MONTPELIER - November 7, 2026 - Race 3

EQUIBASE

MAIDEN CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
TO BE RUN OVER NATIONAL FENCES FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three-year-olds, 144 lbs.; four-year-olds, 152 lbs.; older, 156 lbs. Claiming price $16,000. **Claiming Price:** $16,000
Distance: Two And One Eighth Miles On The Hurdle **Current Track Record:** (Love Saga - 4:04.20 - November 2, 2024)
Purse: $20,000
Available Money: $20,000
Value of Race: $20,000 1st $12,000, 2nd $3,600, 3rd $2,000, 4th $1,400, 5th $1,000
Weather: Clear**,** 61° **Track:** Firm
Off at: 1:22 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	1/2	1m	11/2	13/4	Str	Fin	Comments
18May24 ^{6}MAL^{6}	4	Variable Cost (GB) (Dwan, Evan)	156	L h	4	2^{4}	2^{10}	$2^{1/2}$	1^{2}	1^{6}	$1^{11\ 3/4}$	pressed, won handily
24Oct26 ^{7}GRM^{4}	1	Mission Man (Procter, Freddie)	156	L	1	3^{3}	3^{2}	$3^{1/2}$	3^{2}	2^{4}	2^{9}	lacked finishing speed
10Oct26 ^{5}MID^{4}	5	Mystified (Tierney, Conor)	156	L	5	4^{2}	5	5	5	4^{3}	$3^{2\ 3/4}$	stretch rally
10Oct26 ^{2}MID^{5}	2	Hard Traveler (Nevin, Dan)	156	L	2	1^{8}	1^{2}	1^{1}	2^{Head}	3^{3}	$4^{13\ 1/2}$	led, lost ground
24Oct26 ^{7}GRM^{8}	3	Transactional (GB) (Prendergast, Niall)	151	L 4	3	5	$4^{1/2}$	4^{6}	4^{4}	5	5	2nd flight, brief gain

Final Time: 4:12.00 **Time from Gate:** 41.20
Run-Up: 0 feet

Winner: Variable Cost (GB), Bay Gelding, by =Kingman (GB) out of Dawn of Hope (IRE), by Mastercraftsman (IRE). Foaled Mar 01, 2020 in Great Britain.
Breeder: Blue Diamond Stud Farm (UK) Ltd
Owner: Ballybristol Farm, LLC
Trainer: Garner, Thomas

Claiming Prices: 4 - Variable Cost (GB): $16,000; 1 - Mission Man: $16,000; 5 - Mystified: $16,000; 2 - Hard Traveler: $16,000; 3 - Transactional (GB): $16,000;

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	1/2	1m	11/2	13/4	Str	Fin
4	Variable Cost (GB)	2^{8}	2^{2}	2^{1}	1^{2}	1^{6}	$1^{11\ 3/4}$
1	Mission Man	3^{12}	3^{12}	$3^{1\ 1/2}$	3^{2}	2^{6}	$2^{11\ 3/4}$
5	Mystified	4^{15}	$5^{14\ 1/2}$	5^{8}	5^{8}	4^{13}	$3^{20\ 3/4}$
2	Hard Traveler	1^{8}	1^{2}	1^{1}	2^{2}	3^{10}	$4^{23\ 1/2}$
3	Transactional (GB)	5^{17}	4^{14}	4^{2}	4^{4}	5^{16}	5^{37}

Trainers: 4 - Garner, Thomas; 1 - Young, Leslie; 5 - Gomena, Julie; 2 - Beecher, Mark; 3 - Smith, Lawrence

Owners: 4 - Ballybristol Farm, LLC; 1 - Noble Stables; 5 - Furlong Friends, LLC; 2 -Daniel R. Baker; 3 - Celtic Venture Stable;

Footnotes | View Glossary Of Terms
VARIABLE COST (GB) pressed the pace after the first of 9 fences, assumed command after the 8th, drew away from the field after the final and won handily. MISSION MAN raced midpack, moved to contention before the final fence, but could not match the finishing speed of the winner. MYSTIFIED raced out the back, entered the stretch in fourth place and rallied for show. HARD TRAVELER was away briskly, creating a large lead through the first mile, was overtaken by VARIABLE COST (GB) after the 8th fence, quickly lost ground and had no finishing kick. TRANSACTIONAL (GB) raced in the second flight through the first 5 fences, briefly gained ground on the leaders alongside MISSION MAN, then lost ground and had no stretch rally.

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