LAUREL PARK - November 6, 2026 - Race 9

EQUIBASE

MAIDEN CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
(PLUS UP TO 15% MBF) FOR MAIDENS, TWO YEARS OLD. Weight, 122 lbs. Claiming Price $25,000, if for $20,000, allowed 4 lbs. Which have not been permitted Lasix within 48 hours of Post Time. Maryland Bred Claiming Price $30,000. **Claiming Price:** $25,000 - $20,000
Distance: Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Richter Scale - 1:07.95 - July 15, 2000)
Purse: $36,650
Includes: $3,500 Starters Bonus
Includes: $3,150 MBF - Maryland Bred Fund
Available Money: $36,650
Value of Race: $36,650 1st $20,700, 2nd $6,000, 3rd $3,450, 4th $1,500, 5th $1,000, 6th $1,000, 7th $1,000, 8th $1,000, 9th $1,000
Weather: Cloudy**,** 72° **Track:** Muddy (Sealed)
Off at: 3:50 **Start:** Good for all except 4 **Timing Method:** Electronic

Video Race Replay

GPS Race Chart

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
9Oct26 ^{7}LRL^{3}	2	Engaged Is Better (Briceno, Leandro)	115	- -	2	1	$1^{1/2}$	$1^{2\ 1/2}$	1^{5}	$1^{15\ 3/4}$	1.00*	drifted out, driving
9Oct26 ^{4}DEL^{2}	9	Girvinski (Batista, Jose)	122	b	8	7	5^{2}	3^{Head}	2^{Head}	$2^{3/4}$	3.10	3wd,chased winner
9Oct26 ^{7}LRL^{7}	3	Slightly Motivated (Toledo, Jevian)	122	b	3	4	2^{1}	2^{1}	$3^{1\ 1/2}$	3^{Nose}	19.20	pressed winner,weaknd
16Oct26 ^{1}DEL^{3}	10	Cecilton (Rosario, Emanuel)	117	bf	9	2	$4^{1/2}$	$5^{1\ 1/2}$	4^{Head}	4^{Neck}	29.60	4wd turn,rail lane
9Oct26 ^{7}LRL^{6}	6	Blo On By (Rodriguez, Jaime)	122	f	6	8	9	$7^{2\ 1/2}$	6^{1}	$5^{3\ 1/4}$	8.80	squeezed start,6w 1/8
---	4	Sgt. Finley (Lopez, Carlos)	122	b	4	9	7^{Head}	6^{2}	7^{5}	$6^{4\ 3/4}$	6.30	hesitate st,check 1/8
26Sep26 ^{10}LRL^{4}	1	King Xisco (Briceno, Jean)	122	bf	1	3	3^{Head}	4^{2}	$5^{1\ 1/2}$	7^{3}	8.40	rail,chased,gave way
25Sep26 ^{6}LRL^{9}	5	Diamond Boy Blue (Perez, Xavier)	122	b	5	6	6^{1}	8^{3}	8^{4}	$8^{5\ 1/2}$	15.90	bore out brek,no fctor
24Oct26 ^{9}LRL^{9}	7	El Pantera (Ortiz, Yomar)	122	b	7	5	8^{2}	9	9	9	77.70	steadied 5/8,faltered

Fractional Times: 23.12 47.40 59.71 **Final Time:** 1:12.37 **Time from Gate:** 1:14.37
Split Times: (24:28) (12:31) (12:66)
Run-Up: 60 feet

Winner: Engaged Is Better, Chestnut Gelding, by Engage out of She's Mo Better, by Uncle Lino. Foaled Mar 26, 2024 in Maryland.
Breeder: Step Up Thoroughbreds Inc
Owner: Step Up Thoroughbreds Inc.
Trainer: Salzman, Jr., John

1 Claimed Horse(s): Girvinski New Trainer: A. Ferris Allen III New Owner: SpergerWay Stables LLC

Claiming Prices: 2 - Engaged Is Better: $30,000; 9 - Girvinski: $25,000; 3 - Slightly Motivated: $30,000; 10 - Cecilton: $30,000; 6 - Blo On By: $30,000; 4 - Sgt. Finley: $30,000; 1 - King Xisco: $30,000; 5 - Diamond Boy Blue: $25,000; 7 - El Pantera: $30,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Just Brothers (Trainer), Mighty Moo (Stewards)

