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KEENELAND - April 22, 2026 - Race 8

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT - Thoroughbred

FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 118 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. (Preference To Horses That Have Not Started For Less Than \$50,000 In Last 3 Starts). In the event that this race is taken off the turf it will be contested at One Mile and One-Eighth on the main track. (Rail at 30 feet).

Distance: One And One Eighth Miles On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Memories of Silver - 1:45.81 - October 5, 1996)

Purse: \$110,000

Includes: \$36,300 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund

Available Money: \$110,000

Value of Race: \$109,547 1st \$62,233, 2nd \$20,075, 3rd \$10,038, 4th \$5,019, 5th \$3,011, 6th \$1,375, 7th \$1,375, 8th \$1,375, 9th \$1,375, 10th \$921, 11th \$1,375, 12th \$1,375

Weather: Clear, 72° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 4:45 **Start:** Good for all except 12 **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
28Sep24 ⁴ CD ⁸	3	Vermelho (Ortiz, Jose)	126	L	3	10	11 ^{1/2}	11 ^{Head}	12	8 ^{1/2}	1 ¹	4.25	ins,8p upr,good kick
9Jan26 ⁸ GP ⁵	10	Gold Sovereign (Prat, Flavien)	126	L	10	3	5 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Neck}	2.65*	3p,bid 3w2nd,led late
18Mar26 ⁹ TP ³	7	Lahainaluna (Ortiz, Jr., Irad)	126	L b	7	6	7 ^{1 1/2}	7 ^{1 1/2}	5 ¹	3 ^{1/2}	3 ¹	15.08	bmpd erly,3p,5p1/4,bid
21Mar26 ³ TP ²	11	Dinglewood (Machado, Luan)	118	L b	11	8	1 ^{2 1/2}	1 ²	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	4 ^{Neck}	9.98	ins pair2nd,game,yield
1Mar26 ⁸ GP ²	8	Protect and Defend (Hernandez, Jr., Brian)	118	L	8	11	10 ^{2 1/2}	10 ¹	8 ^{1/2}	7 ^{1/2}	5 ^{3/4}	7.58	bpd btw/stdy erly,3-4p
4Mar26 ⁷ TP ³	2	Nyquistador (Saez, Luis)	126	L b	2	2	6 ^{1/2}	6 ^{Head}	7 ^{Head}	6 ^{1/2}	6 ¹	7.62	ins,chsds 3-6p1/8,evnly
25Mar26 ¹⁰ TP ³	5	Master Sommelier (Morales, Edgar)	126	L b	5	1	3 ¹	2 ^{Head}	4 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1/2}	7 ^{1 1/4}	11.91	ins,chsds 4p3/16,no bid
29Mar26 ⁶ GP ²	4	Go for Rocket (Torres, Jaime)	118	L	4	7	9 ^{1 1/2}	9 ¹	9 ¹	10 ^{1/2}	8 ^{Nose}	13.99	2-3p1st,btw,no factor
23Jul25 ⁴ CNL ⁵	1	Astar (Curtis, Ben)	126	L bf	1	9	8 ^{Head}	8 ^{Head}	10 ^{Head}	9 ^{1/2}	9 ^{Nose}	18.65	saved ground,no avail
22Feb26 ¹ GP ²	12	Bull Shoals (Beschizza, Adam)	118	L bf	12	12	12	12	11 ¹	11 ^{2 1/2}	10 ²	12.43	hesitatd st,2-4p,7p1/4
12Oct24 ³ DEL ³	9	Intuitive Wisdom (Gutierrez, Mario)	126	L	9	5	2 ^{Head}	3 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	11 ³	72.60	bmp erly,2w,bidbtw.wkn
13Mar26 ⁵ GP ³	6	Mortal Lock (Velazquez, John)	126	L bf	6	4	4 ^{Head}	5 ¹	6 ^{1/2}	12	12	16.27	track 2p,btw 9/16,wknd

Fractional Times: 22.75 48.29 1:14.18 1:39.65 **Final Time:** 1:52.25 **Time from Gate:** 1:57.48

Split Times: (25:54) (25:89) (25:47) (12:60)

Run-Up: 189 feet **Temporary Rail:** 30 feet

Winner: Vermelho, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by Constitution out of Ruby Lips, by Hard Spun. Foaled May 22, 2022 in Kentucky.

Breeder: B. Flay Thoroughbreds

Owner: Belladonna Racing, LLC, Twin Brook Stables, Woodford Racing, LLC, Hatfield, Rod, B.C.W.T. Ltd. and Taylor Creek

Trainer: DeVaux, Cherie

Scratched Horse(s): Culture War (Also-Eligible), Limited Edition (Also-Eligible), Mr Bobo (Also-Eligible), Swerve (Also-Eligible)

