

MONMOUTH PARK - June 6, 2026 - Race 1

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

(PLUS UP TO 40% NJB) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NOT WON A RACE SINCE DECEMBER 6.

Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Claiming Price \$8,000, For Each \$500 To \$7,000 1 lb. (Races Where Entered For \$5,000

Or Less Not Considered In Eligibility). (NW1 6MX) **Claiming Price:** \$8,000 - \$7,000

Distance: One And One Sixteenth Miles On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Sharp Azteca - 1:40.19 - July 30, 2017)

Purse: \$19,500

Available Money: \$19,500

Value of Race: \$19,500 1st \$11,400, 2nd \$3,800, 3rd \$1,900, 4th \$950, 5th \$725, 6th \$725

Weather: Cloudy, 85° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 12:53 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

[Video Race Replay](#)

[GPS Race Chart](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
30May26 ² MTH ¹	2	Brave Bear (Rivera, Jr., Luis)	124 L	2	2	2 ¹	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ¹	5.50	stalked, bid, edge clr
1May26 ⁸ TAM ³	5	Denying (Leon, Sonny)	124 L b	3	5	6	6	3 ²	2 ⁵	2 ^{9 1/4}	0.60*	bid 3w turn, 2d best
16May26 ² MTH ³	1	Fluff the Pillow (Sutherland, Chantal)	124 L b	1	3	5 ¹	4 ^{1/2}	6	4 ^{Head}	3 ^{Neck}	10.90	drop back, got 3d
25May26 ³ MTH ²	7	Syntactic (Maragh, Christian)	119 L b	5	1	1 ³	1 ²	1 ¹	3 ⁴	4 ^{3/4}	7.60	set pace, weakened
28Mar26 ⁸ AQU ⁷	6	Unbridled Bomber (Gutierrez, Reylu)	124 L	4	6	3 ^{Head}	5 ^{1/2}	5 ³	5 ¹	5 ^{13 1/2}	3.50	stalked, no rally
25May26 ³ MTH ⁴	8	Venezuelan Triumph (Torres, Jomar)	124 L bf	6	4	4 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	4 ^{Head}	6	6	25.90	3w trip, gave way

Fractional Times: 23.86 48.14 1:13.22 1:39.35

Final Time: 1:46.37 **Time from Gate:** 1:47.88

Split Times: (24:28) (25:08) (26:13) (7:02)

Run-Up: 48 feet

Winner: Brave Bear, Bay Gelding, by Bernardini out of Parish Poet (IRE), by =Lope de Vega (IRE). Foaled Feb 22, 2022 in New York.

Breeder: Delehanty Stock Farm

Owner: Valls Thoroughbreds LLC

Trainer: Bernardini, Juan

1 Claimed Horse(s): Brave Bear

New Trainer: Joseph Pantaleo

New Owner: Wallace R. Moore, Jr.

Claiming Prices: 2 - Brave Bear: \$8,000; 5 - Denying: \$8,000; 1 - Fluff the Pillow: \$8,000; 7 - Syntactic: \$8,000; 6 - Unbridled Bomber: \$8,000; 8 - Venezuelan Triumph: \$8,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Knox (Stewards), Majestic Lion (PrivVet-Illness)

Total WPS Pool: \$56,561

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
2	Brave Bear	13.00	3.40	2.80	\$1.00 Exacta	2-5	13.20	36,586
5	Denying		2.20	2.10	\$0.50 Trifecta	2-5-1	22.25	19,633
1	Fluff the Pillow			3.40	\$0.10 Superfecta	2-5-1-7	14.94	10,113

Past Performance Running Line Preview

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2	Brave Bear	2	2 ³	2 ²	2 ¹	1 ^{Head}	1 ¹
5	Denying	5	6 ^{5 1/4}	6 ⁴	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{Head}	2 ¹
1	Fluff the Pillow	3	5 ^{4 1/4}	4 ³	6 ^{6 1/2}	4 ⁹	3 ^{10 1/4}
7	Syntactic	1	1 ³	1 ²	1 ¹	3 ⁵	4 ^{10 1/2}
6	Unbridled Bomber	6	3 ⁴	5 ^{3 1/2}	5 ^{3 1/2}	5 ^{9 1/4}	5 ^{11 1/4}
8	Venezuelan Triumph	4	4 ⁴	3 ³	4 ^{3 1/2}	6 ^{10 1/4}	6 ^{24 3/4}

Trainers: 2 - Bernardini, Juan; 5 - Avila, Juan; 1 - Bertone, Joann; 7 - Delgado, Jose; 6 - Barrera III, Oscar; 8 - Gomez, Pompeyo

Owners: 2 - Valls Thoroughbreds LLC; 5 - Amazing Luxury Miami LLC; 1 -Joann Bertone; 7 - Carole Star Stables; 6 - Heart of a Warrior Racing LLC; 8 -Pompeyo Gomez;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

BRAVE BEAR stalked the pace, chased on the turn, bid between rivals, took over turning for home, then dug in gamely, turned back a bid from the runner up and edged away, driving. DENYING raced off the rail, off the pace, moved up three wide on the far turn, bid three wide at the quarter pole, rallied outside in the lane, dug in gamely and came up second best. FLUFF THE PILLOW tracked on the inside, dropped back entering the far turn, came wide for the drive, closed belatedly and got up for third. SYNTACTIC set the pace racing with a clear lead, dueled briefly on the far turn and weakened. UNBRIDLED BOMBER stalked between rivals, chased inside on the far turn and lacked a rally. VENEZUELAN TRIUMPH raced three wide on the first turn, stalked three wide, chased two wide on the far turn and gave way.