TENTH RACE

Woodbine

AUGUST 9, 2026

6 FURLONGS. (1.07[3]) MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT. Purse $125,500 (includes $1,500 Other Sources) FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs.

Value of Race: $113,828 (US $81,649) Winner $75,300 (US $54,012); second $19,760 (US $14,174); third $8,910 (US $6,391); fourth $5,928 (US $4,252); fifth $2,430 (US $1,743); sixth $500 (US $359); seventh $500 (US $359); eighth $500 (US $359). Mutuel Pool $120,572.00 Exacta Pool $68,849.00 Superfecta Pool $36,005.00 Trifecta Pool $46,685.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds $1
	Pepper Brooks	L	3	120	3	2	1½	2¹	1½	1¹½	Hernandez R M	2.75
26Jly26 4WO6	Hard Right	L	3	120	2	6	7⁶½	7⁴	3¹	2½	Chernetz S	7.90
28Sep25 7WO2	Ideologist	L	3	120	5	5	2½	1hd	2³½	3¹¾	Moran P	4.70
	Happy to Be Here	L	3	120	8	4	8	8	5hd	4³¾	Fukumoto D	8.45
	Connect the Empire	L b	3	120	4	8	6³	6hd	6¹	5²¾	Civaci S	1.40
	Chief McQ Win	L	3	120	1	7	5½	5¹	4½	6³	Munger R	15.85
	Apolloman	L	3	120	6	3	3¹	3½	8	7³	Contreras L	17.10
19Jly26 12WO8	Slightly Naughty	L bf	3	120	7	1	4¹½	4hd	7½	8	Adams A	49.80

OFF AT 5:58 Start Good For All But PEPPER BROOKS, CONNECT THE EMPIRE, HAPPY TO BE HERE. Won handily. Track fast.

TIME :22[4], :46, :58[1], 1:10[3] (:22.97, :46.06, :58.24, 1:10.79)

$2 Mutuel Prices:

3 – PEPPER BROOKS	7.50	4.90	3.30
2 – HARD RIGHT		6.10	3.50
5 – IDEOLOGIST			3.50

$1 EXACTA 3–2 PAID $21.30 20 CENT SUPERFECTA 3–2–5–8 PAID $63.97 20 CENT TRIFECTA 3–2–5 PAID $17.84

B. c, (Feb), by Souper Speedy – Maythefourthbwithu, by Silent Name–Jpn. Trainer Tiller Robert P. Bred by Frank Digiulio Jr (Ont–C).

PEPPER BROOKS broke out at the start, recovered quickly to have a narrow advantage inside down the backstretch, went nose to nose inside contesting the front-end pace around the oval, edged away getting the better of the pesky outside speed foe by the furlong pole and cruised in comfortably in deep stretch for the gutsy win. HARD RIGHT was unhurried settling near the rear having only the very troubled gate rival beaten down the backstretch, started to close in midway through the bend, made a sharp swooping move four wide around horses at the quarter pole, swung out widest carrying that momentum into the stretch run, was no match for the winner in the last furlong but still ran on gamely to be a clear second best at the wire. IDEOLOGIST vied between runners in the early going, moved in battling outside going head-to-head for the lead around the turn, gave way fighting for the front end outside to the winner by the furlong pole and was caught in deep stretch losing the runners up share inside. HAPPY TO BE HERE made a right-hand turn bearing out at the start spotting the field many lengths down the backside, closed the gap considerably on the pack in the turn running, shifted to the six path between horses catching up to runners by upper stretch and had a strong late charge between foes settling only on the fringes but a solid effort nonetheless considering the horrific beginning. CONNECT THE EMPIRE was jostled between runners on the break stalked close to the rear three deep hard held keen fighting the rider's restraint down the backside, made no movement three wide throughout the oval and had little to offer five wide in the stretch running. CHIEF MCQ WIN had the fence settling in midfield by the half, made a brief move on the rail at the five sixteenths pole, scraped the paint in the mix for a share of the prize in upper stretch but yielded inside to rivals in the final eighth of a mile. APOLLOMAN prompted the early pace three deep, could not match strides with the front two inside while three wide at the three-furlong pole, angled out in the five-path turning for home but had little to offer in the stretch drive and folded by mid-stretch. SLIGHTLY NAUGHTY sat all alone watching the lead three runners along the back straight moving well in hand, ranged up on the outside going three to four wide through the bend, had the three path in with a chance at the top of the lane but came up empty in the late running.

Owners– 1, DiGiulio Frank DJr; 2, Everatt James A Everatt-Meeuse J Arika and Cotey David; 3, Pin Oak Stud LLC; 4, Entourage Stable; 5, Cheyenne Stables LLC and WHS Stables; 6, McCleave Karen Lee; 7, Stronach Stables; 8, Raghunath Nancy B and Raghunath Eric M

Trainers– 1, Tiller Robert P; 2, Cotey David; 3, Carroll Josie; 4, Tiller Robert P; 5, Casse Mark; 6, Cox Gail; 7, Ladouceur Harold; 8, Raghunath Ravendra B

20 CENT Pick Three (1–4/6/7–3) Paid $4.98; Pick Three Pool $11,012.
$1 Daily Double (7–3) Paid $11.05; Daily Double Pool $11,978.