

ALBUQUERQUE - August 29, 2025 - Race 1
MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT - Thoroughbred
FOR REGISTERED NEW MEXICO BRED MAIDENS, TWO YEARS OLD. Weight, 120 lbs. (NMSF T.B. Futurity Preferred)RACE
WILL BE LASIX FREE. (S)
Distance: Five And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Yulla Yulla - 1:01.68 - September 23, 2000)
Purse: \$27,000
Includes: \$5,000 NMHBA - New Mexico Horse Breeders Assoc.
Available Money: \$27,000
Value of Race: \$27,000 1st \$15,660, 2nd \$5,400, 3rd \$2,700, 4th \$1,080, 5th \$810, 6th \$270, 7th \$270, 8th \$270, 9th \$270, 10th \$270
Weather: Cloudy, 81° Track: Fast
Off at: 6:07 Start: Poor Timing Method: Video Review

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Video Race Replay

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
---	8	Speed Merchant (Valenzuela, Luis)	120	b	8	4	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	1 ³ 1/2	7.90	trk3w,bid3/8,won clear
---	9	Mark My Kiss (Fincher, Tanner)	120	b	9	3	4 ¹ 1/2	3 ¹	1 ^{Head}	2 ¹ 3/4	4.90	4w,bid3/8,drifted str
---	5	Reads Artful Run (Gomez, Enrique)	120	-	5	2	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	3 ³	3 ¹ 3/4	63.20	led early,weakened 1/8
---	4	Makemtremble (Fuentes, Jr., Miguel)	120	b	4	5	6 ^{1/2}	7 ²	4 ^{Head}	4 ² 1/2	21.90	grinding finish
---	6	M G Rojo Loco (Rodriguez, Luis)	120	-	6	8	7 ²	6 ^{Head}	6 ¹ 1/2	5 ^{Neck}	30.30	slow start,even effort
---	3	Sniper Unit (Arboleda, Aldo)	120	b	3	7	8 ¹	8 ¹	8 ^{1/2}	6 ³ 1/2	7.00	mild late gain
9Aug25 ⁴ EMD ²	10	Sombrero Negro (Medellin, Alejandro)	121	-	10	1	5 ²	5 ¹	5 ^{1/2}	7 ²	1.10*	trk5w,circled,flattend
---	2	Hold My Scotch (Amparan, Francisco)	120	-	2	10	9 ³	9 ³	9 ²	8 ⁶ 1/4	10.10	off slow,showed little
---	1	Pow Now (Hebert, Tracy)	122	-	1	9	10	10	10	9 ⁶	6.60	no factor
---	7	New Mexico Heart (Vazquez, Jose)	124	b	7	6	3 ^{Head}	4 ¹	7 ¹ 1/2	10	18.20	hustled to pace, tired
Fractional Times: N/A N/A N/A Final Time: 1:04.40												
Run-Up: 25 feet												

Winner: Speed Merchant, Gray or Roan Gelding, by Marking out of Keep Your Promise, by Broken Vow. Foaled Feb 10, 2023 in New Mexico.
Breeder: Brad King & Chris Coleman
Owner: Dale F. Taylor Racing LLC
Trainer: Fincher, Todd

Total WPS Pool: \$9,325

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
8	Speed Merchant	17.80	9.60	7.00	\$1.00 Exacta	8-9	28.10	4,115
9	Mark My Kiss		7.60	6.00	\$0.50 Trifecta	8-9-5	237.40	3,168
5	Reads Artful Run			18.40				

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin
8	Speed Merchant	4	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	1 ³ 1/2
9	Mark My Kiss	3	4 ^{3/4}	3 ¹	1 ^{Head}	2 ³ 1/2
5	Reads Artful Run	2	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	3 ⁵ 1/4
4	Makemtremble	5	6 ⁴ 1/4	7 ⁴	4 ³ 1/2	4 ⁷
6	M G Rojo Loco	8	7 ⁴ 3/4	6 ⁴	6 ⁴ 1/4	5 ⁹ 1/2
3	Sniper Unit	7	8 ⁶ 3/4	8 ⁶	8 ⁷ 1/4	6 ⁹ 3/4
10	Sombrero Negro	1	5 ² 1/4	5 ³	5 ³ 3/4	7 ¹³ 1/4
2	Hold My Scotch	10	9 ⁷ 3/4	9 ⁷	9 ⁷ 3/4	8 ¹⁵ 1/4
1	Pow Now	9	10 ¹⁰ 3/4	10 ¹⁰	10 ⁹ 3/4	9 ²¹ 1/2
7	New Mexico Heart	6	3 ^{1/2}	4 ²	7 ⁵ 3/4	10 ²⁷ 1/2

Trainers: 8 - Fincher, Todd; 9 - Fincher, Todd; 5 - Barton, Dallas; 4 - Barton, Dallas; 6 - Hernandez, Miguel; 3 - Fincher, Todd; 10 - Hernandez, Miguel; 2 - Lambert, Casey; 1 - Cross, Gary; 7 - Garcia, Alex

Owners: 8 - Dale F. Taylor Racing LLC; 9 - Fincher Racing LLC and Allen, Norman W.; 5 - Berry, E. Glen and Berry, Linda; 4 - Berry, E. Glen and Barton, Dallas J.; 6 - Gallegos Del Norte Racing; 3 - Amestoy, Leslie A., Amestoy, Jr., Pierre Jean and Beasley, Roger K.; 10 - Gallegos Del Norte Racing; 2 - St. Eligius Reserve; 1 -Maurcenia Cross; 7 -Leonel Caro;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

SPEED MERCHANT tracked three wide early, moved up to challenge for the lead midway on the turn, came into the stretch between horses two-wide, was kept task under steady handling, and won clear in the end. MARK MY KISS raced four-wide just off the early pace, moved up in tandem with SPEED MERCHANT to bid for the lead near the three-furlong pole, came three-wide at the top of the stretch, may have gained the lead in upper stretch, but started to drift out in mid-stretch and had to settle for second. READS ARTFUL RUN bumped with M G ROJO LOCO at the break but still went quickly to the front about a length clear, fought back under challenge late on the turn, then weakened in mid-stretch but held on for third. MAKEMTREMBLE briefly up close, was under a ride to keep pace, dropped back to mid-pack, and gained fourth with a grinding finish. M G ROJO LOCO mutually bumped with READS ARTFUL RUN at the break, then was slow into stride, moved up under a ride to be mid-pack through the turn, and finished evenly. SNIPER UNIT ducked in after the break, bothering both horses to the inside, ettled inside, struggled to keep pace through the turn, then was mildly gaining in the late stages. SOMBRERO NEGRO broke sharply, tracked five-wide down the backstretch, responded when put to a drive at the seven-sixteenths marker, circled the field on the turn to emerge five-wide into the stretch, then flattened out with a furlong to run. HOLD MY SCOTCH lost the path when SNIPER UNIT came over at the break, got off poorly, chased throughout and showed little. POW NOW got bumped at the start, then lacked any speed and was last down the backstretch, trailed well behind, then managed to pass one in deep stretch long after the issue had been decided up front. NEW MEXICO HEART hustled into the early pace mix, pressed two-wide into the turn, then was hard-ridden to keep up approaching the stretch and had nothing left in the late stages. This race was originally hand timed, and was re-timed using video technology to arrive at the most accurate time.