

CHURCHILL DOWNS - September 21, 2025 - Race 4

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT - Thoroughbred
FOR MAIDENS, TWO YEARS OLD. Weight, 119 lbs. (Preference To Horses That Have Not Started For Less Than \$50,000). (If deemed inadvisable by management to run this race over the turf course, it will be run on the main track at One and One Sixteenth mile.) (Rail at 12 feet).

Distance: One And One Sixteenth Miles On The Dirt - Originally Scheduled For 1 1/16 Miles On Turf Current Track Record:
(Fierceness - 1:40.66 - May 2, 2025)

Purse: \$120,000

Includes: \$52,500 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund

Plus: \$2,025 Other Sources

Available Money: \$122,025

Value of Race: \$122,025 1st \$69,300, 2nd \$24,000, 3rd \$12,000, 4th \$6,000, 5th \$3,600, 6th \$1,191, 7th \$1,191, 8th \$1,186, 9th \$1,186, 10th \$1,186, 11th \$1,185

Weather: Clear, 75° Track: Sloppy (Sealed)

Off at: 2:15 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
31Aug25 ⁶ KD ³	10	Very Connected (Esquivel, Emmanuel)	119	--	8 1	7 ²	7 ^{1/2}	6 ²	3 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{Neck}	4.33	2-3p,6p1/4,rally,dueld
10Aug25 ³ ELP ⁷	8	Prince of Light (Gaffalione, Tyler)	119	--	6 6	6 ^{1/2}	6 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1 3/4}	11.34	closer 4p2d,rally,duel
28Aug25 ⁷ KD ³	5	Thesheriffisnear (Graham, James)	119	--	3 4	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{5 1/2}	5.12	2w-ins,clrd,caught lat
10Aug25 ³ ELP ⁵	6	Mr. Vaggio (Torres, Cristian)	119	bf	4 2	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	3 ¹	5 ⁴	4 ^{3/4}	23.97	3-2w,faded in hand
28Aug25 ⁷ KD ⁴	9	Royal Causeway (Geroux, Florent)	119	b	7 9	10 ^{1 1/2}	11	10 ^{1 1/2}	6 ^{1/2}	5 ³	7.72	stdy13/16,7p1/4,mvd up
31Aug25 ⁶ KD ⁵	7	Khetam (Saez, Luis)	119	b	5 3	4 ^{1/2}	4 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	6 ^{Head}	7.84	4-3w,bid,repelld,faded
---	12	High Go (Machado, Luan)	119	b	10 8	9 ^{Head}	8 ^{1/2}	7 ²	7 ^{3 1/2}	7 ^{7 3/4}	33.64	bump st,4p,no menace
28Aug25 ⁷ KD ⁷	11	Tailored (Ortiz, Jr., Irad)	119	b	9 7	8 ^{1/2}	9 ¹	8 ^{Head}	9 ^{Head}	8 ^{1/2}	5.25	bmpd btw st,3p,no thrt
30Aug25 ¹² KD ⁵	2	Like Water (Ortiz, Jose)	119	b	2 5	3 ¹	3 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1/2}	8 ²	9 ^{1 1/4}	3.05*	stalked ins,faded 5/16
11Aug25 ⁴ ELP ⁸	1	Southern Soul (Morales, Edgar)	119	--	1 10	5 ¹	5 ^{1/2}	9 ¹	10 ¹²	10 ^{21 3/4}	18.79	lean in st,ins,wkn 2nd
---	14	Jaydeevee (Miller, Chase)	119	b	11 11	11	10 ^{Head}	11	11	11	36.46	step slow st,2p,outrun

Fractional Times: 23.41 48.26 1:13.41 1:39.38 Final Time: 1:46.09

Split Times: (24:85) (25:15) (25:97) (6:71)

Run-Up: 50 feet

Winner: Very Connected, Bay Colt, by [Connect](#) out of C J's Gal, by Awesome Again. Foaled Apr 06, 2023 in Kentucky.

