

ELLIS PARK - August 21, 2026 - Race 9
MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT - Thoroughbred
FOR MAIDENS, TWO YEARS OLD. Weight, 119 lbs.
Distance: Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Limousine Liberal - 1:07.89 - July 18, 2015)
Purse: \$100,000
Includes: \$50,000 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund
Available Money: \$100,000
Value of Race: \$99,855 1st \$58,396, 2nd \$19,160, 3rd \$9,580, 4th \$4,790, 5th \$2,874, 6th \$745, 7th \$600, 8th \$745, 9th \$745,
10th \$740, 11th \$740, 12th \$740
Weather: Cloudy, 83° Track: Fast
Off at: 3:45 Start: Good for all except 14 Timing Method: Electronic

[Video Race Replay](#)
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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
17Jul26 ⁵ ELP ²	2	Jokester (Sheehy, Danny)	119	--	2	2	1 ¹	2 ⁴	2 ^{5 1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	2.08*	Ing drv, held off foe
---	12	National Forest (Concepcion, Axel)	119	b	11	11	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{1 1/2}	4.31	long drv, kept at bay
---	3	Staunch (Curtis, Ben)	119	--	3	7	8 ¹	4 ^{1/2}	3 ¹	3 ⁷	6.66	5p upper,rolling late
---	5	Cosmic Confection (Morales, Edgar)	119	b	5	4	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{2 1/2}	4 ³	4 ¹	17.52	btw, 4p upper, weekend
---	6	Bardstown (Torres, Jaime)	119	--	6	6	10 ¹	6 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{1 1/4}	8.20	5p upper, moved up
---	11	Okarito (Hazlewood, Yedsit)	119	--	10	3	11 ¹	8 ²	6 ¹	6 ^{3 3/4}	15.60	6p into lane,improved
---	14	Ritornello (Saez, Gabriel)	119	--	12	8	12	11 ^{1/2}	7 ^{Head}	7 ^{Neck}	85.92	broke out st,5p upper
---	10	Westlake (Machado, Luan)	119	f	9	5	6 ¹	7 ^{Head}	8 ^{1 1/2}	8 ^{4 1/2}	21.87	brief steady along trn
---	1	Bombarino (Torres, Cristian)	119	b	1	12	5 ^{Head}	12	9 ^{1/2}	9 ^{Neck}	21.87	checkd repeatedly turn
---	4	Borax (Asmussen, Erik)	121	--	4	1	4 ^{1/2}	10 ^{1/2}	10 ²	10 ^{4 1/4}	11.82	steadied hard turn
---	8	Clear for Takeoff (Beschizza, Adam)	119	--	7	10	9 ^{Head}	9 ^{Head}	11 ¹	11 ^{2 1/2}	7.65	done early
17Jul26 ⁵ ELP ⁴	9	Round Up (Rodriguez, Walter)	119	--	8	9	7 ¹	5 ¹	12	12	17.38	3p upr, through 1/2

Fractional Times: 22.70 45.85 58.26 Final Time: 1:11.43 Time from Gate: 1:13.26
Split Times: (23:15) (12:41) (13:17)
Run-Up: 35 feet

Winner: Jokester, Chestnut Colt, by Practical Joke out of Curlinup, by Curlin. Foaled Apr 28, 2024 in Kentucky.
Breeder: Prairie Vista Partners
Owner: Black Type Thoroughbreds, Brunetti Dugan Stables, Swinbank Stables LLC, Adkisson, Steve and Atkinson, Andrew
Trainer: Weaver, George

Scratched Horse(s): Moonfire (Also-Eligible), Roosevelt (Also-Eligible), Royces Law (Also-Eligible), Shelton (Trainer)

Total WPS Pool: \$173,140

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool	Carryover
2	Jokester	6.16	3.58	2.78	\$2.00 Exacta	2-12	30.22	135,683	
12	National Forest		5.46	4.02	\$0.50 Trifecta	2-12-3	38.04	64,429	
3	Staunch			4.94	\$0.10 Superfecta	2-12-3-5	79.80	47,715	
					\$2.00 Daily Double	2-2	44.96	26,725	
					\$0.50 Pick 3	4-2-2 (3 correct)	49.79	39,912	
					\$0.50 Pick 4	7-4/5/7/9-2-2/7/13/15/16 (4 correct)	1,204.86	53,447	
					\$1.00 Super High Five	2-12-3-5-6	2,729.62	4,410	
					\$0.50 Pick 5	4-7-4/5/7/9-2-2/7/13/15/16 (5 correct)	9,050.97	78,817	
					\$0.20 Pick 6 Jackpot	3-4-7-4/5/7/9-2-2/7/13/15/16		22,119	33,962
					\$1.00 Octafecta Jackpot	2-12-3-5-ALL-ALL-ALL-ALL	27.46	6,678	329,213

