

BLUE RIDGE - April 11, 2026 - Race 5

MAIDEN OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

TO BE RUN OVER NATIONAL FENCES FOR MAIDENS, FOUR YEARS OLD AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF \$16,000 OR LESS ON THE F LAT, OR OVER JUMPS OR WHICH ARE ENTERED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF \$16,000. Four-year-olds, 148 lbs.; older, 156 lbs. (C) **Claiming Price:** \$16,000

Distance: Two Miles On The Hurdle **Current Track Record:** (Decisive Triumph - 3:41.60 - March 30, 2024)

Purse: \$20,000

Available Money: \$20,000

Value of Race: \$17,600 1st \$12,000, 2nd \$3,600, 3rd \$2,000

Weather: Clear, 68° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 3:45 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Hand

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	1/2	1m	11/2	13/4	Str	Fin	Comments
10Oct25 ⁵ MED ²	6	Hard Par (Dalton, Bernard)	156	L	4	1 ²	1 ⁵	1 ⁶	1 ⁵	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{2 1/4}	ridden out
22Nov25 ³ AIK ⁵	2	El Bello (GB) (Procter, Freddie)	156	--	1	5 ⁴	3 ^{1/2}	3 ⁵	3 ³⁰	2 ²	2 ^{4 3/4}	closed well
21Mar26 ² AIK ⁵	9	Hello Newman (Sexton, Kevin)	148	L	6	2 ⁵	2 ⁴	2 ⁴	2 ³	3	3	one paced finish
1Nov25 ³ MTP ⁹	4	Solomon's Choice (Bargary, Jamie)	156	b	2	3 ¹	4 ¹³	4	4	---	---	no threat, pulled up
4Jan26 ⁷ FG ⁷	7	Rivage (Mulqueen, Stephen)	148	L	5	6	5	---	---	---	---	pulled up early
2Nov25 ⁶ LRL ⁷	5	Deputy A. P. (Carberry, Luke)	143	L	3	4 ^{Head}	---	---	---	---	---	hit wing, lost rider

Final Time: 3:46.40

Run-Up: 0 feet

Winner: Hard Par, Bay Gelding, by Hard Spun out of Maid On a Mission, by Strategic Mission. Foaled Apr 09, 2021 in New York.

Breeder: The New Hill Farm, LLC

Owner: MBH Stable, Soda Rock Farm and Dalton, Kate

Trainer: Dalton, Kate

Claiming Prices: 9 - Hello Newman: \$16,000; 4 - Solomon's Choice: \$16,000; 7 - Rivage: \$16,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Carnane (IRE) (Trainer), Gettin'downonit (Trainer), Wonderfull Lady (FR) (Trainer)

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	1/2	1m	11/2	13/4	Str	Fin
6	Hard Par	1 ²	1 ⁵	1 ⁶	1 ⁵	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{2 1/4}
2	El Bello (GB)	5 ⁸	3 ⁹	3 ¹⁰	3 ⁸	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{2 1/4}
9	Hello Newman	2 ²	2 ⁵	2 ⁶	2 ⁵	3 ^{3 1/2}	3 ⁷
4	Solomon's Choice	3 ⁷	4 ^{9 1/2}	4 ¹⁵	4 ³⁸	---	---
7	Rivage	6 ¹²	5 ^{22 1/2}	---	---	---	---
5	Deputy A. P.	4 ⁸	---	---	---	---	---

Trainers: 6 - Dalton, Kate; 2 - Bourke, David; 9 - Foley, Barry; 4 - Cole, Jason; 7 - Brion, Keri; 5 - Boniface, Kevin

Owners: 6 - MBH Stable, Soda Rock Farm and Dalton, Kate; 2 - Sawbuck Racing; 9 - BJJ Racing, Rice, Thomas, Newman, Adam, Willis, Molly and Willis, Paul; 4 - Jason L. Cole; 7 - Steinmetz Equine Holdings LLC; 5 - Bonita Farm;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

HARD PAR sped to set a clear lead, repelled challenger top of stretch, kept to task, ridden out to the wire. EL BELLO (GB) rated patiently, closed well in the stretch, not reaching leader. HELLO NEWMAN stalked in second, finished one paced. SOLOMON'S CHOICE was never a threat, pulled up before the last fence. RIVAGE showed no speed, dropped back and was pulled up early in the race. DEPUTY A. P. veered out at the fourth hurdle, crashed into the wing and unseated the rider.