

MONMOUTH PARK - July 17, 2026 - Race 3
MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT - Thoroughbred
(PLUS UP TO 40% NJB) FOR MAIDENS, TWO YEARS OLD. Weight, 117 lbs.
Distance: Five Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Feast - 56.07 - July 31, 2022)
Purse: \$41,000
Plus: \$1,640 NJB - New Jersey Bred Enhancement
Available Money: \$42,640
Value of Race: \$42,040 1st \$24,600, 2nd \$8,200, 3rd \$5,740, 4th \$2,050, 5th \$725, 6th \$725
Weather: Hazy, 82° Track: Fast
Off at: 3:09 Start: Good for all Timing Method: Electronic

[Video Race Replay](#)
[GPS Race Chart](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	3/16	3/8	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
---	1	Raku (Lopez, Paco)	117	--	1	3	2 ^{2 1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ¹	1 ^{3 1/2}	2.30	dueled turn, bit green
---	5	Six Stitches (Ferrer, Jose) 	117	--	5	4	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Head}	2 ^{1 3/4}	2.30	chased, rallied 2d
28Jun26 ² MTH ²	3	Even Up (Vargas, Jr., Jorge)	118	--	3	1	1 ^{Head}	2 ⁷	2 ^{5 1/2}	3 ^{Nose}	1.20*	dueled turn, held 3d
---	2	Best Deal (Martinez, Francisco)	117	--	2	6	6	6	4 ¹	4 ^{3 1/2}	12.20	off bit slow, inside
25May26 ² MTH ⁴	4	Vintage Wiz (Maragh, Christian)	115	--	4	2	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{Head}	5 ³	5 ^{5 3/4}	25.60	inside, no rally
---	6	Ready Inventor (Rivera, Jr., Luis)	118	b	6	5	5 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{1/2}	6	6	22.40	3w turn, no factor

Fractional Times: 22.85 46.51 Final Time: 59.11 Time from Gate: 1:00.75
Split Times: (23:66) (12:60)
Run-Up: 40 feet

Winner: Raku, Bay Colt, by Kantharos out of Retort, by Liam's Map. Foaled Apr 20, 2024 in Kentucky.
Breeder: Columbiana Farm LLC
Owner: Conover Stable
Trainer: Breen, Kelly

Total WPS Pool: \$139,191

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Raku	6.60	3.60	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	1-5	9.90	107,485
5	Six Stitches		3.40	2.20	\$0.50 Trifecta	1-5-3	8.10	54,220
3	Even Up			2.10	\$0.50 Pick 3	5-2-1 (3 correct)	25.05	30,249
					\$1.00 Daily Double	2-1	26.30	12,866
					\$0.10 Superfecta	1-5-3-2	3.85	30,942

Past Performance Running Line Preview

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5	Six Stitches	4	3 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{7 1/2}	3 ^{6 1/2}	2 ^{3 1/2}
3	Even Up	1	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ¹	3 ^{5 1/4}
2	Best Deal	6	6 ⁶	6 ^{8 1/2}	4 ^{6 1/2}	4 ^{5 1/4}
4	Vintage Wiz	2	4 ⁴	4 ⁸	5 ^{7 1/2}	5 ^{8 3/4}
6	Ready Inventor	5	5 ^{4 1/2}	5 ⁸	6 ^{10 1/2}	6 ^{14 1/2}

Trainers: 1 - Breen, Kelly; 5 - Avila, Juan; 3 - Owens, Jr, Eddie; 2 - St. Lewis, Uriah; 4 - Margotta, Jr., Anthony; 6 - Delgado, Jose
Owners: 1 - Conover Stable; 5 -Julian De Mora, Jr.; 3 - Holly Crest Farm; 2 - Trin-Brook Stables, Inc.; 4 - Thoroughbred Investment Fund and A R M Racing LLC; 6 - Carole Star Stables;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)
RAKU vied two wide for the lead, dueled with EVEN UP on the turn, led into the stretch, raced a bit greenly passing the furlong marker, then shook free at the sixteenth pole and drew clear under urging. SIX STITCHES chased the pace, chased on the turn, rallied outside in the final furlong and closed well for second. EVEN UP away alertly to the early lead on the inside, dueled with the winner on the turn, dug in on the rail in the stretch run and just held on for third. BEST DEAL was off a bit slow, raced off the pace inside, came two wide into the lane, rallied mildly and just missed for the show award. VINTAGE WIZ raced off the pace inside, chased inside on the turn and had no rally. READY INVENTOR raced off the rail, off the pace, three wide on the turn and did not factor.

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