

MONMOUTH PARK - August 23, 2026 - Race 1

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR REGISTERED NEW JERSEY BREDS FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON A RACE OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, OR STARTER OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES OR CLAIMING PRICE \$15,000. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since June 23 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$15,000 (Races Where Entered For \$10,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances) Allowance Condition Preferred. (SNW1 X)
Claiming Price: \$15,000

Distance: Five And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt - Originally Scheduled For About 5 1/2 Furlongs On Turf **Current Track**

Record: (Joey P. - 1:01.91 - May 12, 2007)

Purse: \$60,000

Includes: \$10,875 NJB - New Jersey Bred Enhancement

Available Money: \$60,000

Value of Race: \$59,400 1st \$36,000, 2nd \$12,000, 3rd \$6,000, 4th \$3,000, 5th \$600, 6th \$600, 7th \$600, 8th \$600

Weather: Cloudy, 78° **Track:** Good

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

[GPS Race Chart](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
1Aug26 ⁷ MTH ³	8	Air Masque (Iorio, Melissa) VA CERTIFIED	123	L	b	7 4	4 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{2 1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	14.30	rail rally, best late
1Aug26 ⁷ MTH ⁴	3	One Fine Wine (Lopez, Paco)	125	L		3 2	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1 3/4}	1.40*	chased, bid, gamely
1Aug26 ⁷ MTH ¹⁰	1	Slick Merlin (Maragh, Christian)	118	L	bf	1 3	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{2 3/4}	21.20	weaken, in tight late
24Jul26 ⁵ MTH ³	7	Molly's a Bullet (Moya, Ramon)	123	L		6 6	7 ^{2 1/2}	7 ¹	5 ^{Head}	4 ^{1/2}	5.10	2w, mild gain
16Aug26 ⁸ MTH ¹	4	Life Raft (Rivera, Dalila)	122	L	b	4 5	8	8	6 ^{2 1/2}	5 ¹	10.60	rail into lane, mildly
24Jul26 ⁵ MTH ²	2	Red Head Italian (Rivera, Jr., Luis)	123	L	bf	2 8	3 ¹	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{2 1/2}	6 ^{5 1/4}	1.70	chased, weakened
25Jul26 ⁴ MTH ¹	5	Cassie's Vault (Marquez, Charlie)	123	L	f	5 1	6 ^{1 1/2}	6 ^{Head}	8	7 ²	16.50	inside turn, tired
5Jul25 ⁷ MTH ⁶	9	Little Lia (Ocasio, Luis)	123	L		8 7	5 ¹	5 ^{2 1/2}	7 ^{Head}	8	71.50	chased 3w, faded

Fractional Times: 21.67 45.29 57.87

Final Time: 1:04.45 **Time from Gate:** 1:05.84

Split Times: (23:62) (12:58) (6:58)

Run-Up: 32 feet

Winner: Air Masque, Bay Mare, by Air Force Blue out of Masque d'Oiseau, by Majesticperfection. Foaled May 10, 2021 in New Jersey.

Breeder: Leo Holt

Owner: Angelinos Racing LLC

Trainer: Perkins, Jr., Benjamin

Claiming Prices: 7 - Molly's a Bullet: \$15,000; 2 - Red Head Italian: \$15,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Postino's Prophecy (Off-Turf)

Total WPS Pool: \$87,712

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
8	Air Masque	30.60	8.20	6.20	\$1.00 Exacta	8-3	43.20	68,242
3	One Fine Wine		3.40	3.20	\$0.50 Trifecta	8-3-1	181.15	44,592
1	Slick Merlin			11.20	\$0.10 Superfecta	8-3-1-7	158.96	26,842

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin
8	Air Masque	4	4 ²	3 ²	3 ¹	1 ^{1/2}
3	One Fine Wine	2	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}
1	Slick Merlin	3	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{2 1/4}
7	Molly's a Bullet	6	7 ^{4 3/4}	7 ^{5 1/4}	5 ⁶	4 ⁵
4	Life Raft	5	8 ^{7 1/4}	8 ^{6 1/4}	6 ⁶	5 ^{5 1/2}
2	Red Head Italian	8	3 ¹	4 ²	4 ^{3 1/2}	6 ^{6 1/2}
5	Cassie's Vault	1	6 ^{3 1/4}	6 ⁵	8 ^{8 3/4}	7 ^{11 3/4}
9	Little Lia	7	5 ^{2 1/4}	5 ^{2 1/2}	7 ^{8 1/2}	8 ^{13 3/4}

Trainers: 8 - Perkins, Jr., Benjamin; 3 - McBurney, Patrick; 1 - Spina, Chuck; 7 - Margotta, Jr., Anthony; 4 - Bertone, Joann; 2 - Breen, Kelly; 5 - Spina, Chuck; 9 - Martin, Ramon

Owners: 8 - Angelinos Racing LLC; 3 - Barrister Breeding, LLC; 1 - Prancing Horse Farm, LLC; 7 - A R M Racing LLC; 4 -Joann Bertone; 2 - Kenwood Racing LLC and RJR Racing; 5 -John Delriccio; 9 -T. Eileen Munyak;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

AIR MASQUE raced off the pace between rivals, moved up inside on the turn, rallied on the rail in the stretch run, dueled with ONE FINE WINE in deep stretch and proved best. ONE FINE WINE chased close up two wide, bid three wide at the quarter pole, rallied outside in the stretch run, dueled and dug in gamely outside to the finish. SLICK MERLIN showed good speed inside, set the pace, dueled between rivals in upper stretch, was outkicked by the top pair, then in tight and steadied in deep stretch. MOLLY'S A BULLET raced two wide off the pace, came three wide into the lane, closed mildly and got up for fourth. LIFE RAFT trailed the field, rode the rail into the stretch and gained mildly inside. RED HEAD ITALIAN chased close up on the inside, chased two wide on the turn and weakened. CASSIE'S VAULT chased between rivals early, then inside on the turn and tired. LITTLE LIA raced three wide off the pace, chased three wide on the turn, came four wide into the lane and faded. A Jockey Objection by the rider of SLICK MERLIN against the top two finishers was dismissed.

VA CERTIFIED Denotes Virginia-Certified Thoroughbred