FIFTH RACE

La. Downs

SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

7½ FURLONGS. (Turf) (1.27⁴) MAIDEN CLAIMING . Purse $9,900 (includes $2,000 Other Sources) FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Claiming Price $10,000. (If deemed inadvisable by management to run this race over the turf course, it will be run on the main track at one mile and seventy yards).

Value of Race: $9,900 Winner $5,940; second $1,980; third $1,089; fourth $594; fifth $297. Mutuel Pool $27,005.00 Exacta Pool $25,771.00 Superfecta Pool $12,239.00 Trifecta Pool $16,989.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	Str	Fin	Jockey	Cl'g Pr	Odds $1
26Aug26 ^{5}LaD^{3}	Eagle in the Air	L bf	4	124	3	1	1 1½	1^{hd}	1^{3}	16¾	Santiago E	10000	4.60
2Sep26 ^{7}LaD^{3}	Bernardo	L	4	124	5	3	3^{4}	3^{3}	2^{3}	21¾	Lozada C	10000	0.20
25Aug26 ^{7}LaD^{8}	Riddick	L f	4	119	6	4	5^{4}	6	5^{2}	3½	Hernandez J A^{5}	10000	5.00
25Aug26 ^{4}LaD^{7}	Hank Ridge	L b	4	124	4	2	2^{1}	2^{hd}	3^{1}	4^{2}	Ramirez J Jr	10000	55.10
20Jly26 ^{1}LaD^{5}	Tito	L bf	7	124	1	5	4½	4^{3}	4^{2}	5¾	Rodriguez F T	10000	31.60
10Aug26 ^{7}LaD^{5}	Sweet Present	L	8	124	2	6	6	5½	6	6	Baez J M	10000	73.20

OFF AT 6:01 Start Good. Won driving. Course firm.

TIME : 24⁴, :49, 1:12⁴, 1:25, 1:31² (:24.99, :49.19, 1:12.92, 1:25.08, 1:31.59)

$2 Mutuel Prices:

3 – EAGLE IN THE AIR	**11.20**	**2.60**	**2.10**
5 – BERNARDO		**2.10**	**2.10**
8 – RIDDICK			**2.10**

$1 EXACTA 3–5 PAID $8.10 10 CENT SUPERFECTA 3–5–8–4 PAID $3.21 50 CENT TRIFECTA 3–5–8 PAID $6.30

Gr/ro. g, (Mar), by Eagle – Malaysian Air , by Mizzen Mast . Trainer Melancon Donald. Bred by Paul J Rigali Jr (Tex).

EAGLE IN THE AIR broke well, showed the way into the first turn toward the inside, rated through a soft set of early fractions, quickened a bit into the far turn when under pressure from the outside, shrugged off a mild bid from the runner up midway on that bend, kicked well clear through the lane under steady handling. BERNARDO prompted the pace while three wide, came under a ride far turn, lodged a mild bid outside the winner midway on that bend, proved no match in the drive, remained clear for the place. RIDDICK lacked any early speed, steadied when in a bit tight far turn, moved out to the two path, roused for the drive, staged a steady rally to be getting to the runner up late, no threat to the winner. HANK RIDGE closest to the winner through the first turn, pressed that one while between horses up the backstretch, faltered while still between the top two in the final turn, continued to weaken through the stretch. TITO broke out, was rank soon after and again in the first turn, went one paced toward the inside in lacking a closing response. SWEET PRESENT bothered at the start to be away slowly, continued back off the pace, never menaced while racing toward the inside.

Owners– 1, Melancon Donald; 2, Jacks Karen E; 3, Ramos-Ramirez Jose; 4, Kotara Ronald; 5, Bartolome Juan M and Bartolome Thalia M; 6, Gomez Jorge

Trainers– 1, Melancon Donald; 2, Jacks Karen E; 3, Davila Jesse; 4, Rangel Raul; 5, Govea Cesar; 6, Gomez Jorge

Scratched– Caribbean Son (26Aug26 ^{5}LaD^{5}) , Keokuk Kid (02Sep26 ^{7}LaD^{4}) , Two Weeks Notice (05May25 ^{4}LaD^{6})

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50 CENT Pick Three (3–3–3) Paid $23.70 ; Pick Three Pool $3,850 .

$1 Daily Double (3–3) Paid $12.80 ; Daily Double Pool $3,515 .