SIXTH RACE

Ellis Park

JULY 9, 2026

5½ FURLONGS. (1.02[1]) MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT. Purse $100,000 (includes $50,000 KTDF – Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR MAIDENS, TWO YEARS OLD. Weight, 119 lbs.

Value of Race: $95,000 Winner $59,512; second $19,520; third $4,760; fourth $4,880; fifth $2,928; sixth $850; seventh $850; eighth $850; ninth $850. Mutuel Pool $103,575.00 Exacta Pool $74,135.00 Trifecta Pool $39,285.00 Superfecta Pool $23,463.00 Super High Five Pool $1,669.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	⅜	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds $1
	Talleyrand		2	119	6	4	4[1]	4[1½]	1½	1[hd]	Curtis B	1.30
	Town Man		2	119	3	1	3½	2[1]	2[2½]	2[4]	Geroux F	2.56
	Merit Badge		2	119	8	8	5[1½]	5[3]	3[1]	3[4½]	Antongrgi III W	24.76
	Caribbean Warrior	b	2	119	1	5	1[1]	1[hd]	4½	4¾	Torres J A	6.07
12Jun26 [5]CD[5]	War Ready		2	119	5	2	2[hd]	3½	5[5½]	5[3¼]	Vazquez R A	6.87
	Tic Tic Tic	b	2	119	7	7	8[6½]	7[hd]	6[hd]	6[2¾]	Hazlewood Y	10.96
	Eight Hundred		2	119	9	9	9	9	9	7[no]	Nicholls M	38.72
	He's Saxy		2	119	2	6	6[2]	6[3]	7[2½]	8[3¾]	Elliott J	27.80
	Authentic Gold		2	119	4	3	7½	8[5]	8½	9	Achard A	20.00

OFF AT 2:34 Start Good For All But EIGHT HUNDRED. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME : 21[4], :45[3], :58[2], 1:05[2] (:21.94, :45.60, :58.49, 1:05.44)

$2 Mutuel Prices:

7 – TALLEYRAND	**4.60**	**2.88**	**2.74**
4 – TOWN MAN		**3.58**	**3.18**
10 – MERIT BADGE			**7.98**

$2 EXACTA 7–4 PAID $13.66 50 CENT TRIFECTA 7–4–10 PAID $52.83 10 CENT SUPERFECTA 7–4–10–1 PAID $34.34 $1 SUPER HIGH FIVE 7–4–10–1–6 PAID $433.63

B. c, (Apr), by Into Mischief – Pretty City Dancer, by Tapit. Trainer Walsh Brendan P. Bred by Godolphin (Ky).

TALLEYRAND stalkd four deep, bid nearing the lane, gained an advantage in upper stretch, greenly flopped back to his left lead whlie leading into the final sixteenth, battled with a game inner counterpart late and clung to an advantage. TOWN MAN brushed with an outer foe leaving the gate, pompted two wide and between horses, bid and vied at the three furlong pole, led turning for home before getting headed by an outer bidder in upper stretch, yet fought on gamely to vie once more in the final sixteen but missed at the wire. MERIT BADGE tracked five wide, forged show in upper stretch, hung on his left lead in pursuit of the top pair in the final furlong and proved best of the rest. CARIBBEAN WARRIOR set the pace along the inside, got headed by an outer prompter at the five sixteenths pole then faded. WAR READY bumped with an inner rival leaving the gate, prompted three wide, chased between horses turning for home and gave way. TIC TIC TIC pursued from the three path and failed to factor. EIGHT HUNDRED broke slowly, lagged behind along the inside and made little impact. HE'S SAXY chased along the inside then weakened. AUTHENTIC GOLD bumped with an outer rival and brushed with an inner foe at the start then made little impact from the two path.

Owners– 1, Godolphin LLC; 2, Raroma Stable LLC; 3, Sprick Cheryland Bremer Richard; 4, Tate Anthony; 5, BC Stables LLC Wattswood Stables Albritton Bob Graham Jay and Baggett David; 6, Paradise Farms Corp Staudacher David Merrill Raymond and Skychai Racing LLC; 7, 800 Percent Racing LLC; 8, Van Meter II Thomas F; 9, Tucci Lou

Trainers– 1, Walsh Brendan P; 2, Lynch Brian A; 3, Meah Anna M; 4, Sharp Joe; 5, Asmussen Steven M; 6, Maker Michael J; 7, Hamilton Jayden; 8, Hamilton Sarah; 9, Lobo Paulo H

Scratched– Clonmacnoise (04Jul26 [7]EIP[5]), Implied Open, Tactical Tune, Jackies Einor (04Jul26 [7]EIP[8]), Tancho, Mystic D (04Jul26 [7]EIP[7]), Very Classy (04Jul26 [7]EIP[6])

50 CENT Pick Three (9–3–7) Paid $225.57; Pick Three Pool $17,324.
$2 Daily Double (3–7) Paid $27.26; Daily Double Pool $16,855.