CHURCHILL DOWNS - November 13, 2026 - Race 2

EQUIBASE

MAIDEN CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR MAIDENS, TWO YEARS OLD. Weight, 119 lbs. Claiming Price $75,000. **Claiming Price:** $75,000
Distance: Seven And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Imperial Gun - 1:27.43 - June 15, 2025)
Purse: $69,000
Includes: $6,500 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund
Available Money: $69,000
Value of Race: $66,865 1st $38,900, 2nd $13,800, 3rd $6,900, 4th $3,450, 5th $1,875, 6th $1,003, 7th $937
Weather: Showery, 46° **Track:** Muddy (Sealed)
Off at: 1:31 **Start:** Good for all except 2 **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
9Sep26 ^{4}KD^{4}	3	Apexion (Asmussen, Keith)	119	- -	2	3	1^{Head}	1^{Head}	1^{1}	1^{1}	2.07	cue3/8,edged left lead
9Oct26 ^{7}KEE^{11}	4	April Fools (Ortiz, Jose)	119	- -	3	2	$2^{1/2}$	$2^{1/2}$	2^{Head}	2^{Neck}	1.73*	2w,ask3/8,held off
19Oct26 ^{5}IND^{2}	5	J'accuse (Graham, James)	119	b	4	1	3^{Head}	$3^{1\ 1/2}$	$3^{2\ 1/2}$	$3^{2\ 1/2}$	4.69	3w,cue3/8,no final bid
24Sep26 ^{5}CD^{8}	9	Gaines Trace (Ortiz, Jr., Yomar)	112	- -	7	6	6^{7}	6^{9}	$4^{2\ 1/2}$	$4^{3\ 1/2}$	4.48	step slw,bmp,2w,imprvd
---	2	Champagne Shane (Antongeorgi III, William)	119	- -	1	7	7	7	7	$5^{4\ 1/4}$	22.40	slw st,by faders outs
---	8	Berners Street (Carrasco, Victor)	119	b	6	5	$5^{1/2}$	5^{1}	$6^{1/2}$	$6^{3/4}$	27.60	step slow,ins,wkn late
24Oct26 ^{5}FP^{3}	7	Sculptor (Bendezu, Alexander)	119	b	5	4	$4^{2\ 1/2}$	4^{5}	5^{2}	7	10.76	4w,no response,retreat

Fractional Times: 23.30 46.52 1:12.43 1:25.93 **Final Time:** 1:33.41 **Time from Gate:** 1:35.48
Split Times: (23:22) (25:91) (13:50) (7:48)
Run-Up: 50 feet

Winner: Apexion, Bay Gelding, by Cyberknife out of Freethinker, by Empire Maker. Foaled Apr 29, 2024 in Kentucky.



Winner's sire standing at Spendthrift Farm

Breeder: Rhianon Farms, Inc.
Owner: Orr, Ed and Orr, Susie
Trainer: Asmussen, Steven

Claiming Prices: 3 - Apexion: $75,000; 4 - April Fools: $75,000; 5 - J'accuse: $75,000; 9 - Gaines Trace: $75,000; 2 - Champagne Shane: $75,000; 8 - Berners Street: $75,000; 7 - Sculptor: $75,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Bermuda (PrivVet-Illness), Glen Morgan (PrivVet-Illness)

Total WPS Pool: $114,373

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show
3	Apexion	6.14	3.16	3.02
4	April Fools		3.12	2.38
5	J'accuse			3.56

Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
$2.00 Exacta	3-4	18.76	78,430
$0.50 Trifecta	3-4-5	17.34	38,345
$0.10 Superfecta	3-4-5-9	7.13	22,873
$1.00 Daily Double	2-3	46.65	35,299
$1.00 Super High Five	3-4-5-9-2	318.96	14,848
$2.00 Odd or Even	ODD	2.54	39

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
3	Apexion	3	1^{Head}	1^{Head}	1^{1}	1^{1}
4	April Fools	2	2^{Head}	2^{Head}	2^{1}	2^{1}
5	J'accuse	1	$3^{1/2}$	$3^{1/2}$	3^{1}	$3^{1\ 1/4}$
9	Gaines Trace	6	$6^{3\ 3/4}$	6^{8}	$4^{3\ 1/2}$	$4^{3\ 3/4}$
2	Champagne Shane	7	$7^{10\ 3/4}$	7^{17}	$7^{8\ 1/2}$	$5^{7\ 1/4}$
8	Berners Street	5	$5^{3\ 1/4}$	5^{7}	6^{8}	$6^{11\ 1/2}$
7	Sculptor	4	$4^{3/4}$	4^{2}	5^{6}	$7^{12\ 1/4}$

Trainers: 3 - Asmussen, Steven; 4 - Casse, Mark; 5 - Pitts, Helen; 9 - Schultz, Lindsay; 2 - Holsapple, Hutch; 8 - Humphries, Tommy; 7 - Wainwright, John

Owners: 3 - Orr, Ed and Orr, Susie; 4 - D. J. Stable LLC; 5 - Cardinal Farm, LLC; 9 - Shortleaf Stable, Inc.; 2 - Holsapple, Hutch, Herek, Wesley F. and Knight, Adrian; 8 - Humphries, Tommy, Mudd, Bill, Rivers Thoroughbreds, Lloyd, Chris and Buechel, John; 7 - Morgan, Sharon R. and Burke, Mark;

Footnotes | View Glossary Of Terms
APEXION emerged from the start as the leader and showed the way up the backstretch under heavy pressure from APRIL FOOLS, was roused in response to that rival inside the three-eighths pole, dueled briefly rounding the turn before edging a single length lead in the upper stretch, fought on along his left lead to maintain that margin. APRIL FOOLS applied heavy pressure to the early pace setter two wide between runners, was asked around the three-eighths pole and contested the lead briefly finishing up the far turn, continued down the lane being held off by the winner, kept a head in front of J'ACCUSE for the place award. J'ACCUSE made an early move to stalk the pace three wide, was asked nearing the three-eighths marker and ranged up into a prominent position at the top of the lane, fought on in the stretch but was unable to make a final closing move. GAINES TRACE broke a step slow bumping with inner foe, raced off the pace two wide, was asked at the seven-sixteenths to begin closing and kept on down the lane to improve his finishing position. CHAMPAGNE SHANE was slow to leave the gate, trailed distantly in the early stages, went by faders along the outside of the stretch. BERNERS STREET was off a step slow bumping with outer foe, raced off the pace along the inside, was roused through the turn starting at the seven-sixteenths but had no more for the stretch. SCULPTOR was rated four wide, lacked a response to the rider's encouragement turning for home and retreated.

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