

CHURCHILL DOWNS - April 26, 2026 - Race 8

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT - Thoroughbred

FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 118 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. (Preference To Horses That Have Not Started For Less Than \$50,000).

Distance: One And One Fourth Miles On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Secretariat - 1:59.40 - May 5, 1973)

Purse: \$120,000

Includes: \$32,400 KTFD - Kentucky TB Devt Fund

Available Money: \$120,000

Value of Race: \$118,686 1st \$68,496, 2nd \$24,000, 3rd \$12,000, 4th \$6,000, 5th \$3,600, 6th \$1,531, 7th \$1,531, 8th \$1,528

Weather: Clear, 75° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 4:28 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic



[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	1/4	1/2	3/4	1m	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
21Mar26 ³ FG ²	3	Tiernanogue (Gaffalione, Tyler)	118 L b	3	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ³	1 ^{1/2}	2.09*	ins,aim 2w1/4,slw gain
21Mar26 ³ FG ⁵	8	Direct Strike (Ortiz, Jr., Irad)	118 L	7	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ²	2 ^{5/2}	3.38	ins,shk clear,cght lat
28Mar26 ¹² OP ⁴	9	Silver Shot (Ortiz, Jose)	118 L	8	6 ²	5 ²	5 ¹	4 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	4.13	3-2w,urge 2nd,stay on
20Mar26 ⁵ GP ²	2	Stompin Grapes (Hernandez, Jr., Brian)	126 L f	2	2 ¹	2 ¹	2 ¹	3 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	2.72	prss 2w,gave way 3w1/4
1Mar26 ⁸ GP ⁹	6	Sartorial (Morales, Edgar)	118 L	5	7 ³	7 ²	6 ^{1/2}	6 ¹	5 ²	5 ⁶	14.29	saved ground, no avail
11Apr26 ⁵ KEE ⁴	4	Still Sober (Torres, Jaime)	118 L f	4	5 ^{Head}	6 ^{1/2}	7 ^{Head}	7 ^{1/2}	7 ¹⁵	6 ^{1 3/4}	38.26	2w,tralled 3/8,6w1/4
25Mar26 ¹⁰ TP ¹¹	7	Prayer (Carrasco, Victor)	126 L b	6	3 ¹	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Head}	5 ¹	6 ¹	7 ^{37 1/4}	44.50	brshd st,stalk 3w,fade
7Mar26 ² FG ³	1	King of Heat (Graham, James)	118 L	1	8	8	8	8	8	8	10.82	step slow st,3w,5p1/4

Fractional Times: 23.32 47.56 1:12.82 1:37.20

Final Time: 2:01.41 **Time from Gate:** 2:03.39

Split Times: (24:24) (25:26) (24:38) (24:21)

Run-Up: 45 feet

Winner: Tiernanogue, Gray or Roan Colt, by [Quality Road](#) out of Spritz, by Awesome Again. Foaled Mar 25, 2023 in Kentucky.



Winner's sire standing at Lane's End

Breeder: Gary Holland

Owner: Mulberry Racing

Trainer: Walsh, Brendan

Scratched Horse(s): In America (PrivVet-Illness)

Total WPS Pool: \$362,144

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
3	Tiernanogue	6.18	3.20	2.70	\$2.00 Exacta	3-8	23.26	204,866
8	Direct Strike		4.42	3.28	\$0.50 Trifecta	3-8-9	23.75	105,050
9	Silver Shot			3.36	\$0.10 Superfecta	3-8-9-2	8.14	62,144
					\$1.00 Daily Double	4-3	5.46	37,633
					\$0.50 Pick 3	1-4-3 (3 correct)	8.09	31,635
					\$2.00 Odd or Even	ODD	4.74	671
					\$2.00 Head2Head	OPTION 1: 1/8 (1 correct)	4.00	418
					\$1.00 Super High Five	3-8-9-2-6	223.54	6,597

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	1/4	1/2	3/4	1m	Str	Fin
3	Tiernanogue	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ²	4 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ²	1 ^{1/2}
8	Direct Strike	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ²	2 ^{1/2}
9	Silver Shot	6 ³	5 ^{2 1/2}	5 ²	4 ^{3 1/2}	3 ⁵	3 ⁶
2	Stompin Grapes	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	3 ²	4 ^{5 1/2}	4 ^{7 1/2}
6	Sartorial	7 ⁵	7 ⁵	6 ³	6 ⁵	5 ⁷	5 ⁹
4	Still Sober	5 ³	6 ^{4 1/2}	7 ^{3 1/2}	7 ⁶	7 ¹⁰	6 ¹⁵
7	Prayer	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	5 ⁴	6 ⁹	7 ^{16 3/4}
1	King of Heat	8 ⁸	8 ⁷	8 ^{3 3/4}	8 ^{6 1/2}	8 ²⁵	8 ⁵⁴

Trainers: 3 - Walsh, Brendan; 8 - Cox, Brad; 9 - Asmussen, Steven; 2 - Wilkes, Ian; 6 - Arnold II, George; 4 - Caramori, Eduardo; 7 - Arnold II, George; 1 - Desormeaux, J.

Owners: 3 - Mulberry Racing; 8 - Qatar Racing LLC, Mountmellick Farm and Hunter Valley Farm; 9 - Whisper Hill Farm, LLC, Three Chimneys Farm and Resolute Racing; 2 -Paula Taube; 6 - Bromagen II, Glenn S., Boone IV, Hilary, Bromagen, Sandra and Wilmot, Jonathan; 4 - Equinox, Inc.; 7 - Stone Farm LLC; 1 - Rocker O Ranch LLC;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

TIERNANOQUE tracked along the inside, took aim outside of the clearing leader entering the lane, sustained gradual progress to range up at the sixteenth pole and edged past. DIRECT STRIKE set the pace along the inside, shook clear entering the lane, but got collared by an outer bidder at the sixteenth pole and was bested late. SILVER SHOT broke a bit out, tracked three to two wide, came under urging between foes rounding the far turn then stayed on to edge show at the furlong grounds. STOMPIN GRAPES prompted along the inside before moving to press outside of the leader around the first turn, sustained pressure rounding the far turn but yielded three wide entering the lane and gave way. SARTORIAL brushed an outer foe at the start then saved ground off of the pace to no avail. PRAYER was brushed by an inner foe at the start, stalked three wide then faded four wide entering the lane. STILL SOBER settled two wide, retreated to trail at the three furlong pole, swung out six wide entering the lane and failed to factor. KING OF HEAT broke a step slow, trailed in the two path, shifted three wide down the backstretch, improved position around the far turn but fanned five wide entering the lane and tired.