NINTH RACE

Ellis Park

AUGUST 21, 2026

6 FURLONGS. (1.07[4]) 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: $99,855 Winner $58,396; second $19,160; third $9,580; fourth $4,790; fifth $2,874; sixth $745; seventh $600; eighth $745; ninth $745; tenth $740; eleventh $740; twelfth $740. Mutuel Pool $173,140.00 Exacta Pool $135,683.00 Trifecta Pool $64,429.00 Superfecta Pool $47,715.00 Super High Five Pool $4,410.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds $1
17Jly26 5EIP[2]	Jokester		2	119	2	2	1[1]	2[4]	2[5½]	1½	Sheehy D	2.08
	National Forest	b	2	119	11	11	2½	1[hd]	1[hd]	2[1½]	Concepcion A	4.31
	Staunch		2	119	3	7	8[1]	4½	3[1]	3[7]	Curtis B	6.66
	Cosmic Confection	b	2	119	5	4	3[hd]	3[2½]	4[3]	4[1]	Morales E	17.52
	Bardstown		2	119	6	6	10[1]	6[1½]	5[1½]	5[1¼]	Torres J A	8.20
	Okarito		2	119	10	3	11[1]	8[2]	6[1]	6[3¾]	Hazlewood Y	15.60
	Ritornello		2	119	12	8	12	11½	7[hd]	7[nk]	Saez G	85.92
	Westlake	f	2	119	9	5	6[1]	7[hd]	8[1½]	8[4½]	Machado L	21.87
	Bombarino	b	2	119	1	12	5[hd]	12	9½	9[nk]	Torres C A	21.87
	Borax		2	121	4	1	4½	10½	10[2]	10[4¼]	Asmussen E	11.82
	Clear for Takeoff		2	119	7	10	9[hd]	9[hd]	11[1]	11[2½]	Beschizza A	7.65
17Jly26 5EIP[4]	Round Up		2	119	8	9	7[1]	5[1]	12	12	Rodriguez W A	17.38

OFF AT 3:45 Start Good For All But RITORNELLO. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME : 22[3], :45[4], :58[1], 1:11[2] (:22.70, :45.85, :58.26, 1:11.43)

$2 Mutuel Prices:

2 – JOKESTER	**6.16**	**3.58**	**2.78**
12 – NATIONAL FOREST		**5.46**	**4.02**
3 – STAUNCH			**4.94**

$2 EXACTA 2–12 PAID $30.22 50 CENT TRIFECTA 2–12–3 PAID $38.04 10 CENT SUPERFECTA 2–12–3–5 PAID $79.80 $1 SUPER HIGH FIVE 2–12–3–5–6 PAID $2,729.62

Ch. c, (Apr), by Practical Joke – Curlinup , by Curlin. Trainer Weaver George. Bred by Prairie Vista Partners (Ky).

JOKESTER set the pace early on, dueled with outside foe into the lane from the two path, continued down the lane under a long drive and held off said foe in the final stages. NATIONAL FOREST stalked the pace early on, dueled with the winner into the lane from the four path, continued with a long drive down the lane but was kept at bay in the final stages. STAUNCH raced back early on, fanned into the five path entering the lane and was rolling late down the lane and bested the rest of the field. COSMIC CONFECTION tracked the pace early on from between horses, raced in the four path into the lane and weakened late in the stretch run. BARDSTOWN was unhurried early on, raced in the five path into the lane and moved up in the stretch drive. OKARITO raced in the six path entering the lane and improved position. RITORNELLO broke out at the start and trailed the field early on, raced in the five path into the lane and improved position in the stretch. WESTLAKE was briefly steadied along the turn, raced in the three path into the lane and was empty down the lane. BOMBARINO was a step slow at the start, raced along the inside, was checked hard multiple times along the turn. BORAX raced near the rail and was steadied hard along the turn. CLEAR FOR TAKEOFF was done early. ROUND UP raced in the three path into the lane while through after a half.

Owners– 1, Black Type Thoroughbreds Brunetti Dugan Stables Swinbank Stables LLC Adkisson Stev; 2, WinStar Farm LLC CHC Inc and First Go Racing LLC; 3, Bourbon Fueled Racing; 4, Twin Oaks Bloodstock LLC; 5, Karp James S; 6, Godolphin LLC; 7, Merano LLC; 8, Zimmer Ridge Ranch; 9, Caroom Jerry; 10, Heiligbrodt Corinne Heiligbrodt L William Brewster Clark O and Reimer Ken T; 11, Belladonna Racing LLC Twin Brook Stables West Point Thoroughbreds Woodford Racing; 12, Maxis Stable and Foster Family Racing

Trainers– 1, Weaver George; 2, Cox Brad H; 3, Walsh Brendan P; 4, Walsh Brendan P; 5, Mott Riley; 6, Harty Eoin; 7, Williams Matt; 8, Cowans William D; 9, Diodoro Robertino; 10, Asmussen Steven M; 11, DeVaux Cherie; 12, Foster Eric

Scratched– Shelton , Roosevelt , Moonfire , Royces Law

$2 Daily Double (2–2) Paid $44.96 ; Daily Double Pool $26,725 .

50 CENT Pick Three (4–2–2) Paid $49.79 ; Pick Three Pool $39,912 .

50 CENT Pick Four (7–4/5/7/9–2–2/7/13/15/16) Paid $1,204.86 ; Pick Four Pool $53,447 .

50 CENT Pick Five (4–7–4/5/7/9–2–2/7/13/15/16)

5 Correct Paid $9,050.97 ; Pick Five Pool $78,817 .

20 CENT Pick 6 Jackpot (3–4–7–4/5/7/9–2–2/7/13/15/16) ;

Pick 6 Jackpot Pool $22,119 Carryover Pool $33,962.

Ellis Park Attendance: Unavailable Mutuel Pool: $.00