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**AQUEDUCT - February 21, 2026 - Race 9**

MAIDEN CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR MAIDENS, FOUR YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Weight, 122 lbs. Claiming Price \$12,500 (1.5% Aftercare Assessment Due At Time Of Claim Otherwise Claim Will Be Void). New York Bred Claiming Price \$16,000. **Claiming Price: \$12,500**

**Distance:** Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Kelly Kip - 1:07.54 - April 10, 1999)

**Purse:** \$26,500

**Available Money:** \$26,500

**Value of Race:** \$26,500 1st \$14,575, 2nd \$5,300, 3rd \$3,180, 4th \$1,590, 5th \$1,060, 6th \$199, 7th \$199, 8th \$199, 9th \$199

**Weather:** Cloudy, 43° **Track:** Muddy (Sealed)

**Off at:** 5:18 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
31Dec25 <sup>4</sup> AQU <sup>6</sup>	5	Dr. Merciless (Hernandez Moreno, Omar)	122	L	bf	5	3	1 <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>4</sup>	1 <sup>3</sup> 1/2	20.19	ins turn,steady urging
4Jan26 <sup>8</sup> AQU <sup>6</sup>	4	Killybegs Kid (Rodriguez, Jaime)	122	L	b	4	8	5 <sup>1/2</sup>	3 <sup>3</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	12.55	paused7/16,svd grnd
11Jan26 <sup>5</sup> AQU <sup>2</sup>	8	Grey Ace (Silvera, Ruben)	122	L		8	1	2 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	2 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	3 <sup>4</sup> 1/2	1.57	outside,3-2p turn,wknd
23Nov25 <sup>3</sup> AQU <sup>4</sup>	2	Cat Fast (Lezcano, Jose)	122	L	b	2	6	8 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	6 <sup>1/2</sup>	4 <sup>1/2</sup>	1.36*	3-2path turn,no threat
4Jan26 <sup>3</sup> AQU <sup>7</sup>	1	Astern Command (Elliott, Christopher)	122	L		1	7	6 <sup>1/2</sup>	5 <sup>Head</sup>	5 <sup>2</sup> 1/4	29.23	checked7/16,ins turn
11Jan26 <sup>5</sup> AQU <sup>6</sup>	6	Daw Samaa (Kocakaya, Gokhan)	122	L		6	4	4 <sup>1</sup>	4 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	6 <sup>2</sup>	24.88	2-3path turn,no rally
23Jan26 <sup>8</sup> AQU <sup>7</sup>	7	The Hero Code (Gomez, Jose)	122	L	b	7	9	7 <sup>1</sup>	7 <sup>1</sup>	7 <sup>3</sup>	10.79	5path turn, no threat
3Nov25 <sup>6</sup> FL <sup>6</sup>	3	Solo Flight (Franco, Manuel)	122	L	bf	3	5	9	8 <sup>1</sup>	8 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	11.18	3path turn,outrun
31Dec25 <sup>4</sup> AQU <sup>9</sup>	9	Perfect Shephard (Rivera, Jr., Luis)	122	L	b	9	2	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	9	9	46.12	4path turn, retreated

**Fractional Times:** 22.94 46.76 59.45

**Final Time:** 1:12.73

**Split Times:** (23:82) (12:69) (13:28)

**Run-Up:** 55 feet

**Winner:** Dr. Merciless, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by [Central Banker](#) out of Little Miss Brown, by Big Brown. Foaled May 15, 2021 in New York.

**CENTRAL BANKER** Winner's sire standing at McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds

**Breeder:** JD Business Ventures, LLC

**Owner:** Marvin Richards

**Trainer:** Richards, Marvin

**1 Claimed Horse(s):** **Cat Fast** New Trainer: Horacio De Paz New Owner: Mic Duff Stables LLC

**Claiming Prices:** 5 - Dr. Merciless: \$16,000; 4 - Killybegs Kid: \$16,000; 8 - Grey Ace: \$12,500; 2 - Cat Fast: \$12,500; 1 - Astern Command: \$16,000; 6 - Daw Samaa: \$12,500; 7 - The Hero Code: \$12,500; 3 - Solo Flight: \$16,000; 9 - Perfect Shephard: \$16,000;

