

MONMOUTH PARK - September 6, 2026 - Race 3

MAIDEN CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
(PLUS UP TO 40% NJB) FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs.
Claiming Price \$16,000, For Each \$1,000 To \$14,000 1 lb. (Rail at 12 feet). **Claiming Price:** \$16,000 - \$14,000

Distance: Five And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt - Originally Scheduled For 5 1/2 Furlongs On Turf **Current Track Record:** (Joey P. - 1:01.91 - May 12, 2007)

Purse: \$15,500

Available Money: \$15,500

Value of Race: \$15,450 1st \$9,300, 2nd \$3,100, 3rd \$1,550, 4th \$775, 5th \$725

Weather: Cloudy, 74° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 1:50 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
27Aug26 ² SAR ⁵	5	Royal Merit (Martinez, Francisco)	122	L	4	1	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ² 1/2	1 ⁵	1 ⁷ 1/4	1.30	bid turn, pulled away
21Aug26 ² MTH ⁵	7	Excellion (Morales, Angel)	122	L	5	5	3 ^{Head}	4 ² 1/2	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ¹ 1/4	16.00	chased, rallied 2d
9Aug26 ¹ MTH ²	2	Battle Lou (Ocasio, Luis)	122	L b	1	3	4 ¹	3 ^{Head}	3 ¹	3 ⁵ 1/4	4.90	bumped start, inside
22Aug26 ³ MTH ⁷	4	Prismatic Light (De Jesus, Kemich)	122	L b	3	4	5	5	5	4 ³ 1/4	20.00	chased btwn, tired
5Aug26 ⁷ SAR ⁷	3	Draft Riots (Ferrer, Jose)	125	L b	2	2	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ^{Head}	4 ² 1/2	5	0.90*	bumped st, gave way

Fractional Times: 22.65 46.07 58.16

Final Time: 1:04.51 **Time from Gate:** 1:05.91

Split Times: (23:42) (12:09) (6:35)

Run-Up: 32 feet

Winner: Royal Merit, Gray or Roan Gelding, by Curlin's Honor out of Emirates Girl, by Unbridled's Song. Foaled Apr 26, 2023 in Florida.

Breeder: Helen Barbazon & Joseph Barbazon

Owner: Michael Dini

Trainer: Dini, Michael

Claiming Prices: 5 - Royal Merit: \$16,000; 7 - Excellion: \$16,000; 2 - Battle Lou: \$16,000; 4 - Prismatic Light: \$16,000; 3 - Draft Riots: \$16,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Abiding (Off-Turf), Gotta Get It Right (Off-Turf), Mr. Travelin' Man (Off-Turf), Tacitap (Off-Turf)

Total WPS Pool: \$100,478

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Royal Merit	4.60	3.00	2.20	\$1.00 Exacta	5-7	21.90	59,193
7	Excellion		8.60	3.60	\$0.50 Trifecta	5-7-2	35.35	37,762
2	Battle Lou			3.20	\$0.50 Pick 3	7-3-5 (3 correct)	67.80	13,358
					\$1.00 Daily Double	3-5	7.90	6,429

Past Performance Running Line Preview

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5	Royal Merit	1	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ^{Head}	1 ⁵	1 ⁷ 1/4
7	Excellion	5	3 ²	4 ² 3/4	2 ⁵	2 ⁷ 1/4
2	Battle Lou	3	4 ²	3 ² 1/2	3 ⁵ 1/2	3 ⁸ 1/2
4	Prismatic Light	4	5 ³	5 ⁵ 1/4	5 ⁹	4 ¹³ 3/4
3	Draft Riots	2	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ^{Head}	4 ⁶ 1/2	5 ¹⁷

Trainers: 5 - Dini, Michael; 7 - Avila, Juan; 2 - Perez, Ruperto; 4 - Aristone, Philip; 3 - Potts, Wayne

Owners: 5 -Michael Dini; 7 - R.T Racing Stable; 2 - Serranos Racing Stable; 4 - Indian Mills Stock Farm; 3 - Brad's Equine Adventure;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

ROYAL MERIT away alertly, stalked close up outside, bid on the turn, took charge passing the quarter pole, responded when roused and pulled away under urging. EXCELLION chased three wide, chased outside on the turn, rallied outside in the stretch and earned the place award. BATTLE LOU was bumped at the start, chased inside, chased on the turn, raced between horses into the stretch and rallied mildly. PRISMATIC LIGHT chased between rivals early on, chased on the turn and tired. DRAFT RIOTS was bumped at the start, set the pace on the inside, dueled with the winner on the turn and gave way in the stretch.