

LOUISIANA DOWNS - September 14, 2026 - Race 5

MAIDEN CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Claiming Price \$10,000. (If deemed inadvisable by management to run this race over the turf course, it will be run on the main track at one mile and seventy yards). **Claiming Price:** \$10,000

Distance: Seven And One Half Furlongs On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Our Love - 1:27.96 - August 14, 2005)

Purse: \$9,900

Includes: \$5,000 Other Sources

Plus: \$2,000 ALBSS-Accredited LA Bred Slot Supplement

Available Money: \$11,900

Value of Race: \$9,900 1st \$5,940, 2nd \$1,980, 3rd \$1,089, 4th \$594, 5th \$297

Weather: Clear, 98° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 6:01 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
26Aug26 ⁵ LAD ³	3	Eagle in the Air (Santiago, Edward)	124	L bf	3	1	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ^{Head}	1 ³	1 ⁶ 3/4	4.60	soft pace,kicked clear
2Sep26 ⁷ LAD ³	5	Bernardo (Lozada, Carlos)	124	L	5	3	3 ⁴	3 ³	2 ³	2 ¹ 3/4	0.20*	3w,brief bid,no match
25Aug26 ⁷ LAD ⁸	8	Riddick (Hernandez, Javier)	119	L f	6	4	5 ⁴	6	5 ²	3 ^{1/2}	5.00	tight 3/8,gaining 2nd
25Aug26 ⁴ LAD ⁷	4	Hank Ridge (Ramirez, Jr., Julio)	124	L b	4	2	2 ¹	2 ^{Head}	3 ¹	4 ²	55.10	pressd btwn,gve way2nd
20Jul26 ¹ LAD ⁵	1	Tito (Rodriguez, Filemon)	124	L bf	1	5	4 ^{1/2}	4 ³	4 ²	5 ⁵ 3/4	31.60	brk out, rank early
10Aug26 ⁷ LAD ⁵	2	Sweet Present (Baez, Jan)	124	L	2	6	6	5 ^{1/2}	6	6	73.20	bother,off slow,no bid

Fractional Times: 24.99 49.19 1:12.92 1:25.08

Final Time: 1:31.59

Time from Gate: 1:32.63

Split Times: (24:20) (23:73) (12:16) (6:51)

Run-Up: 25 feet

Winner: Eagle in the Air, Gray or Roan Gelding, by Eagle out of Malaysian Air, by Mizzen Mast. Foaled Mar 01, 2022 in Texas.

Breeder: Paul J. Rigali Jr.

Owner: Donald Melancon

Trainer: Melancon, Donald

Claiming Prices: 3 - Eagle in the Air: \$10,000; 5 - Bernardo: \$10,000; 8 - Riddick: \$10,000; 4 - Hank Ridge: \$10,000; 1 - Tito: \$10,000; 2 - Sweet Present: \$10,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Caribbean Son (Veterinarian), Keokuk Kid (Veterinarian), Two Weeks Notice (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$27,005

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
3	Eagle in the Air	11.20	2.60	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	3-5	8.10	25,771
5	Bernardo		2.10	2.10	\$0.50 Trifecta	3-5-8	6.30	16,989
8	Riddick			2.10	\$0.10 Superfecta	3-5-8-4	3.21	12,239
					\$1.00 Daily Double	3-3	12.80	3,515
					\$0.50 Pick 3	3-3-3 (3 correct)	23.70	3,850

Past Performance Running Line Preview

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3	Eagle in the Air	1	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ^{Head}	1 ³	1 ⁶ 3/4
5	Bernardo	3	3 ² 1/2	3 ^{Head}	2 ³	2 ⁶ 3/4
8	Riddick	4	5 ⁷	6 ⁶ 3/4	5 ⁹	3 ⁸ 1/2
4	Hank Ridge	2	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ^{Head}	3 ⁶	4 ⁹
1	Tito	5	4 ⁶ 1/2	4 ³ 1/4	4 ⁷	5 ¹¹
2	Sweet Present	6	6 ¹¹	5 ⁶ 1/4	6 ¹¹	6 ¹⁶ 3/4

Trainers: 3 - Melancon, Donald; 5 - Jacks, Karen; 8 - Davila, Jesse; 4 - Rangel, Raul; 1 - Govea, Cesar; 2 - Gomez, Jorge

Owners: 3 -Donald Melancon; 5 -Karen E. Jacks; 8 -Jose Ramos-Ramirez; 4 -Ronald Kotara; 1 - Bartolome, Juan M. and Bartolome, Thalia M.; 2 -Jorge Gomez;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

EAGLE IN THE AIR broke well, showed the way into the first turn toward the inside, rated through a soft set of early fractions, quickened a bit into the far turn when under pressure from the outside, shrugged off a mild bid from the runner up midway on that bend, kicked well clear through the lane under steady handling. BERNARDO prompted the pace while three wide, came under a ride far turn, lodged a mild bid outside the winner midway on that bend, proved no match in the drive, remained clear for the place. RIDDICK lacked any early speed, steadied when in a bit tight far turn, moved out to the two path, roused for the drive, staged a steady rally to be getting to the runner up late, no threat to the winner. HANK RIDGE closest to the winner through the first turn, pressed that one while between horses up the backstretch, faltered while still between the top two in the final turn, continued to weaken through the stretch. TITO broke out, was rank soon after and again in the first turn, went one paced toward the inside in lacking a closing response. SWEET PRESENT bothered at the start to be away slowly, continued back off the pace, never menaced while racing toward the inside.