FOURTH RACE

Laurel

APRIL 26, 2026

5½ FURLONGS. (1.02¹) MAIDEN CLAIMING. Purse $37,000 (includes $1,110 Starters Bonus) (PLUS UP TO 15% MBF) FOR MAIDENS, FILLIES THREE YEARS OLD. Weight, 124 lbs. Claiming Price $35,000, if for $28,000, allowed 4 lbs. MD–Bred and/or MD–Sired horses may waive claiming price in this race.

Value of Race: $41,370 Winner $22,200; second $8,510; third $3,700; fourth $1,850; fifth $1,110; sixth $1,000; seventh $1,000; eighth $1,000; ninth $1,000. Mutuel Pool $98,226.00 Exacta Pool $101,425.00 Trifecta Pool $62,673.00 Superfecta Pool $38,086.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	⅜	Str	Fin	Jockey	Cl'g Pr	Odds $1
4Apr26 5Lrl3	Cupid's Choice	L	3	124	5	5	2½	2⁴	1⁴	1⁸¾	Perez X	35000	2.20
27Mar26 5Lrl4	Butler Road	L	3	124	4	1	3¹	3¹	3²	2¹¼	Boyce F		31.70
5Feb26 5TP7	Lighten	L b	3	119	9	9	5¹	5½	4½	3¹	Hazlewood Y5	35000	2.80
	Kara M S	L	3	124	3	7	7hd	6³½	5¹½	4½	Ruiz J	35000	10.90
	Golden Ellie	L	3	124	1	3	6¹½	7½	7³	5¹	Rowland M	35000	36.70
21Mar26 6Lrl2	Maggie's Moon	L b	3	124	6	2	4²	4³½	6³	6²¾	Karamanos H A	35000	7.20
	Check Ride	L	3	124	2	6	8¹½	8½	8⁵	7⁵½	Cruz A		8.60
	Weather Beater	L	3	124	7	4	1¹½	1½	2²½	8¹⁰	Barbosa J	35000	5.80
20Mar26 2TP3	Belle of Liberty	L b	3	124	8	8	9	9	9	9	Mena R E		6.20

OFF AT 1:34 Start Good. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME :23¹, :47¹, 1:00, 1:07 (:23.34, :47.36, 1:00.05, 1:07.03)

$2 Mutuel Prices:

5 – CUPID'S CHOICE	**6.40**	**3.40**	**2.40**
4 – BUTLER ROAD		**17.00**	**6.40**
9 – LIGHTEN			**3.40**

$1 EXACTA 5–4 PAID $42.00 $1 TRIFECTA 5–4–9

PAID $212.00 $1 SUPERFECTA 5–4–9–3 PAID $1,674.60

Ch. f, (Apr), by Cupid – J M R Fendi, by Old Forester. Trainer Robb John J. Bred by Twin Oaks Bloodstock (Gunderson) (NY).

CUPID'S CHOICE edged up between foes early then angled out nearing the turn to track, went on the attack to the three wide outside the leader leaving the five sixteenths, asserted herself soon into the lane, opened up under solid left handed asks in mid stretch then continued to eagerly widened while flashed the crop through the final seventy yards. BUTLER ROAD broke on top despite a slight bobble, rated back off the outer speed then stalked inside, eased out for the drive, pursued the runaway winner past mid stretch and continued on with effort to hold down the place. LIGHTEN broke inward bumping with BELLE OF LIBERTY, moved up off the rail nearing the turn then dropped inside mid turn, eased out to go around a tired foe inside the furlong marker, shifted back in and churned on. KARA M S brushed with an outer foe when rated back nearing the half, angled out, made a nice four wide run into the stretch and continued on with willing chase to the wire. GOLDEN ELLIE drafted back while saving ground, eased out three wide into the stretch, worked further out in the track for the final furlong and finished with good energy. MAGGIE'S MOON was nudged up early to be forward into the turn, chased three wide past the five sixteenths, lacked a punch near mid stretch and faded. CHECK RIDE dropped back off the pace, came four wide for the drive and failed to menace. WEATHER BEATER sped clear early, set the pace towards the inner rail, was taken on by the winner mid turn, stayed on to about mid stretch then weakened. BELLE OF LIBERTY, bumped at the start, lacked speed, brushed with an inner rival nearing the turn, came five wide for the drive and weakened.

Owners– 1, Mens Grille Racing; 2, Nancy Lee Farms; 3, Madison Avenue Racing Inc and Kernan Jr Morris E; 4, Scheffres Michael; 5, Old Coach Farm; 6, Stormy Stable LLC; 7, Knight Larry Jr; 8, Gracie Mae Stables and Great Lake Stable; 9, High Schticking Thoroughbreds LLC

Trainers– 1, Robb John J; 2, Keefe Timothy L; 3, Ness Jamie; 4, Mancilla Carlos A; 5, Gorham Michael E; 6, Dilodovico Damon R; 7, Beattie Todd M; 8, Salzman John E Jr; 9, Shankle Joanne

50 CENT Pick Three (5–9–5) Paid $42.50; Pick Three Pool $8,217.

$1 Daily Double (9–5) Paid $21.70; Daily Double Pool $14,139.