

CHURCHILL DOWNS - May 16, 2026 - Race 7

MAIDEN CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 118 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs. Claiming Price \$50,000. **Claiming**

Price: \$50,000

Distance: One And One Sixteenth Miles On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Fierceness - 1:40.66 - May 2, 2025)

Purse: \$67,000

Includes: \$6,300 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund

Available Money: \$67,000

Value of Race: \$64,080 1st \$37,772, 2nd \$13,400, 3rd \$6,700, 4th \$3,350, 5th \$1,821, 6th \$1,037

Weather: Showery, 81° **Track:** Sloppy (Sealed)

Off at: 9:39 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic



[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
1May26 ² OP ⁴	1	Paul's Recovery (Esquivel, Emmanuel)	118 L b	1	2	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{3 3/4}	2.17	ins foe,duel,clear 1/8
18Apr26 ⁵ KEE ⁴	3	Pelican Bay (Moncada, Irving)	118 L b	3	1	2 ¹	2 ^{Head}	2 ²	2 ^{3 1/2}	2 ⁴	3.04	outs wnnr,duel,yld 1/8
29Apr26 ⁴ CD ⁶	4	Ur Benja (Saez, Gabriel)	118 L	4	3	5 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Head}	3 ²	3 ^{Neck}	19.94	3pbtw,driftd,saved shw
26Apr26 ⁸ CD ⁵	6	Sartorial (Morales, Edgar)	118 L	6	6	6	6	5 ¹	4 ^{Head}	4 ^{Head}	1.26*	4p,shft in,mss shw btw
28Mar26 ⁹ TF ⁶	2	King Lee (Garcia, Martin)	125 L b	2	5	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	6	5 ^{3 1/2}	5 ^{13 1/4}	12.95	track ins,chasd,no bid
19Apr26 ⁹ KEE ⁸	5	Prince J J (Hernandez, Jr., Brian)	118 L	5	4	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	4 ^{Head}	6	6	10.29	stalk 3w,faded btw5/16

Fractional Times: 24.30 49.06 1:14.27 1:38.84

Final Time: 1:45.39 **Time from Gate:** 1:47.59

Split Times: (24:76) (25:21) (24:57) (6:55)

Run-Up: 50 feet

Winner: Paul's Recovery, Bay Colt, by Independence Hall out of Morning Belle, by Morning Line. Foaled Mar 16, 2023 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Sean S. Perl Bloodstock, LLC.

Owner: Fern Circle Stables and Dream Big Racing, LLC

Trainer: McPeek, Kenneth

3 Claimed Horse(s):	Paul's Recovery	New Trainer: Linda Rice	New Owner: Linda Rice
	Pelican Bay	New Trainer: Kinnon LaRose	New Owner: L F Geaux Racing
	Sartorial	New Trainer: Sandino Hernandez	New Owner: Amaty Racing Stables

Claiming Prices: 1 - Paul's Recovery: \$50,000; 3 - Pelican Bay: \$50,000; 4 - Ur Benja: \$50,000; 6 - Sartorial: \$50,000; 2 - King Lee: \$50,000; 5 - Prince J J: \$50,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Champagne Liberal (PrivVet-Illness)

Total WPS Pool: \$256,793

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Paul's Recovery	6.34	3.58	2.76	\$2.00 Exacta	1-3	20.34	98,502
3	Pelican Bay		3.52	2.76	\$0.50 Trifecta	1-3-4	48.79	56,880
4	Ur Benja			5.02	\$0.10 Superfecta	1-3-4-6	16.84	26,916
					\$1.00 Daily Double	9-1	64.91	23,703
					\$0.50 Pick 3	1-9-1 (3 correct)	169.88	38,758
					\$2.00 Odd or Even	ODD	3.78	549
					\$0.50 Pick 4	5-1-9-1 (4 correct)	1,354.87	79,351
					\$0.50 Pick 5	3-5-1-9-1 (5 correct)	12,202.54	100,495

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
1	Paul's Recovery	2	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{3 3/4}
3	Pelican Bay	1	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{3 3/4}
4	Ur Benja	3	5 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{1 1/2}	3 ²	3 ⁵	3 ^{7 3/4}
6	Sartorial	6	6 ³	6 ²	5 ^{2 1/4}	4 ⁷	4 ⁸
2	King Lee	5	4 ²	4 ¹	6 ^{3 1/4}	5 ⁷	5 ⁸
5	Prince J J	4	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	4 ^{2 1/4}	6 ^{10 1/2}	6 ^{21 1/4}

Trainers: 1 - McPeek, Kenneth; 3 - Drury, Jr., Thomas; 4 - Aranha, Jose; 6 - Arnold II, George; 2 - Romans, Dale; 5 - Forster, Grant

Owners: 1 - Fern Circle Stables and Dream Big Racing, LLC; 3 - Jennifer Beattie; 4 - Brownwood Farm, LLC; 6 - Bromagen II, Glenn S., Boone IV, Hilary, Bromagen, Sandra and Wilmot, Jonathan; 2 - GMT Racing Stables; 5 - CJ Thoroughbreds and RPS Thoroughbreds;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

PAUL'S RECOVERY vied for the lead with an outer rival, dueled with that one around the far turn and drove clear in midstretch. PELICAN BAY vied for the lead with an inner rival, dueled with that one around the far turn then yielded at the furlong grounds. UR BENJA raced off of the pace in the three path and between horses, claimed show in the two path at the five sixteenths pole, moved out of the four path in upper stretch, drifted out while chasing into the final furlong, moved back in while meeting inner challenges for show then saved that position at the wire. SARTORIAL raced off of the pace in the four path, chased around the far turn, floated to the six path into upper stretch, moved inwardly at the furlong grounds then stayed on between horses to miss show. KING LEE tracked along the inside, chased around the far turn then lacked a bid. PRINCE J J stalked the top pair from the four path then faded between horses turning for home.