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
2	Jokester	2	1 ¹	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{1/2}
12	National Forest	11	2 ¹	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}
3	Staunch	7	8 ^{4 1/4}	4 ^{6 1/2}	3 ^{5 1/2}	3 ²
5	Cosmic Confection	4	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ⁴	4 ^{6 1/2}	4 ⁹
6	Bardstown	6	10 ^{5 1/4}	6 ⁸	5 ^{9 1/2}	5 ¹⁰
11	Okarito	3	11 ^{6 1/4}	8 ^{9 3/4}	6 ¹¹	6 ^{11 1/4}
14	Ritornello	8	12 ^{7 1/4}	11 ^{12 1/4}	7 ¹²	7 ¹⁵
10	Westlake	5	6 ^{2 1/4}	7 ^{9 1/2}	8 ^{12 1/4}	8 ^{15 1/4}
1	Bombarino	12	5 ²	12 ^{12 3/4}	9 ^{13 3/4}	9 ^{19 3/4}
4	Borax	1	4 ^{1 1/2}	10 ^{11 3/4}	10 ^{14 1/4}	10 ²⁰
8	Clear for Takeoff	10	9 ^{5 1/4}	9 ^{11 3/4}	11 ^{16 1/4}	11 ^{24 1/4}
9	Round Up	9	7 ^{3 1/4}	5 ⁷	12 ^{17 1/4}	12 ^{26 3/4}

Trainers: 2 - Weaver, George; 12 - Cox, Brad; 3 - Walsh, Brendan; 5 - Walsh, Brendan; 6 - Mott, Riley; 11 - Harty, Eoin; 14 - Williams, Matt; 10 - Cowans, William; 1 - Diodoro, Robertino; 4 - Asmussen, Steven; 8 - DeVaux, Cherie; 9 - Foster, Eric

Owners: 2 - Black Type Thoroughbreds, Brunetti Dugan Stables, Swinbank Stables LLC, Adkisson, Steve and Atkinson, Andrew; 12 - WinStar Farm LLC, CHC, Inc. and First Go Racing LLC; 3 - Bourbon Fueled Racing; 5 - Twin Oaks Bloodstock LLC; 6 -James S. Karp; 11 - Godolphin, LLC; 14 - Merano, LLC; 10 - Zimmer Ridge Ranch; 1 - Jerry Caroom; 4 - Heiligbrodt, Corinne, Heiligbrodt, L. William, Brewster, Clark O. and Reimer, Ken T.; 8 - Belladonna Racing, LLC, Twin Brook Stables, West Point Thoroughbreds, Woodford Racing LLC, B.C.W.T. Ltd., Hatfield, Rod and Hatfield Stables; 9 - Maxis Stable and Foster Family Racing;

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JOKESTER set the pace early on, dueled with outside foe into the lane from the two path, continued down the lane under a long drive and held off said foe in the final stages. NATIONAL FOREST stalked the pace early on, dueled with the winner into the lane from the four path, continued with a long drive down the lane but was kept at bay in the final stages. STAUNCH raced back early on, fanned into the five path entering the lane and was rolling late down the lane and bested the rest of the field. COSMIC CONFECTION tracked the pace early on from between horses, raced in the four path into the lane and

weakened late in the stretch run. BARDSTOWN was unhurried early on, raced in the five path into the lane and moved up in the stretch drive. OKARITO raced in the six path entering the lane and improved position. RITORNELLO broke out at the start and trailed the field early on, raced in the five path into the lane and improved position in the stretch. WESTLAKE was briefly steadied along the turn, raced in the three path into the lane and was empty down the lane. BOMBARINO was a step slow at the start, raced along the inside, was checked hard multiple times along the turn. BORAX raced near the rail and was steadied hard along the turn. CLEAR FOR TAKEOFF was done early. ROUND UP raced in the three path into the lane while through after a half.