AIKEN - October 31, 2026 - Race 2

EQUIBASE

MAIDEN OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
TO BE RUN OVER NATIONAL FENCES FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF $16,000 OR LESS ON THE FLAT, OR OVER FENCES, OR WHICH ARE ENTERED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF $16,000. Three-year-olds, 144; four-year-olds, 152 lbs.; older, 156 lbs. (C) **Claiming Price:** $16,000
Distance: Two And One Eighth Miles On The Hurdle **Current Track Record:** (Boulette (IRE) - 3:42.00 - March 26, 2022)
Purse: $20,000
Available Money: $20,000
Value of Race: $20,000 1st $12,000, 2nd $3,600, 3rd $2,000, 4th $1,400, 5th $1,000
Weather: Cloudy**,** 73° **Track:** Good
Off at: 1:37 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	1/2	1m	11/2	13/4	Str	Fin	Comments
10Oct26 ^{5}MID^{5}	7	Protective (Dahl, Gustav)	156	L	6	$3^{1/2}$	2^{Head}	$1^{1\ 1/2}$	1^{1}	$1^{1/2}$	$1^{2\ 3/4}$	finished strong
10Oct26 ^{5}MID^{7}	6	Bjorn (Mulqueen, Stephen)	152	L	5	4^{1}	4^{2}	3^{2}	2^{1}	$2^{1/2}$	2^{3}	second best
17Oct26 ^{6}FH^{9}	2	Give It a Whirl (Watters, Graham)	156	L	2	6^{Head}	5^{Head}	5^{2}	$4^{1\ 1/2}$	$3^{1/2}$	3^{3}	ran on well
25Oct25 ^{1}GRM^{6}	9	Perfect Reel (IRE) (Procter, Freddie)	156	L h	7	9	9	$6^{1\ 1/2}$	$5^{1/2}$	$4^{1/2}$	$4^{1\ 1/2}$	ran on
10Oct26 ^{6}MID^{6}	4	Lufkin (Dalton, Bernard)	144	- -	4	1^{Head}	$1^{1/2}$	2^{2}	3^{2}	$5^{1/2}$	5^{3}	weakened in stretch
30Jul26 ^{1}CNL^{10}	10	Vin Santo (Prendergast, Niall)	151	L b	8	2^{1}	3^{2}	4^{2}	6^{4}	6^{4}	6^{7}	faded final fence
4Oct26 ^{1}FX^{9}	11	Daniel Sun (Nevin, Dan)	156	L b	9	7^{1}	6^{1}	$8^{2\ 1/2}$	7^{2}	$7^{1\ 1/2}$	7^{Nose}	never a threat
26Sep26 ^{2}SHW^{7}	3	Consolation Prize (Tierney, Conor)	152	L o	3	$8^{1/2}$	8^{Head}	9	9	8	8	never a threat
10Oct26 ^{5}MID^{2}	1	Showpiece (Dwan, Evan)	152	L h	1	5^{Head}	7^{Head}	7^{1}	8^{3}	---	---	pulled up final hurdle

Final Time: 3:54.00 **Time from Gate:** 35.40
Run-Up: 0 feet

Winner: Protective, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by Medaglia d'Oro out of Grace Hall, by Empire Maker. Foaled Mar 01, 2021 in Kentucky.
Breeder: Alpha Delta Stables, LLC
Owner: Robbins, Steve L., Genet Racing, LLC, AikenTree Stable LLC, Henson, Josiah and Sims, Paige
Trainer: Sims, Matthew

Claiming Prices: 2 - Give It a Whirl: $16,000; 9 - Perfect Reel (IRE): $16,000; 4 - Lufkin: $16,000; 3 - Consolation Prize: $16,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Deemer (Also-Eligible), Liberty Bay (Trainer), Smooth Sailor (Stewards)

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	1/2	1m	11/2	13/4	Str	Fin
7	Protective	3^{1}	$2^{1/2}$	$1^{1\ 1/2}$	1^{1}	$1^{1/2}$	$1^{2\ 3/4}$
6	Bjorn	$4^{1\ 1/2}$	$4^{2\ 1/2}$	$3^{3\ 1/2}$	2^{1}	$2^{1/2}$	$2^{2\ 3/4}$
2	Give It a Whirl	$6^{2\ 3/4}$	$5^{4\ 1/2}$	$5^{7\ 1/2}$	4^{4}	3^{1}	$3^{5\ 3/4}$
9	Perfect Reel (IRE)	$9^{4\ 1/4}$	9^{6}	$6^{9\ 1/2}$	$5^{5\ 1/2}$	$4^{1\ 1/2}$	$4^{8\ 3/4}$
4	Lufkin	1^{Head}	$1^{1/2}$	$2^{1\ 1/2}$	3^{2}	5^{2}	$5^{10\ 1/4}$
10	Vin Santo	2^{Head}	$3^{1/2}$	$4^{5\ 1/2}$	6^{6}	$6^{2\ 1/2}$	$6^{13\ 1/4}$
11	Daniel Sun	$7^{2\ 3/4}$	$6^{4\ 3/4}$	8^{12}	7^{10}	$7^{6\ 1/2}$	$7^{20\ 1/4}$
3	Consolation Prize	$8^{3\ 3/4}$	$8^{5\ 3/4}$	$9^{14\ 1/2}$	9^{15}	8^{8}	$8^{20\ 1/4}$
1	Showpiece	$5^{2\ 1/2}$	$7^{5\ 3/4}$	7^{11}	8^{12}	---	---

Trainers: 7 - Sims, Matthew; 6 - Morris, Neil; 2 - Beecher, Mark; 9 - Neilson, Katherine; 4 - Dalton, Kate; 10 - Young, Leslie; 11 - Morris, Neil; 3 - Gomena, Julie; 1 - Garner, Thomas

Owners: 7 - Robbins, Steve L., Genet Racing, LLC, AikenTree Stable LLC, Henson, Josiah and Sims, Paige; 6 - PathFinder Racing; 2 - Runnymoore Racing LLC; 9 - Reed, Nancy A. and Cat and Kat Racing; 4 - Riverdee Stable and Fowler, Jr., Joseph F.; 10 - O'Neill, Sean, Rice, Thomas and Hewitt, Marsha; 11 - PathFinder Racing; 3 - Bonnie Rye Stables LLC; 1 - Willis, Molly and Willis, Paul;

Footnotes | View Glossary Of Terms
PROTECTIVE settled in third, joined the leader on the backstretch for the final circuit, drew clear handily into the final turn, finished strong in the stretch. BJORN stalked in fourth, chased the leader when second on the final turn, headed PROTECTIVE at the last hurdle, outfinished in the drive, proved second best. GIVE IT A WHIRL traveled reserved, moved up on the final turn, ran on well holding the third position. PERFECT REEL (IRE) traveled in the rear, progressed into the final fence, ran on for fourth. LUFKIN set the pace, was joined by PROTECTIVE on the backstretch, passed exiting the backstretch, held third at the final fence, then weakened in the stretch. VIN SANTO stalked in third early, remained in touch on the backstretch for the final circuit, lost places before the final fence, weakened mid stretch. DANIEL SUN traveled towards the rear and was never a threat. CONSOLATION PRIZE traveled towards the rear and was never a threat. SHOWPIECE traveled towards the rear and was pulled up before the last fence.

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