn, lost touch with the winning pacesetter from the four path in upper stretch, evened out in the final furlong, but was clearly second best. RACE READY rated in the three path, was ridden around the far turn, floated out to the six path entering the lane, did not threaten the top two, but got the show bob. TOP LEVEL chased in the four path up the backstretch, tipped into the two path while being nibbled along early around the far turn, but weakened.

Owners– 1, Pegram & Watson & Weitman; 2, St Elias Stable; 3, Byers Boyd L; 4, BG Stables

Trainers– 1, Baffert Bob; 2, Asmussen Steven M; 3, Casse Norm W; 4, Casse Mark

Scratched– Lincoln's Law (28Feb26 [2] GP[¦]), Bricklin (15Feb26 [9] Sun[3]), Strategic Risk (01Mar26 [11] OP [6])

$1 Pick Three (5–3/7–1) Paid $79.20; Pick Three Pool $23,516.

$1 Daily Double (7–1) Paid $5.30.

$1 Daily Double (3–1) Paid $1.40; Daily Double Pool $40,691.