

CHURCHILL DOWNS - September 19, 2026 - Race 11

MAIDEN CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Claiming Price \$50,000. **Claiming**

Price: \$50,000

Distance: Seven Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Groupie Doll - 1:20.44 - May 5, 2012)

Purse: \$67,000

Includes: \$7,800 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund

Plus: \$1,778 Other Sources

Available Money: \$68,778

Value of Race: \$68,544 1st \$37,832, 2nd \$13,400, 3rd \$6,700, 4th \$3,350, 5th \$1,776, 6th \$915, 7th \$915, 8th \$914, 9th \$914, 10th \$914, 11th \$914

Weather: Clear, 94° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 11:21 **Start:** Good for all except 7,10 **Timing Method:** Electronic

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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
---	13	Merited (Loveberry, Jareth)	121 L	10 4		3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{Head}	2 ²	1 ^{1 3/4}	12.20	tracked 2p, driving,
22Aug26 ¹ ELP ⁴	6	Mizzou (Hernandez, Jr., Brian)	124 L b	4 2		1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{2 1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{Neck}	18.03	sharp spd,held place
20Aug26 ⁹ IND ²	9	Beijing (Concepcion, Axel)	121 L b	7 3		4 ^{Head}	4 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	0.81*	stlkd,3-w turn,willing
17Aug26 ⁴ ELP ³	10	Rocky Raccoon (Morales, Edgar)	121 L b	8 9		9 ^{1 1/2}	9 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{Head}	4 ^{2 3/4}	8.83	squeezd brk,7-w upper
22Aug26 ¹ ELP ⁸	11	Harbor Prince (Moncada, Irving)	124 L	9 7		7 ¹	7 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{3 1/4}	27.10	2-w trn,shift 5-w,even
---	8	Hayburn's Case (Arrieta, Francisco)	121 L bf	6 6		6 ^{1/2}	6 ^{Head}	6 ^{1 1/2}	6 ¹	25.02	2-3w bid,needed more
5Jul26 ⁷ ELP ⁷	2	Lifes Reward (Bejarano, Rafael)	124 L	1 5		5 ^{1 1/2}	5 ¹	7 ^{1/2}	7 ³	7.38	2-w,angl 5-w,no rally
22Aug26 ¹ ELP ³	4	Boss' Deed (Torres, Jaime)	121 L b	2 8		8 ^{1/2}	8 ^{Head}	9 ^{2 1/2}	8 ²	14.81	failed to respond,
30Aug26 ⁶ KD ⁸	5	King of Heat (Hoskins, Luke)	114 L b	3 11		11	11	11	9 ^{1/2}	12.62	failed to threaten
16Jan26 ⁶ TP ⁷	7	Tuxedo Park (Sheehy, Danny)	124 L	5 10		10 ³	10 ^{2 1/2}	10 ^{1 1/2}	10 ^{Nose}	42.38	jostled brk,no factor
17Aug26 ⁹ ELP ³	14	Mr. All In (Machado, Luan)	121 L	11 1		2 ^{1/2}	3 ¹	8 ²	11	11.79	failed to sustain bid,

Fractional Times: 22.88 45.72 1:10.06

Final Time: 1:23.13 **Time from Gate:** 1:24.53

Split Times: (22:84) (24:34) (13:07)

Run-Up: 40 feet

Winner: Merited, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by [Mitole](#) out of Heart's Song, by Desert Party. Foaled May 05, 2023 in Kentucky.

MITOLE Champion RACEHORSE
Champion 2-YEAR-OLD
SPENDTHRIFT Winner's sire standing at Spendthrift

Breeder: Spendthrift Farm, LLC

Owner: MHM Stables LLC

Trainer: Beckman, D. Whitworth

1 Claimed Horse(s): Beijing

New Trainer: Ron Moquett

New Owner: Bald Chew Racing, LLC

Claiming Prices: 13 - Merited: \$50,000; 6 - Mizzou: \$50,000; 9 - Beijing: \$50,000; 10 - Rocky Raccoon: \$50,000; 11 - Harbor Prince: \$50,000; 8 - Hayburn's Case: \$50,000; 2 - Lifes Reward: \$50,000; 4 - Boss' Deed: \$50,000; 5 - King of Heat: \$50,000; 7 - Tuxedo Park: \$50,000; 14 - Mr. All In: \$50,000;

Scratched Horse(s): A. P. Cloud (Also-Eligible), Centerline (Trainer), Great Moment (Re-entered), Roman Rogue (Trainer), Soho Jimmy (Re-entered)