Total WPS Pool: \$448,107

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
3	Vermelho	10.50	5.76	4.96	\$3.00 Pick 3	1-6-3 (3 correct)	437.04	204,155
10	Gold Sovereign		3.74	3.16	\$3.00 Pick 3	KEE TURF P3 6-1-3 (3 correct)	4,274.34	116,523
7	Lahainaluna			9.44	\$0.50 Pick 4	1/3/6-1-4/6-3 (4 correct)	152.34	330,957
					\$0.50 Pick 5	6-1/3/6-1-4/6-3 (4 correct)	15.72	0
					\$0.50 Pick 5	6-1/3/6-1-4/6-3 (5 correct)	1,828.01	463,042
					\$1.00 Pick 6	1/3/4-6-1/3/6-1-4/6-3 (5 correct)	48.26	0
					\$1.00 Pick 6	1/3/4-6-1/3/6-1-4/6-3 (6 correct)	5,700.36	443,578
					\$1.00 Daily Double	6-3	19.92	206,025
					\$1.00 Exacta	3-10	18.12	342,063
					\$0.50 Superfecta	3-10-7-11	780.96	98,601
					\$1.00 Super High Five	3-10-7-11-8	5,085.39	6,529
					\$0.50 Trifecta	3-10-7	89.98	221,391

Past Performance Running Line Preview

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3	Vermelho	10	11 ^{11 1/4}	11 ^{8 1/4}	12 ^{6 1/4}	8 ⁴	1 ¹
10	Gold Sovereign	3	5 ^{3 3/4}	4 ³	3 ¹	2 ^{Head}	2 ¹
7	Lahainaluna	6	7 ^{5 3/4}	7 ^{4 3/4}	5 ²	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1 1/4}
11	Dinglewood	8	1 ^{2 1/2}	1 ²	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	4 ^{2 1/4}
8	Protect and Defend	11	10 ^{8 3/4}	10 ^{7 1/4}	8 ^{3 1/2}	7 ^{3 1/2}	5 ^{2 1/2}
2	Nyquistador	2	6 ^{5 1/4}	6 ^{4 1/2}	7 ^{3 1/2}	6 ³	6 ^{3 1/4}
5	Master Sommelier	1	3 ^{2 1/2}	2 ²	4 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{2 1/2}	7 ^{4 1/4}
4	Go for Rocket	7	9 ^{7 1/4}	9 ^{6 1/4}	9 ⁴	10 ⁵	8 ^{5 1/2}
1	Astar	9	8 ^{7 1/4}	8 ^{6 1/4}	10 ⁵	9 ^{4 1/2}	9 ^{5 1/2}
12	Bull Shoals	12	12 ^{11 3/4}	12 ^{8 1/2}	11 ^{5 1/4}	11 ^{5 1/2}	10 ^{5 1/2}
9	Intuitive Wisdom	5	2 ^{2 1/2}	3 ²	2 ^{1/2}	4 ¹	11 ^{7 1/2}
6	Mortal Lock	4	4 ^{3 1/2}	5 ^{3 1/2}	6 ³	12 ⁸	12 ^{10 1/2}

Trainers: 3 - DeVaux, Cherie; 10 - Brown, Chad; 7 - Sharp, Joe; 11 - Motion, H.; 8 - McGaughey III, Claude; 2 - Medina, Robert; 5 - McKeever, Andrew; 4 - Mott, Riley; 1 - Maker, Michael; 12 - Antonucci, Jena; 9 - Vaccarezza, Nicholas; 6 - Weaver, George

Owners: 3 - Belladonna Racing, LLC, Twin Brook Stables, Woodford Racing, LLC, Hatfield, Rod, B.C.W.T. Ltd. and Taylor Creek; 10 - Calumet Farm; 7 - Susan Naylor; 11 - Gainesway Stable (Antony Beck); 8 -Stuart S. Janney III; 2 - Rodeo Creek Racing, LLC; 5 - Castleton Lyons and Twin Oaks Bloodstock, LLC; 4 - Frank Fletcher Racing Operations, Inc.; 1 -Brian Malloy; 12 - Bushman Thoroughbreds; 9 - Viscomi, Emilio and Vaccarezza Racing, LLC; 6 - Daigneault Thoroughbreds, LLC;

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VERMELHO rated at the rear along the inside, trailed in the two path turning for home, swung out to the eight path into upper stretch, rallied widest with a good kick and reeled in the leaders late. GOLD SOVEREIGN tracked in the three path, bid three deep rounding the far turn, vied between horses into the final furlong, led in the final sixteenth but got outkicked late. LAHAINALUNA was bumped by an outer foe early on, pursued from midpack in the three path, shifted five wide entering the lane, rallied with a grinding charge to bid at the furlong grounds, vied with an inner rival into the final sixteenth but got outkicked by an outer bidder late. DINGLEWOOD set a clear pace early on, got collared by an outer pair around the far turn, fought on gamely while hanging on his left lead but yielded late. PROTECT AND DEFEND was bumped by an outer rival into an inner foe and steadied back early on, settled well back in the three to four path, progressed outside of foes into the far turn, fanned to the six path entering the lane, got outkicked by an outer rival while getting floated to the seven path in midstretch then ran on willingly. NYQUISTADOR pursued from midpack along the inside, chased in the two to three path into the lane, shifted out to the six path in midstretch and stayed on evenly. MASTER SOMMELIER stalked along the inside, chased while moving out to the four path in upper stretch and lacked a bid. GO FOR ROCKET settled in the two to three path around the first turn, then between horses with nine sixteenths to go and failed to factor. ASTAR saved ground off of the pace but to no avail. BULL SHOALS hesitated at the start, raced at the rear two wide, took the far turn in the four path before fanning to the seven path entering the lane and failed to factor. INTUITIVE WISDOM bumped an inner foe early on, stalked two wide, bid between horses rounding the far turn, vied through upper stretch then weakened at the furlong grounds. MORTAL LOCK tracked from the two path, the between horses with nine sixteenths to go and weakened through the lane.