

LAUREL PARK - September 20, 2026 - Race 3

EQUIBASE

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT - Thoroughbred
(PLUS UP TO 15% MBF) FOR MAIDENS, THREE, FOUR, FIVE, AND SIX YEARS OLD. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs.
(If deemed inadvisable by management to run this race on the Turf course, it will be run on the main track at One Mile) (Rail at 52 feet).
Distance: One And One Sixteenth Miles On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Two by Two - 1:40.22 - July 26, 2024)
Purse: \$51,060
Includes: \$4,060 Starters Bonus
Available Money: \$51,060
Value of Race: \$51,060 1st \$28,200, 2nd \$9,400, 3rd \$4,700, 4th \$2,350, 5th \$1,410, 6th \$1,000, 7th \$1,000, 8th \$1,000, 9th \$1,000, 10th \$1,000
Weather: Cloudy, 79° **Track:** Good
Off at: 1:09 **Start:** Good for all except 3 **Timing Method:** Electronic

[GPS Race Chart](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
8Apr25 ² KEE ³	7	Meritorious (Barbosa, Jeiron)	126 L	7	5	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ¹	1 ¹ /2	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Nose}	6.10	pace,long duel,dug in
8Mar26 ⁵ LRL ³	9	Rio Grande (Russell, Sheldon)	122 L	9	4	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ²	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ² 1/2	2 ^{3/4}	2.30*	pressd2p,bid,outkicked
29Aug26 ⁶ CNL ⁶	8	Executive (Cheminaud, Vincent)	126 L b	8	9	6 ¹ /2	5 ¹ /2	5 ²	3 ¹ /2	3 ¹ 3/4	11.00	shifted out,late gain
29Aug26 ⁶ CNL ³	5	Souper Cha Ching (Boyce, Forest)	122 L	5	6	5 ¹ 1/2	6 ² 1/2	6 ¹ /2	6 ^{Head}	4 ¹ /2	3.70	belated interest 4w
25Oct25 ¹⁰ KEE ¹¹	6	Leverage (Rodriguez, Jaime)	122 L b	6	8	8 ² 1/2	8 ¹ 1/2	7 ¹	7 ²	5 ¹ 1/2	23.70	rail 2nd,asked,mildly
7Sep26 ⁴ CNL ³	1	Irish Nunsense (Lopez, Carlos)	122 L b	1	1	3 ¹	3 ¹ /2	3 ²	4 ¹ 1/2	6 ¹ /2	24.30	tight,brush rail early
14Aug26 ² PEN ²	2	Resolute (Ocasio, Luis)	122 L b	2	2	4 ¹	4 ²	4 ¹ /2	5 ¹ /2	7 ¹ 1/2	9.30	2nd flight, empty str
24Jul26 ¹⁰ SAR ³	3	Gold Sovereign (Kingsley, Taylor)	119 L	3	3	10	10	8 ¹ 1/2	9 ¹ /2	8 ² 1/4	4.80	stumble brk,5w 2nd
5Dec25 ⁵ TP ⁶	10	Gold Reserve (Chuan, Martin)	122 L	10	7	7 ²	7 ^{Head}	10	10	9 ³ 3/4	10.90	4w 3/4, thru early
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Fractional Times: 24.45 48.42 1:12.67 1:37.25 **Final Time:** 1:43.78 **Time from Gate:** 1:45.64
Split Times: (23:97) (24:25) (24:58) (6:53)
Run-Up: 40 feet **Temporary Rail:** 52 feet

Winner: Meritorious, Bay Gelding, by [Honor A. P.](#) out of Katherine, by Distorted Humor. Foaled Apr 27, 2022 in Kentucky.

