FIFTH RACE

Delta Downs

OCTOBER 23, 2026

5 FURLONGS. (:56³) MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT . Purse $35,000 (includes $15,000 Other Sources) FOR MAIDENS, TWO YEARS OLD. Weight, 120 lbs. (Preference To Horses That Have Not Started For Less Than $20,000 In Their Last Three Starts).

Value of Race: $38,000 Winner $21,000; second $10,000; third $3,850; fourth $2,100; fifth $1,050. Mutuel Pool $42,225.00 Exacta Pool $30,526.00 Trifecta Pool $17,197.00 Superfecta Pool $12,480.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	3/16	3/8	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds $1
	Merlot	L	2	120	7	1	1hd	11½	1³	1½	Pompell T L	1.80
	Maximum Truth	L b	2	117	5	4	3hd	3hd	2²	2⁴	Hernandez C J	3.30
	Kipster	L b	2	120	6	3	5²	5⁴	4⁴	3⁴½	Santiago E	6.30
	Letsgowinthisthing	L	2	120	1	7	7	7	7	4½	Castillo I	7.70
	Bernaise	L	2	120	3	6	4hd	2hd	3½	5no	Perez C	5.80
	Two Steppin Ray	L	2	115	2	2	6²	6½	5hd	6⁶	Del Cid E⁵	15.30
	Twisted Zydeco	L	2	120	4	5	2hd	4½	6hd	7	Thornton T	5.10

OFF AT 6:43 Start Good. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME :22⁴, :46³, :59² (:22.87, :46.74, :59.48)

$2 Mutuel Prices:

8 – MERLOT	**5.60**	**3.40**	**2.60**
6 – MAXIMUM TRUTH		**5.00**	**3.40**
7 – KIPSTER			**4.60**

$1 EXACTA 8–6 PAID $12.70 50 CENT TRIFECTA 8–6–7 PAID $29.40 10 CENT SUPERFECTA 8–6–7–2 PAID $24.94

B. c, (Feb), by Vino Rosso – Purrfect Diva , by Tale of the Cat . Trainer Brinkman Brett. Bred by Marablue Farm LLC (Fla).

MERLOT sprinted to the front, drove clear, moved to the rail, won under urging, holding off a late challenge by MAXIMUM TRUTH for the win. MAXIMUM TRUTH showed early speed, came around the turn three wide, made a late bid, finished willingly, couldn't get to the winner, but was best of the others. KIPSTER raced within contention, came around the turn four wide, made a mild bid and proved no match for the top two. LETSGOWINTHISTHING lacked early speed, came around the turn wide, moved up, but was no factor. BERNAISE pressed the early pace, saved ground around the turn and faded. TWO STEPPIN RAY raced evenly near the back and was never a threat. TWISTED ZYDECO showed brief speed and made a steady retreat.

Owners– 1, Marablue Farm LLC; 2, WG Racing LLC; 3, Passant Christopher; 4, Tipton Patty W and Cox Cynthia L; 5, Marablue Farm LLC; 6, Dixon Tim; 7, Allied Racing Stable LLC

Trainers– 1, Brinkman Brett; 2, Calhoun William Bret; 3, Chatters Benard; 4, Wong Jonathan; 5, Brinkman Brett; 6, Dixon Tim; 7, Calhoun William Bret

Scratched– Autism Authentic

50 CENT Pick Three (4–1–8) Paid $24.55 ; Pick Three Pool $5,835 .
50 CENT Pick Four (3–4–1/3–1/8) Paid $141.00 ; Pick Four Pool $17,910 .
50 CENT Pick Five (1–3–4–1/3–1/8) 5 Correct Paid $410.75 ; Pick Five Pool $7,120 .
$1 Daily Double (1–8) Paid $11.20 ; Daily Double Pool $3,781 .