**Total WPS Pool:** \$198,175

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Dr. Merciless	42.38	13.90	7.54	\$1.00 Exacta	5-4	226.98	157,182
4	Killybegs Kid		10.42	6.68	\$0.50 Trifecta	5-4-8	608.21	102,085
8	Grey Ace			2.54	\$0.10 Superfecta	5-4-8-2	296.73	63,777
					\$1.00 Daily Double	5-5	192.72	96,452
					\$1.00 Pick 3	6-5-5 (3 correct)	1,628.03	57,911
					\$0.50 Pick 4	6-6-5-5 (4 correct)	3,292.31	116,979
					\$0.50 Pick 5	3-6-6-5-5 (5 correct)	10,408.05	185,740
					\$1.00 Pick 6	3-3-6-6-5-5 (5 correct)	380.07	0
					\$1.00 Pick 6	3-3-6-6-5-5 (6 correct)	31,926.19	50,275

**Past Performance Running Line Preview**

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
5	Dr. Merciless	3	1 <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>4</sup>	1 <sup>3</sup> 1/2	1 <sup>6</sup> 1/4
4	Killybegs Kid	8	5 <sup>5</sup>	3 <sup>6</sup> 1/2	2 <sup>3</sup> 1/2	2 <sup>6</sup> 1/4
8	Grey Ace	1	2 <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>4</sup>	3 <sup>5</sup>	3 <sup>7</sup> 1/2
2	Cat Fast	6	8 <sup>7</sup>	6 <sup>12</sup>	4 <sup>9</sup> 1/2	4 <sup>8</sup> 1/2
1	Astern Command	7	6 <sup>5</sup> 1/2	5 <sup>12</sup>	5 <sup>10</sup>	5 <sup>8</sup> 1/2
6	Daw Samaa	4	4 <sup>4</sup>	4 <sup>9</sup> 1/2	6 <sup>10</sup> 1/2	6 <sup>10</sup> 3/4
7	The Hero Code	9	7 <sup>6</sup>	7 <sup>12</sup> 1/2	7 <sup>12</sup> 1/2	7 <sup>13</sup> 3/4
3	Solo Flight	5	9 <sup>9</sup> 1/2	8 <sup>13</sup> 1/2	8 <sup>15</sup> 1/2	8 <sup>21</sup>
9	Perfect Shephard	2	3 <sup>3</sup> 1/2	9 <sup>14</sup> 1/2	9 <sup>18</sup>	9 <sup>32</sup> 1/2

**Trainers:** 5 - Richards, Marvin; 4 - Terranova II, John; 8 - Friedman, Mitchell; 2 - Rice, Linda; 1 - Ryerson, James; 6 - Kantarmaci, Ilkay; 7 - Trites, A.; 3 - D'Alessandro, Ralph; 9 - Bond, Kevin

**Owners:** 5 -Marvin Richards; 4 - Curragh Stables; 8 -Richard Greeley; 2 -Linda Rice; 1 -Joseph Birnbaum; 6 - Kantarmaci, Ilkay, Gaiety Stables LLC and Five Horsemen Stables; 7 - Trites, A. Lands and North Shore Racing Group; 3 - McMahon, Joseph and Anne; 9 - Granny Reeves Stable LLC;

**Footnotes** | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

DR. MERCILESS went to the front, set the pace under some pressure to the outside, shook clear late on the backstretch, raced inside on the turn, responded well when roused into upper stretch and drew off under steady urging. KILLYBEGS KID was urged along off the pace, paused off heels leaving the backstretch then dropped from the two path to the inside, saved ground into the stretch and safely secured the place. GREY ACE pressed the pace on the outside, dropped back some late on the backstretch, chased in the three then two path on the turn and weakened while able to get the show. CAT FAST was ridden along off the pace, moved out leaving the backstretch, dropped from the three path to the two path on the turn and improved for the last spot in the superfecta. ASTERN COMMAND was urged along off the pace, checked in tight quarters off heels leaving the backstretch, saved ground on the turn and failed to threaten. DAW SAMAA chased the pace from fourth, dropped back in the two to three path on the turn and lacked the needed response. THE HERO CODE dropped back while ridden along, traveled around the turn in the five path and failed to threaten. SOLO FLIGHT was urged along well off the pace, raced in the three path on the turn and showed little. PERFECT SHEPHARD chased the pace on the outside, dropped back fast in the four path on the turn and retreated.

**Total Attendance:** 0

**Handle:** \$5,933,653

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