 Winner's sire standing at Lane's End

Breeder: Parks Investment Group, LLC
Owner: High Kings Racing LLC
Trainer: Saville, Niall

Total WPS Pool: \$59,821

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
7	Meritorious	14.20	5.80	4.60	\$0.50 Pick 3	3/5-1-7 (3 correct)	51.90	22,090
9	Rio Grande		3.60	3.00	\$1.00 Daily Double	1-7	49.40	9,395
8	Executive			5.60	\$1.00 Exacta	7-9	23.40	59,446
					\$1.00 Superfecta	7-9-8-5	741.10	19,304
					\$1.00 Trifecta	7-9-8	169.70	29,909

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
7	Meritorious	5	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ¹	1 ¹ /2	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Nose}
9	Rio Grande	4	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ¹	2 ¹ /2	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Nose}
8	Executive	9	6 ⁶ 1/2	5 ⁵ 1/2	5 ⁴ 1/2	3 ² 1/2	3 ^{3/4}
5	Souper Cha Ching	6	5 ⁵	6 ⁶	6 ⁶ 1/2	6 ⁵	4 ² 1/2
6	Leverage	8	8 ⁹	8 ⁸ 1/2	7 ⁷	7 ⁵ 1/4	5 ³
1	Irish Nunsense	1	3 ³	3 ³	3 ²	4 ³	6 ⁴ 1/2
2	Resolute	2	4 ⁴	4 ³ 1/2	4 ⁴	5 ⁴ 1/2	7 ⁵
3	Gold Sovereign	3	10 ¹² 1/2	10 ¹⁰ 1/2	8 ⁸	9 ⁹ 3/4	8 ⁶ 1/2
10	Gold Reserve	7	7 ⁷	7 ⁸ 1/2	10 ⁹ 1/2	10 ¹⁰ 1/4	9 ⁸ 3/4
4	War Ace	10	9 ¹¹ 1/2	9 ¹⁰	9 ⁹ 1/2	8 ⁷ 1/4	10 ¹² 1/2

Trainers: 7 - Saville, Niall; 9 - Russell, Brittany; 8 - De Paz, Horacio; 5 - Trombetta, Michael; 6 - Motion, H.; 1 - Cooney, Susan; 2 - Servis, John; 3 - Garner, Thomas; 10 - Nihei, Michelle; 4 - Delacour, Arnaud

Owners: 7 - High Kings Racing LLC; 9 - SF Racing, LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, LLC, Bashor Racing, LLC, Determined Stables, Golconda Stable, Waves Edge Capital, LLC and Donovan, Catherine; 8 - Saratoga Dreams Racing LLC; 5 - Live Oak Plantation; 6 -Robert S. Evans; 1 - Quest Realty; 2 - Erdenheim Farm Thoroughbreds; 3 - Leipers Fork Steeplechase; 10 - Tropical Racing; 4 -Stella F. Thayer;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

MERITORIOUS angled in and took command soon after the start putting IRISH NUNSENSE in tight past the wire the first time, set a pressured pace through some reasonable fractions along the inside, hooked up with the runner up in the second turn, long duel to the wire, dug in late to narrowly prevail in game fashion. RIO GRANDE pressed the winner from the outset from the outside, moved to challenged that rival in the two path final turn, extended duel to the wire, could not get by. EXECUTIVE back off the pace while off the inside, dropped in and began to move closer far turn, chased the top two past the furlong marker, shifted out and was steadily gaining on that pair late. SOUPER CHA CHING brushed at the start, raced back off the inside, came four wide for the drive, set down for the drive, showed some belated interest to improve position. LEVERAGE lacked speed, continued back while saving ground through the final turn, asked along late in that bend, showed some mild late interest bo better his position, not a serious threat. IRISH NUNSENSE broke sharply, was put in tight by the winner not long after, brushed with the rail and steadied, recovered and tracked the issue up front along the inside, remained forward along the rail into the far turn, had little left for the drive. RESOLUTE raced in the second flight while off the inside, came up empty when called on for the drive. GOLD SOVEREIGN stumbled badly at the start, raced back, was five wide through the final turn, remained back through the lane. GOLD RESERVE four wide into the first turn when racing in mid pace, was finished after four furlongs. WAR ACE bothered and put in tight by a stumbling GOLD SOVERIGN at the break, remained always back in failing to threaten.

