


DELAWARE PARK - October 8, 2025 - Race 3  
MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT - Thoroughbred  
(PLUS UP TO 50% Other Sources) FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs.  
Distance: Five And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (New Yawker - 1:02.59 - June 20, 2013)  
Purse: \$45,000  
Plus: \$1,000 Starters Bonus  
Plus: \$6,750 Other Sources  
Available Money: \$52,750  
Value of Race: \$50,500 1st \$33,750, 2nd \$9,000, 3rd \$4,500, 4th \$2,250, 5th \$500, 6th \$500  
Weather: Cloudy, 66° Track: Good  
Off at: 1:50 Start: Good for all except 2 Timing Method: Electronic

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Video Race Replay

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
31Aug25 <sup>6</sup> MTH <sup>4</sup>	8	Holiday Express (Marin, Samuel) <span>VA CERTIFIED</span>	121	L	6	4	4 <sup>3</sup>	<sup>1</sup> Head	<sup>1</sup> 1/2	<sup>1</sup> 1 1/4	1.20	track 4w, bid 1/4
19Sep25 <sup>4</sup> CT <sup>7</sup>	6	Explosive Love (Inirio, Maicol)	121	L b	5	5	5 <sup>3</sup>	5 <sup>4</sup>	4 <sup>3</sup> 1/2	2 <sup>3</sup>	96.30	off pace, rally 5w
31Aug25 <sup>6</sup> MTH <sup>2</sup>	5	Mystical Merlin (Vargas, Jr., Jorge)	121	L	4	1	3 <sup>1</sup>	<sup>2</sup> Head	2 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	1.10*	stalk 3w, vied, wknd
13May25 <sup>2</sup> PRX <sup>4</sup>	4	Never Till Now (Vargas, Jose)	114	L bf	3	2	<sup>2</sup> Head	3 <sup>1</sup> /2	3 <sup>1</sup>	4 <sup>1</sup> 3/4	10.00	press btwn, vie, faded
---	2	Title Track (Hernandez, Julio)	124	L	1	6	6	6	6	5 <sup>4</sup> 1/4	5.10	bump st, trail most
22Aug25 <sup>1</sup> MTH <sup>3</sup>	3	Magic Bay (Rowland, Madeline)	121	L bf	2	3	1 <sup>1</sup>	4 <sup>1</sup>	5 <sup>1</sup>	6	37.00	pace, stdy 1/4, faded

Fractional Times: 22.08 46.53 59.03  
Split Times: (24:45) (12:50) (6:38)  
Run-Up: 64 feet

Final Time: 1:05.41

**Winner:** Holiday Express, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by Name Changer out of Dumtadumtadam, by Mineshaft. Foaled Mar 13, 2022 in New Jersey.  
**Breeder:** Jersey Shore Racing Stable  
**Owner:** Jersey Shore Racing Stable  
**Trainer:** Perkins, Jr., Benjamin

**Scratched Horse(s):** Dr. Merciless (Stewards), Jamaica Redd (Stewards)

**Total WPS Pool:** \$83,941

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
8	Holiday Express	4.40	2.80	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	8-6	81.40	66,208
6	Explosive Love		21.60	5.60	\$0.50 Trifecta	8-6-5	74.20	40,731
5	Mystical Merlin			2.10	\$1.00 Daily Double	6-8	13.10	5,511
					\$0.50 Pick 3	5-6-8 (3 correct)	28.70	15,345
					\$0.10 Superfecta	8-6-5-4	32.73	30,342

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin
8	Holiday Express	4	4 <sup>2</sup>	<sup>1</sup> Head	<sup>1</sup> 1/2	<sup>1</sup> 1 1/4
6	Explosive Love	5	5 <sup>5</sup>	5 <sup>1</sup> 3/4	4 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	2 <sup>1</sup> 1/4
5	Mystical Merlin	1	3 <sup>1</sup>	<sup>2</sup> Head	2 <sup>1</sup> /2	3 <sup>4</sup> 1/4
4	Never Till Now	2	2 <sup>1</sup>	<sup>3</sup> Head	3 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	4 <sup>5</sup> 3/4
2	Title Track	6	6 <sup>8</sup>	6 <sup>5</sup> 3/4	6 <sup>7</sup>	5 <sup>7</sup> 1/2
3	Magic Bay	3	1 <sup>1</sup>	4 <sup>3</sup> /4	5 <sup>6</sup>	6 <sup>11</sup> 3/4

**Trainers:** 8 - Perkins, Jr., Benjamin; 6 - Stites, Flint; 5 - Schultz, Lindsay; 4 - Ashby, Lynn; 2 - Stidham, Michael; 3 - Velazquez, Daniel

**Owners:** 8 - Jersey Shore Racing Stable; 6 - Jackson, Stephen G. and Debbie; 5 - Bergen Stables, LLC; 4 - Ashby, Lynn A. and Hershbell, Lynnett; 2 - Godolphin, LLC; 3 - Burns Thoroughbred Racing LLC;

**Footnotes** | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

HOLIDAY EXPRESS tracked the pace four wide, bid for command entering the final quarter, kept on task through the stretch. EXPLOSIVE LOVE settled off the pace, rallied five wide in the stretch to be up for the place award. MYSTICAL MERLIN stalked the early pace three wide, vied for command between rivals in the turn, weakened in the final furlong. NEVER TILL NOW pressed pace between rivals in the two path, vied through the turn, faded in the stretch. TITLE TRACK bumped at the start, trailed for most, passed retreating foe. MAGIC BAY set the early pace from the inside, steadied at the quarter, retreated.

VA CERTIFIED Denotes Virginia-Certified Thoroughbred