

HORSESHOE INDIANAPOLIS - August 5, 2026 - Race 7

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT - Thoroughbred
FOR MAIDENS, TWO YEARS OLD. Weight, 120 lbs.

Distance: Five Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Pimm's O'Clock - 55.59 - June 15, 2010)

Purse: \$32,000

Includes: \$11,520 State Bred

Available Money: \$32,000

Value of Race: \$32,000 1st \$19,200, 2nd \$6,400, 3rd \$3,200, 4th \$1,600, 5th \$320, 6th \$320, 7th \$240, 8th \$240, 9th \$160, 10th \$160, 11th \$160

Weather: Clear, 80° Track: Fast

Off at: 5:38 Start: Good for all Timing Method: Electronic

[Video Race Replay](#)

[GPS Race Chart](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	3/16	3/8	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
9Jul26 ⁶ ELP ³	10	Merit Badge (Sheehy, Danny)	120	--	9	3	3 ²	3 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ⁴	2.10*	3p,rally5/16,mild drv
---	8	C R Sultan (Romero, Joseph)	120	--	8	11	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{2 1/4}	45.00	sqzd st,rally4p1/2
25Apr26 ² CD ³	11	Uncle With Money (Sanjur, Santo)	120	b	10	2	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{1 3/4}	3.50	dueled,gave way1/8
---	4	Hard Zone (Saez, Gabriel)	120	b	4	5	5 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1/2}	5 ²	4 ^{Head}	19.50	stlk3p,lost crop late
---	12	Shai A (Mendoza, Amir)	120	b	11	1	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{1 1/4}	6.80	dueled,gave way1/8
---	6	My Awesome Gold (Roman, Evin)	120	--	6	6	8 ¹	9 ^{1 1/2}	7 ^{Head}	6 ^{1/2}	38.60	evenly2path
---	7	Grand Opry (Garcia, Martin)	120	--	7	10	7 ¹	8 ¹	8 ^{1/2}	7 ^{Neck}	3.20	stalked,no late bid
---	2	Chenal Valley (Concepcion, Axel)	120	b	2	7	10 ^{1 1/2}	10 ³	10 ³	8 ^{1 3/4}	12.00	no factor
4Jul26 ⁷ ELP ⁴	5	Beach Vibe (Ramos, Joseph)	120	--	5	9	9 ^{1/2}	7 ^{1/2}	9 ^{1/2}	9 ^{3/4}	11.70	squeezed back early
26Jul26 ⁷ ELP ⁷	1	Mr. Grumpy Pants (Carpio, Rilardo)	122	b	1	4	6 ^{3 1/2}	6 ^{2 1/2}	6 ²	10 ¹	56.40	inside,faded stretch
---	3	Prophetically (Pauly, Summer)	115	b	3	8	11	11	11	11	19.90	steadied early,inside

Fractional Times: 22.07 45.43

Final Time: 58.24 Time from Gate: 59.62

Split Times: (23:36) (12:81)

Run-Up: 130 feet

Winner: Merit Badge, Bay Gelding, by [Mitole](#) out of Badge of Honor, by Badge of Silver. Foaled May 03, 2024 in Minnesota.

NITOLE Champion 11/27/2025 Winner's sire standing at Spendthrift

Breeder: Richard Bremer & Cheryl Sprick

Owner: Sprick, Cheryl and Bremer, Richard

Trainer: Meah, Anna

Scratched Horse(s): Amazing Max (Re-entered), Toledo Bend (Also-Eligible)

Total WPS Pool: \$123,575

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
10	Merit Badge	6.20	3.60	2.40	\$2.00 Exacta	10-8	160.00	108,681
8	C R Sultan		33.20	16.60	\$0.50 Trifecta	10-8-11	152.10	54,433
11	Uncle With Money			3.00	\$0.10 Superfecta	10-8-11-4	294.03	40,951
					\$0.50 Pick 3	8-4/5/7-9/10/13 (3 correct)	29.05	18,526
					\$2.00 Daily Double	5-10	15.40	16,761
					\$0.10 Super High Five	10-8-11-4-12	3,546.67	4,527

Past Performance Running Line Preview

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10	Merit Badge	3	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ⁴
8	C R Sultan	11	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ²	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ⁴
11	Uncle With Money	2	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	3 ²	3 ^{6 1/4}
4	Hard Zone	5	5 ³	5 ^{3 1/2}	5 ^{4 1/2}	4 ⁸
12	Shai A	1	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	4 ²	5 ⁸
6	My Awesome Gold	6	8 ⁸	9 ⁸	7 ^{8 1/2}	6 ^{9 1/4}
7	Grand Opry	10	7 ⁷	8 ⁷	8 ^{8 3/4}	7 ^{9 3/4}
2	Chenal Valley	7	10 ^{9 1/2}	10 ^{9 1/2}	10 ^{9 3/4}	8 ¹⁰
5	Beach Vibe	9	9 ⁹	7 ^{6 1/2}	9 ^{9 1/4}	9 ^{11 3/4}
1	Mr. Grumpy Pants	4	6 ^{3 1/2}	6 ⁴	6 ^{6 1/2}	10 ^{12 1/2}
3	Prophetically	8	11 ¹¹	11 ^{12 1/2}	11 ^{12 3/4}	11 ^{13 1/2}

Trainers: 10 - Meah, Anna; 8 - Gonzalez, Lilia; 11 - Hernandez, Rey; 4 - LaRose, Kinnon; 12 - Thomas, Jonathan; 6 - Chapman, James; 7 - Sisterson, Jack; 2 - Ortiz, John; 5 - Simpson, Daniel; 1 - Carpio, Rilardo; 3 - Moger, Jr., Ed

Owners: 10 - Sprick, Cheryl and Bremer, Richard; 8 - R Chavez Racing, LLC; 11 - Henley, Ben and Hernandez, Rey; 4 - Highlander Training Center; 12 - Justin Owens; 6 - Chapman, James K. and Stuart Tsujimoto, LLC; 7 - C T R Stables LLC (Calvert), Long, Eric Y. and JWS Racing LLC; 2 - Shortleaf Stable, Inc.; 5 -Kristen Vass Rajan; 1 - Carpio Milano Racing Stable, Inc.; 3 -Steve Moger;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

MERIT BADGE stalked the early pace in the three path, rallied on the turn and was clear in the stretch under a mild drive. C R SULTAN was squeezed back at the start, rallied in the four path near the half-mile pole and gained the place. UNCLE WITH MONEY dueled inside of a rival and gave way near the eighth pole. HARD ZONE stalked the pace in the three path and lost the crop just before the wire. SHAI A dueled outside of a rival and gave way near the eighth pole. MY AWESOME GOLD raced evenly in the two path. GRAND OPRY stalked the pace with no late bid. CHENAL VALLEY was not a factor. BEACH VIBE was squeezed back early. MR. GRUMPY PANTS saved ground and faded in the stretch. PROPHETICALLY steadied in the early going and saved ground.