

LOUISIANA DOWNS - September 6, 2025 - Race 5

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT - Thoroughbred

(INCLUDES UP TO \$17,200 Other Sources) FOR ACCREDITED LA BRED MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. (Preference To Horses That Have Not Started For A Claiming Price Of Less Than \$20,000). (S)

Distance: Six Furlongs On The Dirt Current Track Record: (Tangent (NZ) - 1:08.40 - April 28, 1984)

Purse: \$23,000

Includes: \$2,800 LTBA - Louisiana TB Breeders Association

Includes: \$3,000 LAVPF - Louisiana Video Poker Fund

Available Money: \$23,000

Value of Race: \$23,000 1st \$13,800, 2nd \$4,600, 3rd \$2,530, 4th \$1,380, 5th \$690

Weather: Cloudy, 76° Track: Fast

Off at: 5:40 Start: Good for all Timing Method: Electronic

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Video Race Replay

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
26May25 ³ LAD ³	5	Royal Hope (Nieves, Emanuel)	120	L	5	2	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ²	1 ²	1 ^{1 1/2}	1.40*	control stretch, best
29Jul25 ⁶ LAD ⁵	2	Blesseduponastar (Dominguez, Joel)	124	L b	2	6	7 ⁵	5 ²	4 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	5.60	gaining, 2nd best
11Jul25 ⁸ LS ¹¹	8	Deacon Jones (Ramirez, Jr., Julio)	124	L b	8	3	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	3 ^{1/2}	9.10	pressed, weakened late
25Aug25 ³ LAD ⁴	4	Lightning Twirl (Perez, Carlos)	115	L bf	4	1	4 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{Head}	3 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{Neck}	16.60	inside, flattened out
29Jun25 ⁶ LAD ²	1	Deelitesandimsum (Vargas, Juan)	120	L b	1	8	8	7 ²	5 ^{1/2}	5 ^{5 1/2}	5.00	saved, mild rally
13Aug25 ⁷ LAD ⁷	6	Silent Ruler (Gonzalez, Nicasio)	120	L b	6	4	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	6 ³	6 ²	16.70	pace, gave way
---	3	Wicked Times (Castillo, Alexander)	120	L	3	7	5 ¹	8	7 ^{1 1/2}	7 ^{2 1/2}	4.40	between, no rally
---	7	Pocketful of Money (Batista, Alexis)	120	L b	7	5	6 ²	6 ^{1 1/2}	8	8	11.00	5-w, never fired

Fractional Times: 22.75 46.61 59.26

Split Times: (23:86) (12:65) (13:09)

Run-Up: 20 feet

Final Time: 1:12.35

Winner: Royal Hope, Bay Gelding, by Imperial Hint out of Shelly's Hope, by Strong Hope. Foaled Apr 23, 2022 in Louisiana.

Breeder: Colonel Thoroughbreds LLC

Owner: David W. Bunn

Trainer: Johnson, Jr., Henry

Total WPS Pool: \$29,891		Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
Pgm	Horse							
5	Royal Hope	4.80	2.80	2.40	\$1.00 Exacta	5-2	9.60	18,084
2	Blesseduponastar		4.40	3.40	\$0.50 Trifecta	5-2-8	52.20	11,911
8	Deacon Jones			4.80	\$0.10 Superfecta	5-2-8-4	45.55	8,984
					\$1.00 Daily Double	10-5	10.40	2,866
					\$0.50 Pick 3	1-10-5 (3 correct)	9.15	2,667

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
5	Royal Hope	2	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	1 ²	1 ^{1 1/2}
2	Blesseduponastar	6	7 ^{6 1/2}	5 ^{2 3/4}	4 ^{3 1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}
8	Deacon Jones	3	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{1/2}	2 ²	3 ³
4	Lightning Twirl	1	4 ²	4 ^{2 1/2}	3 ²	4 ^{3 1/2}
1	Deelitesandimsum	8	8 ^{11 1/2}	7 ^{6 1/4}	5 ⁴	5 ^{3 3/4}
6	Silent Ruler	4	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	6 ^{4 1/2}	6 ^{9 1/4}
3	Wicked Times	7	5 ^{3 1/2}	8 ^{8 1/4}	7 ^{7 1/2}	7 ^{11 1/4}
7	Pocketful of Money	5	6 ^{4 1/2}	6 ^{4 3/4}	8 ⁹	8 ^{13 3/4}

Trainers: 5 - Johnson, Jr., Henry; 2 - Antwine, Michael; 8 - Mallery, Vonn; 4 - Broussard, Jervon; 1 - Dunn, Henry; 6 - Gomez, Rafael; 3 - Foster, Joseph; 7 - Gomez, David

Owners: 5 -David W. Bunn; 2 - Haas, Margaret Lanetta and Womack, Larry D.; 8 -Javier Ruiz Ortiz; 4 -Donovan Arceneaux; 1 -Henry Ray Dunn; 6 -Maxie Wayne Kitchings, Jr.; 3 - Tri-Star Racing LLC and Joey Foster Racing and Farm LLC; 7 - Southern Legacy Thoroughbreds LLC;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

ROYAL HOPE was up close early, raced along the inside, took control through the stretch and was best. BLESSEDUPONASTAR was outrun early, raced six wide through the turn, was gaining late and was second best. DEACON JONES pressed the early pace, raced five wide through the turn and weakened late. LIGHTNING TWIRL raced in mid pack early from the inside and flattened out. DEELITESANDIMSUM broke in at the start, saved ground through the turn, saved ground and offered a mild late rally. SILENT RULER set a pressured early pace, raced four wide into the turn and gave way. WICKED TIMES was reserved early, raced between rivals and offered no late rally. POCKETFUL OF MONEY was taken back early, went five wide and never fired.