Winner's sire standing at Lane's End

Breeder: Woodford Thoroughbreds LLC

Owner: Dream Big Racing, LLC

Trainer: McPeek, Kenneth

Scratched Horse(s): Durable (Also-Eligible), Good Willie (Off-Turf), High Honors (Also-Eligible), Swerve (Trainer)

Total WPS Pool: \$214,610

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool	Carryover
10	Very Connected	10.66	5.70	3.88	\$2.00 Exacta	10-8	88.62	139,230	
8	Prince of Light		10.26	6.70	\$0.50 Trifecta	10-8-5	207.74	72,138	
5	Thesheriffisnear			4.92	\$0.10 Superfecta	10-8-5-6	431.31	46,362	
					\$1.00 Daily Double	7-10	42.68	17,536	
					\$0.50 Pick 3	6-7-10 (3 correct)	72.92	26,233	
					\$1.00 Z-5 Super Hi-5	10-8-5-6-9		6,919	8,851

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
10	Very Connected	1	7 ^{4 1/2}	7 ⁵	6 ⁴	3 ³	1 ^{Neck}
8	Prince of Light	6	6 ⁴	6 ^{3 1/2}	4 ²	2 ^{2 1/2}	2 ^{Neck}
5	Thesheriffisnear	4	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{2 1/2}	3 ²
6	Mr. Vaggio	2	2 ¹	2 ¹	3 ¹	5 ⁵	4 ^{7 1/2}
9	Royal Causeway	9	10 ⁷	11 ⁷	10 ⁹	6 ⁹	5 ^{8 1/4}
7	Khetam	3	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ²	2 ^{1/2}	4 ^{4 1/2}	6 ^{11 1/4}
12	High Go	8	9 ⁷	8 ^{5 1/2}	7 ⁶	7 ^{9 1/2}	7 ^{11 1/4}
11	Tailored	7	8 ^{6 1/2}	9 ⁶	8 ⁸	9 ¹⁵	8 ¹⁹
2	Like Water	5	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{3 1/2}	8 ¹³	9 ^{19 1/2}
1	Southern Soul	10	5 ³	5 ³	9 ⁸	10 ¹⁵	10 ^{20 3/4}
14	Jaydeevee	11	11 ^{8 1/2}	10 ⁷	11 ^{10 1/2}	11 ²⁷	11 ^{42 1/2}

Trainers: 10 - McPeek, Kenneth; 8 - Walsh, Brendan; 5 - Mott, William; 6 - Hancock, John; 9 - Stewart, Dallas; 7 - McKeever, Andrew; 12 - Walsh, Brendan; 11 - Cox, Brad; 2 - Sharp, Joe; 1 - Cowans, William; 14 - Miller, Darrin

Owners: 10 - Dream Big Racing, LLC; 8 - Dixiana Farms LLC; 5 -Charles H. Deters; 6 - Huckaby, Jackie, Pashea, John, Trifecta Thoroughbreds, LLC, Royer, Richard and Hancock, Donna G.; 9 - Gervais Racing LLC; 7 - Shadwell Stable; 12 - Calumet Farm; 11 - Godolphin, LLC; 2 -Susan Naylor; 1 -Michael J. Ryan; 14 - Silverton Hill LLC;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

VERY CONNECTED leaned out and bumped a rival at the start, pursued from midpack in the two to three path, swung out to the six path into the lane, rallied to bid along with an inner rival in the final sixteenth, sparred with that one late and prevailed. PRINCE OF LIGHT pursued from midpack in the five to three path around the first turn, closed in in the four path around the far turn, rallied along with an outer rival in the final furlong, bid with that one in the final sixteenth, dueled late but missed. THESHERIFFISNEAR was brushed by an outer rival at the start, set the pace two wide, then along the inside into the backstretch, repelled an outer challenge entering the lane, drove clear, but was caught by an outer pair in the final sixteenth. MR. VAGGIO brushed an inner rival at the start, stalked three to two wide, got outmoved by an outer bidder turning for home then faded in hand along the inside through the lane. ROYAL CAUSEWAY laid off of the pace along the inside, steadied back nearing the backstretch, moved out to the four path around the far turn before swinging to

the seven path into the lane and moved up. KHETAM tracked four to three wide, bid turning for home, but was repelled entering the lane and faded. HIGH GO bumped with an inner foe at the start, raced off of the pace in the four path and failed to menace. TAILORED was bumped between horses leaving the gate, raced off of the pace in the three path and failed to factor. LIKE WATER stalked along the inside and faded turning for home. SOUTHERN SOUL leaned inwardly at the start, tracked along the inside and weakened around the far turn. JAYDEEVVEE broke a step slow, trailed in the two path and got outrun.