

COLONIAL DOWNS - August 21, 2026 - Race 2

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT - Thoroughbred
OUTER TURF FOR VA RESTRICTED MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 118 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs.
(Preference To Horses That Have Not Started For Less Than \$25,000 In Last 5 Starts). (Rail at 90 feet).

Distance: One And One Sixteenth Miles On The Outer turf Current Track Record: (Public Defender - 1:39.92 - August 9, 2025)

Purse: \$87,500

Available Money: \$87,500

Value of Race: \$85,525 1st \$52,500, 2nd \$17,500, 3rd \$8,750, 4th \$4,375, 5th \$1,200, 6th \$1,200

Weather: Cloudy, 80° Track: Firm

Off at: 1:08 Start: Good for all Timing Method: Electronic

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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
16Jul26 ⁶ CNL ⁶	2	Lex's Game (Russell, Sheldon) VA CERTIFIED	124	L	2	1	4 ²	4 ^{1 1/2}	3 ²	2 ¹	1 ^{Head}	1.30*	headed, battled back
24Jul26 ⁵ CNL ⁴	4	Irish Nunsense (Centeno, Daniel)	118	L b	3	6	5 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1/2}	6	1 ^{Head}	2 ³	16.20	took up 7/8, led late
24Jul26 ⁵ CNL ³	5	Zencat (Leon, Sonny) VA CERTIFIED	118	L b	4	3	3 ^{1/2}	3 ¹	2 ^{Head}	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{2 3/4}	2.70	battled, held show
24Jul26 ⁵ CNL ²	7	Paid Vacation (Boyce, Forest)	118	L b	6	5	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{Head}	4 ³	4 ^{1 1/4}	1.80	chased,led,gave way
24Jul26 ⁸ CNL ²	1	Beautiful Quality (Sanchez, Mychel)	118	L b	1	2	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	4 ¹	5 ²	5 ²	11.70	ceded lead, no rally
11Jul26 ⁴ CNL ⁵	6	Forget the Rules (Toledo, Jevian)	118	L	5	4	6	6	5 ^{1/2}	6	6	33.90	asked 4 wide, faltered

Fractional Times: 24.14 48.10 1:12.66 1:37.09

Final Time: 1:43.36 Time from Gate: 1:46.31

Split Times: (23:96) (24:56) (24:43) (6:27)

Run-Up: 95 feet Temporary Rail: 90 feet

Winner: Lex's Game, Bay Gelding, by Game Winner out of Lots o' Lex, by Kitalpha. Foaled Apr 07, 2022 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Dr. Steve Lex & Lisa Lex

Owner: Ronald Salerno

Trainer: Russell, Brittany

Scratched Horse(s): Paintmymasterpeace (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$56,686

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
2	Lex's Game	4.60	4.20	2.20	\$1.00 Daily Double	7-2	8.90	15,929
4	Irish Nunsense		13.60	7.00	\$1.00 Exacta	2-4	21.70	44,547
5	Zencat			2.80	\$0.10 Superfecta	2-4-5-7	10.53	16,835
					\$0.50 Trifecta	2-4-5	41.05	26,971

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
2	Lex's Game	1	4 ^{1 1/2}	4 ³	3 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}
4	Irish Nunsense	6	5 ^{3 1/2}	5 ^{4 1/2}	6 ^{3 3/4}	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}
5	Zencat	3	3 ¹	3 ²	2 ^{Head}	3 ¹	3 ³
7	Paid Vacation	5	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{Head}	4 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{5 3/4}
1	Beautiful Quality	2	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{2 1/4}	5 ^{4 1/2}	5 ⁷
6	Forget the Rules	4	6 ⁴	6 ⁵	5 ^{3 1/4}	6 ^{6 1/2}	6 ⁹

Trainers: 2 - Russell, Brittany; 4 - Cooney, Susan; 5 - Flores, Irvin; 7 - Keefe, Timothy; 1 - Cooney, Susan; 6 - Keefe, Timothy

Owners: 2 -Ronald Salerno; 4 - Quest Realty; 5 - Lady Olivia Northcliff LLC; 7 - Avalon Farm, N R S Stable and Terp Racing, LLC; 1 - Twin Oaks Bloodstock LLC; 6 - Avalon Farm and Terp Racing, LLC;

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LEX'S GAME stalked the early leaders then made a quick move while four wide and took over the lead in the stretch, was headed at the 1/16 pole but battled back, getting a nose down in time. IRISH NUNSENSE settled early off the pace before taking up behind horses at the 7/8 pole then had a rail trip along the backstretch before angling out into the lane and rallying, leading late but was outfinished on the wire. ZENCAT rated in the second flight early while under a tight hold then battled between horses through the second turn, contended into the lane and held show. PAID VACATION chased the early pace while five wide and under a tight hold through the first turn, then took over the lead on the backstretch and opened up into the second turn before giving way in the stretch. BEAUTIFUL QUALITY showed early speed along the inside and led through the first turn before being headed at the 3/4 pole and ceded the lead then made no rally in the lane. FORGET THE RULES was allowed to settle early and tucked in before being asked while four wide on the second turn but faltered.

VA CERTIFIED Denotes Virginia-Certified Thoroughbred