

MONMOUTH PARK - August 8, 2026 - Race 1

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
(PLUS UP TO 40% NJB) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS OR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race At A Mile Or Over On The Turf Since June 8 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$16,000, For Each \$1,000 To \$14,000 1 lb. (Races Where Entered For \$12,500 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances). (Rail at 12 feet). (C) **Claiming Price:** \$16,000 - \$14,000

Distance: One And One Sixteenth Miles On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Laughing (IRE) - 1:39.26 - June 29, 2013)

Purse: \$17,613

Plus: \$650 NJB - New Jersey Bred Enhancement

Available Money: \$18,263

Value of Race: \$18,263 1st \$9,750, 2nd \$3,250, 3rd \$2,275, 4th \$813, 5th \$725, 6th \$725, 7th \$725

Weather: Clear, 88° **Track:** Good

Off at: 12:54 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
26Jun26 ⁸ MTH ¹	5	Ball of Fire (Gonzalez, Edwin)	122 L	5 4		4 ¹	4 ^{1/2}	4 ³	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1 1/4}	1.50*	3w bid, rally btwn
5Jul26 ⁹ MTH ²	6	Red Sky Morning (Martinez, Francisco)	125 L b	6 6		6 ³	6 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{1 1/2}	4 ⁵	2 ²	3.70	good finish outside
18Jul26 ³ MTH ⁷	2	Vesparo (Moya, Ramon)	123 L b	2 2		5 ²	5 ¹	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1 3/4}	5.20	4w bid turn, outkicked
5Jul26 ⁹ MTH ³	1	Fully Authorized (Rivera, Jr., Luis)	123 L b	1 1		3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	4 ^{5 1/4}	3.60	bid turn, led, weaken
5Jul26 ⁹ MTH ⁵	3	That Sun of a Gun (Gomez, Jose)	123 L f	3 7		7	7	6 ^{Head}	5 ¹	5 ^{2 1/4}	10.20	hopped start
19Jul26 ¹ MTH ¹	4	Thingamabob (Maragh, Christian)	116 L b	4 3		2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	7	7	6 ^{3 1/2}	8.20	gave way far turn
19Jun26 ³ PEN ⁶	7	Transactional (GB) (Ferrer, Jose)	121 L b	7 5		1 ^{2 1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{Head}	6 ²	7	31.00	pace inside, gave way

Fractional Times: 24.33 50.25 1:14.96 1:40.58

Final Time: 1:46.91

Time from Gate: 1:49.50

Split Times: (25:92) (24:71) (25:62) (6:33)

Run-Up: 80 feet **Temporary Rail:** 12 feet

Winner: Ball of Fire, Chestnut Gelding, by Munnings out of Ursula, by Tapit. Foaled Feb 21, 2023 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Mt Brilliant Broodmares II LLC

Owner: John J. Reilly

Trainer: Simone, Michael

1 Claimed Horse(s): Ball of Fire

New Trainer: Juan Carlos Avila

New Owner: Amazing Luxury Miami LLC

Claiming Prices: 5 - Ball of Fire: \$16,000; 6 - Red Sky Morning: \$16,000; 2 - Vesparo: \$16,000; 1 - Fully Authorized: \$16,000; 3 - That Sun of a Gun: \$16,000; 4 - Thingamabob: \$16,000; 7 - Transactional (GB): \$14,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Bean Machine (PrivVet-Illness)

Total WPS Pool: \$72,121

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Ball of Fire	5.00	3.20	2.20	\$1.00 Exacta	5-6	10.10	54,202
6	Red Sky Morning		3.60	2.20	\$0.50 Trifecta	5-6-2	16.55	22,319
2	Vesparo			3.00	\$0.10 Superfecta	5-6-2-1	7.60	13,004

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
5	Ball of Fire	4	4 ⁴	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{3/4}	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{1 1/4}
6	Red Sky Morning	6	6 ⁷	6 ⁴	5 ^{3 3/4}	4 ²	2 ^{1 1/4}
2	Vesparo	2	5 ⁵	5 ³	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{3 1/4}
1	Fully Authorized	1	3 ^{3 1/2}	3 ²	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	4 ⁵
3	That Sun of a Gun	7	7 ¹⁰	7 ^{6 1/2}	6 ^{5 1/4}	5 ⁷	5 ^{10 1/4}
4	Thingamabob	3	2 ^{2 1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	7 ^{5 1/4}	7 ¹⁰	6 ^{12 1/2}
7	Transactional (GB)	5	1 ^{2 1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	6 ⁸	7 ¹⁶

Trainers: 5 - Simone, Michael; 6 - Dini, Michael; 2 - Huston, Rory; 1 - Dini, Michael; 3 - McBurney, Patrick; 4 - Pompay, Teresa; 7 - Smith, Lawrence

Owners: 5 -John J. Reilly; 6 - Dini, Michael and Emerald Spring Stable LLC; 2 - Colonial Farms; 1 -Laura Barrish; 3 - D'Arrigo Racing Stable; 4 - Pompay, Teresa M. and Berkelhammer, Barry; 7 - Hickory Made Stables;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

BALL OF FIRE raced off the pace, advanced inside on the backside, bid three wide on the far turn, rallied between rivals in the stretch, kicked in willingly and drew clear under urging. RED SKY MORNING raced off the pace inside, came three wide into the lane, rallied outside and finished well outside for second. VESPARO raced two wide off the pace, bid four wide on the far turn, dueled and was outkicked. FULLY AUTHORIZED stalked outside, bid entering the far turn, took over, dueled into the stretch and weakened. THAT SUN OF A GUN hopped at the start, trailed the field and passed tired rivals. THINGAMABOB stalked the pacesetter, chased and gave way on the far turn. TRANSACTIONAL (GB) set the pace on the inside, dueled on the far turn, then steadied at the quarter pole while tiring.