FIRST RACE

Monmouth

AUGUST 8, 2026

1 1/16 MILES. (TurfChute) (1.38[4]) CLAIMING . Purse $16,250 (plus $650 NJB – New Jersey Bred Enhancement) (PLUS UP TO 40% NJB) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS OR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs. Non–winners Of A Race At A Mile Or Over On The Turf Since June 8 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price $16,000, For Each $1,000 To $14,000 1 lb. (Races Where Entered For $12,500 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances). (Rail at 12 feet). (Clear. 88.)

Value of Race: $18,263 Winner $9,750; second $3,250; third $2,275; fourth $813; fifth $725; sixth $725; seventh $725. Mutuel Pool $72,121.00 Exacta Pool $54,202.00 Trifecta Pool $22,319.00 Superfecta Pool $13,004.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	¾	Str	Fin	Jockey	Cl'g Pr	Odds $1
26Jun26 [8]Mth[1]	Ball of Fire	L	3	122	5	4	4[1]	4½	4[3]	2½	1[1¼]	Gonzalez E	16000	1.50
5Jly26 [9]Mth[2]	Red Sky Morning	L b	4	125	6	6	6[3]	6[2½]	5[1½]	4[5]	2[2]	Martinez F	16000	3.70
18Jly26 [3]Mth[7]	Vesparo	L b	6	123	2	2	5[2]	5[1]	3[hd]	3[1½]	3[1¾]	Moya R F	16000	5.20
5Jly26 [9]Mth[3]	Fully Authorized	L b	4	123	1	1	3½	3½	1½	1[hd]	4[5¼]	Rivera L R Jr	16000	3.60
5Jly26 [9]Mth[5]	That Sun of a Gun	L f	6	123	3	7	7	7	6[hd]	5[1]	5[2¼]	Gomez J A	16000	10.20
19Jly26 [1]Mth[1]	Thingamabob	L b	4	116	4	3	2[1]	2½	7	7	6[3½]	Maragh C[7]	16000	8.20
19Jun26 [3]Pen[6]	Transactional-GB	L b	7	121	7	5	1[2½]	1[1½]	2[hd]	6[2]	7	Ferrer J C	14000	31.00

OFF AT 12:54 Start Good. Won driving. Course good.

TIME :24[1], :50[1], 1:14[4], 1:40[2], 1:46[4] (:24.33, :50.25, 1:14.96, 1:40.58, 1:46.91)

$2 Mutuel Prices:

5 – BALL OF FIRE	**5.00**	**3.20**	**2.20**
6 – RED SKY MORNING		**3.60**	**2.20**
2 – VESPARO			**3.00**

$1 EXACTA 5–6 PAID $10.10 50 CENT TRIFECTA 5–6–2 PAID $16.55 10 CENT SUPERFECTA 5–6–2–1 PAID $7.60

Ch. g, (Feb), by Munnings – Ursula, by Tapit. Trainer Simone Michael V. Bred by Mt Brilliant Broodmares II LLC (Ky).

BALL OF FIRE raced off the pace, advanced inside on the backside, bid three wide on the far turn, rallied between rivals in the stretch, kicked in willingly and drew clear under urging. RED SKY MORNING raced off the pace inside, came three wide into the lane, rallied outside and finished well outside for second. VESPARO raced two wide off the pace, bid four wide on the far turn, dueled and was outkicked. FULLY AUTHORIZED stalked outside, bid entering the far turn, took over, dueled into the stretch and weakened. THAT SUN OF A GUN hopped at the start, trailed the field and passed tired rivals. THINGAMABOB stalked the pacesetter, chased and gave way on the far turn. TRANSACTIONAL (GB) set the pace on the inside, dueled on the far turn, then steadied at the quarter pole while tiring.

Owners– 1, Reilly John J; 2, Dini Michael and Emerald Spring Stable LLC; 3, Colonial Farms; 4, Barrish Laura; 5, D'Arrigo Racing Stable; 6, Pompay Teresa M and Berkelhammer Barry; 7, Hickory Made Stables

Trainers– 1, Simone Michael V; 2, Dini Mike; 3, Huston Rory K; 4, Dini Mike; 5, McBurney Patrick B; 6, Pompay Terri; 7, Smith Lawrence M

Ball of Fire was claimed by Amazing Luxury Miami LLC; trainer, Avila Juan C.

Scratched– Bean Machine (01Aug26 [8]Mth[5])