Total WPS Pool: \$208,156

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool	Carryover
13	Merited	26.40	9.34	6.82	\$2.00 Exacta	13-6	427.80	135,879	
6	Mizzou		16.28	7.10	\$0.50 Trifecta	13-6-9	325.38	80,101	
9	Beijing			2.16	\$0.10 Superfecta	13-6-9-10	489.10	52,339	
					\$1.00 Daily Double	3-13	23.04	85,996	
					\$3.00 Pick 3	3-3-13 (3 correct)	250.65	184,050	
					\$0.50 Pick 4	4-3-3/4-13 (4 correct)	305.13	280,321	
					\$1.00 Super High Five	13-6-9-10-11		10,314	8,011
					\$0.50 Pick 5	10-4-3-3/4-13 (5 correct)	10,462.87	492,401	
					\$0.20 Pick 6 Jackpot	6-10-4-3-3/4-13 (6 correct)	39,238.11	153,934	62,024
					\$1.00 Octafecta Jackpot	13-6-9-10-ALL-ALL-ALL-ALL	1,159.47	17,385	378,489
					\$2.00 Odd or Even	ODD	4.10	352	

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
13	Merited	4	3 ²	2 ^{2 1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1 3/4}
6	Mizzou	2	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{2 1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1 3/4}
9	Beijing	3	4 ^{3 1/2}	4 ^{3 1/2}	3 ^{3 1/2}	3 ²
10	Rocky Raccoon	9	9 ⁷	9 ^{7 3/4}	4 ⁵	4 ^{2 1/2}
11	Harbor Prince	7	7 ^{5 1/2}	7 ^{6 1/4}	5 ⁵	5 ^{5 1/4}
8	Hayburn's Case	6	6 ⁵	6 ⁶	6 ^{6 1/2}	6 ^{8 1/2}
2	Lifes Reward	5	5 ^{3 1/2}	5 ⁵	7 ⁸	7 ^{9 1/2}
4	Boss' Deed	8	8 ^{6 1/2}	8 ^{7 3/4}	9 ^{10 1/2}	8 ^{12 1/2}
5	King of Heat	11	11 ^{11 1/2}	11 ^{12 3/4}	11 ^{14 1/2}	9 ^{14 1/2}
7	Tuxedo Park	10	10 ^{8 1/2}	10 ^{10 1/4}	10 ¹³	10 ¹⁵
14	Mr. All In	1	2 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{2 1/2}	8 ^{8 1/2}	11 ¹⁵

Trainers: 13 - Beckman, D. Whitworth; 6 - Salas, Marcelino; 9 - Walden, William; 10 - Asmussen, Steven; 11 - Drury, Jr., Thomas; 8 - Robson, Lauren; 2 - Hartman, Chris; 4 - Newton, Troy; 5 - Desormeaux, J.; 7 - Corrigan, Jimmy; 14 - Calhoun, W.

Owners: 13 - MHM Stables LLC; 6 - Staley, Laura and Tamburro, Jeanine; 9 - Woodford Thoroughbreds LLC; 10 -Steven M. Asmussen; 11 - Deerfield Farm Racing, Hebel, Carol W., Ison, Dan and Meador, Steven; 8 - Tristar Farm LLC; 2 - JD Thoroughbreds LLC and Scherr, Wayne; 4 -Faron McCubbins; 5 - Rocker O Ranch LLC; 7 -Andrew C. Ritter; 14 - Kerber, Iveta, Lapczenski, Jon and Coleman, Michael;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

MERITED tracked the early pace from the outside, raced two wide down the backstretch and finished well to edge clear late under strong handling. MIZZOU sharp early speed, controlled the early pace under a hold, dug in deep stretch and narrowly held the place position. BEIJING stalked the pace, raced three wide through far turn and finished willingly to the wire. ROCKY RACCOON squeezed back at the break, raced off the early going after the poor start, tipped out seven wide into the upper stretch, moved up but had no final winning bid in the drive. HARBOR PRINCE raced mid pack early, two wide through the far turn, shifted out five wide and raced evenly to the wire. HAYBURN'S CASE was allowed to settle early, had a two to three wide bid and needed more. LIFES REWARD raced mid pack in the early stages, two wide through the far turn, angled five wide and had no late rally. BOSS' DEED was allowed to settle early and failed to respond. KING OF HEAT trailed early and failed to threaten. TUXEDO PARK jostled at the break, raced near the back after the poor start and never threatened. MR. ALL IN failed to sustain a bid.