

PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS - August 31, 2026 - Race 5

MAIDEN CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
(PLUS UP TO 30% PABF) FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs.
Claiming Price \$7,500. **Claiming Price:** \$7,500
Distance: Six Furlongs On The All Weather Track **Current Track Record:** (Surly Furious - 1:07.77 - July 5, 2022)
Purse: \$14,000
Plus: \$220 Starters Bonus
Available Money: \$14,220
Value of Race: \$14,150 1st \$8,400, 2nd \$2,800, 3rd \$1,400, 4th \$700, 5th \$350, 6th \$250, 7th \$250
Weather: Showery, 78° **Track:** Fast
Off at: 5:22 **Start:** Good for all except 6,7 **Timing Method:** Electronic



[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
10Aug26 ⁴ PID ²	5	Frenchman James (Montanez, Rosario)	125	L	bw	5 2	2 ^{Head}	2 ¹ 1/2	1 ¹	1 ⁴	3.10	assume lead,pull away
19Aug26 ⁴ PID ²	3	Alabama Sleeper (Martinez, Gaddiel)	125	L	bf	3 3	3 ⁵	3 ⁴	3 ³	2 ^{Neck}	3.00	chase winner,hld place
18Aug26 ¹ MNR ²	1	Triple Max (Elliott, Jane)	120	L	b	1 7	7	5 ¹	5 ³	3 ⁴ 1/2	2.30*	belated bid,late gain
10Aug26 ⁵ PRM ²	2	Stillbilly (Gallardo, Antonio)	125	L	b	2 6	4 ¹	4 ¹ 1/2	4 ^{1/2}	4 ⁴ 1/4	9.50	went evenly, no menace
5Aug26 ⁵ PID ⁶	7	So Grand (Pruitt, Ciera)	118	L		7 1	1 ⁴	1 ²	2 ¹ 1/2	5 ²	3.20	popped gate early
19Aug26 ⁴ PID ⁴	4	Violin Fingers (Severino, Victor)	120	L	b	4 4	6 ¹	7	7	6 ^{3/4}	59.40	bore out turn
15Oct25 ⁴ TDN ⁶	6	King of Swords (Kingsley, Taylor)	113	L	bf	6 5	5 ¹ 1/2	6 ⁷	6 ²	7	12.80	reared,bumped start

Fractional Times: 21.73 44.83 57.56 **Final Time:** 1:10.31 **Time from Gate:** 1:12.84
Split Times: (23:10) (12:73) (12:75)
Run-Up: 48 feet

Winner: Frenchman James, Chestnut Gelding, by Master James out of Intravenus, by Crusader Sword. Foaled Mar 07, 2021 in New York.
Breeder: Timothy Tompkins & Ronald Druga Jr.
Owner: Timothy Tompkins
Trainer: Pappada, Michael

Claiming Prices: 5 - Frenchman James: \$7,500; 3 - Alabama Sleeper: \$7,500; 1 - Triple Max: \$7,500; 2 - Stillbilly: \$7,500; 7 - So Grand: \$7,500; 4 - Violin Fingers: \$7,500; 6 - King of Swords: \$7,500;

Scratched Horse(s): Bernardi (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$40,510

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Frenchman James	8.20	3.60	2.20	\$2.00 Exacta	5-3	22.00	31,120
3	Alabama Sleeper		4.60	2.40	\$2.00 Trifecta	5-3-1	59.00	16,381
1	Triple Max			2.40	\$2.00 Daily Double	3-5	45.00	1,876
					\$2.00 Pick 3	1/2-3-5 (3 correct)	67.00	3,653
					\$2.00 Pick 4	5/6-1/2-3-5 (4 correct)	138.00	6,747
					\$2.00 Pick 5	1/2-5/6-1/2-3-5 (5 correct)	317.60	11,138
					\$2.00 Superfecta	5-3-1-2	148.80	8,913
					\$2.00 Consolation Double	3-8	7.60	0

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
5	Frenchman James	2	2 ⁴	2 ²	1 ¹	1 ⁴
3	Alabama Sleeper	3	3 ⁴	3 ³ 1/2	3 ² 1/2	2 ⁴
1	Triple Max	7	7 ¹² 1/2	5 ⁹	5 ⁶	3 ⁴ 1/4
2	Stillbilly	6	4 ⁹	4 ⁷ 1/2	4 ⁵ 1/2	4 ⁸ 3/4
7	So Grand	1	1 ⁴	1 ²	2 ¹	5 ¹³
4	Violin Fingers	4	6 ¹¹ 1/2	7 ¹⁷	7 ¹¹	6 ¹⁵
6	King of Swords	5	5 ¹⁰	6 ¹⁰	6 ⁹	7 ¹⁵ 3/4

Trainers: 5 - Pappada, Michael; 3 - Russell, Randall; 1 - Alvarez, Nery; 2 - Martin, William; 7 - Davis, Scooter; 4 - Baez, Ralph; 6 - Hamm, Timothy

Owners: 5 -Timothy Tompkins; 3 - Ironhorse Racing Stable LLC; 1 -Nery Alvarez; 2 -Steve Hall; 7 -Scooter Davis; 4 -Ralph N. Baez; 6 - Blazing Meadows Farm LLC;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

FRENCHMAN JAMES stalked the leader to midway on the turn, rallied with a steady advance three wide to close the gap, assumed command in upper stretch from the tiring leader and drew away. ALABAMA SLEEPER was well placed racing in tandem with the winner down the backside, could not keep pace with that one while chasing him home and held the place over the late closer. TRIPLE MAX slow early to be the trailer and rallied well in the lane with a belated bid to just miss the place while finishing best of the rest. STILLBILLY went evenly in mid-pack failing to menace. SO GRAND rushed the gate lunging to pop it open prematurely before the balance of the fields' doors opened, sped off to a clear lead on quick pace, held the advantage to upper stretch and wilted. VIOLIN FINGERS raced near the rear of the field into the turn, bore out badly early on the bend and showed some late interest after straightening away. KING OF SWORDS reared reacting to the outside rival popping the gates early, lost his spot when inside rival broke out to the vacant space, bumping this one and was never a factor failing to overcome trouble at the break. THE STEWARDS POSTED AN INQUIRY INTO THE START AND UPON REVIEW MADE NO CHANGES.