Total WPS Pool: $62,202

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show
2	Engaged Is Better	4.00	2.60	2.40
9	Girvinski		3.40	3.00
3	Slightly Motivated			6.80

Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool	Carryover
$1.00 Exacta	2-9	6.50	55,433	
$1.00 Trifecta	2-9-3	64.80	33,534	
$1.00 Superfecta	2-9-3-10	615.60	24,104	
$1.00 Daily Double	13-2	7.00	7,451	
$0.50 Pick 3	2-6/7/8/9/13/14-2/8/11 (3 correct)	10.10	9,533	
$0.50 Pick 4	5-2-6/7/8/9/13/14-2/8/11 (4 correct)	114.95	17,012	
$0.50 Pick 5	10-5-2-6/7/8/9/13/14-2/8/11 (5 correct)	449.85	26,071	
$0.20 Pick 6 Jackpot	4-10-5-2-6/7/8/9/13/14-2/8/11 (5 correct)	69.02	2,013	644

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
2	Engaged Is Better	1	$1^{1/2}$	$1^{2\ 1/2}$	1^{5}	$1^{15\ 3/4}$
9	Girvinski	7	5^{2}	$3^{3\ 1/2}$	2^{5}	$2^{15\ 3/4}$
3	Slightly Motivated	4	$2^{1/2}$	$2^{2\ 1/2}$	3^{5}	$3^{16\ 1/2}$
10	Cecilton	2	$4^{1\ 1/2}$	$5^{5\ 1/2}$	$4^{6\ 1/2}$	$4^{16\ 1/2}$
6	Blo On By	8	$9^{7\ 1/4}$	7^{9}	$6^{8\ 1/4}$	$5^{16\ 3/4}$
4	Sgt. Finley	9	7^{5}	6^{7}	$7^{9\ 1/4}$	6^{20}
1	King Xisco	3	$3^{1\ 1/2}$	$4^{3\ 1/2}$	$5^{6\ 3/4}$	$7^{24\ 3/4}$
5	Diamond Boy Blue	6	6^{4}	$8^{11\ 1/2}$	$8^{14\ 1/4}$	$8^{27\ 3/4}$
7	El Pantera	5	$8^{5\ 1/4}$	$9^{14\ 1/2}$	$9^{18\ 1/4}$	$9^{33\ 1/4}$

Trainers: 2 - Salzman, Jr., John; 9 - Pecoraro, Anthony; 3 - Eubanks, Daniel; 10 - Nazario, Pedro; 6 - Wagner, Karin; 4 - Capuano, Phillip; 1 - Murphy, Joseph; 5 - Eubanks, Daniel; 7 - Sanchez-Salomon, Rodolfo

Owners: 2 - Step Up Thoroughbreds Inc.; 9 -Teresa Haupt; 3 - Rising Sun Racing Stables, Inc. and Eubanks, Annette M.; 10 -Sergio Gomez; 6 - Best A Luck Farm, LLC and Metz, Larry; 4 - McMahon, Timothy and Bayne, Jr., William B.; 1 -Leonora Coyoy; 5 - Rising Sun Racing Stables, Inc. and Eubanks, Guy; 7 - J R Sanchez Racing Stable;

Footnotes | View Glossary Of Terms
ENGAGED IS BETTER sprinted to the early lead, saved ground around the turn, drifted wide in upper stretch and drew away under urging. GIRVINSKI , three deep around the turn, chased the winner and gained the place. SLIGHTLY MOTIVATED pressed the winner around the turn and weakened in the drive. CECILTON , four wide on the turn, angled in for the drive and finished evenly along the rail. BLO ON BY , squeezed back leaving the starting gate, raced along the inner rail mid way on the turn, angled out and swung to the six path in mid stretch and failed to menace. SGT. FINLEY hesitated at the

break, saved ground on the turn, hugged the inner rail in the stretch and was checked lacking room near the eighth pole. KING XISCO remained along the rail, chased the winner to upper stretch and gave way. DIAMOND BOY BLUE bore out leaving the starting gate and was no factor. EL PANTERA bore in leaving the starting gate, steadied in traffic near the five eigths pole and faltered.

Total Attendance: 0 **Handle:** $1,569,817

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