

TURF PARADISE - December 3, 2025 - Race 7

MAIDEN CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Claiming Price \$4,500. Arizona Bred Claiming Price \$6,250. **Claiming Price:** \$6,250 - \$4,500

**Distance:** Six And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Meant for Me - 1:13.48 - April 4, 2024)

**Purse:** \$8,500

**Includes:** \$1,000 AZHR (Arizona Horse Racing)

**Available Money:** \$8,500

**Value of Race:** \$8,500 1st \$5,015, 2nd \$1,615, 3rd \$765, 4th \$425, 5th \$255, 6th \$85, 7th \$85, 8th \$85, 9th \$85, 10th \$85

**Weather:** Clear, 68° **Track:** Fast

**Off at:** 4:01 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

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Video Race Replay

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
15Nov25 <sup>6</sup> TUP <sup>3</sup>	1	Mendelssohns Music (Hernandez, Harry)	124	L	1	7	8 <sup>3</sup>	6 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>3/4</sup>	5.00	swung 4w,bid 1/8,held
15Nov25 <sup>4</sup> TUP <sup>3</sup>	3	Reach Higher (McGregor, Kiaman)	121	L b	3	5	4 <sup>Head</sup>	4 <sup>2</sup>	4 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	2 <sup>3/4</sup>	4.70	ins,angl 3w,gaining
17Aug25 <sup>4</sup> EMD <sup>4</sup>	6	Hunting for Gold (Lopez, Karlo)	121	L b	6	10	9 <sup>Head</sup>	9 <sup>1/2</sup>	6 <sup>1/2</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	26.50	swung 6wd,willingly
13Oct25 <sup>8</sup> SA <sup>7</sup>	9	Mom Says (Asencio, Jose)	123	L b	9	2	2 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>Head</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	4 <sup>2</sup> 3/4	0.90*	pace 2wd,led,yielded
10Oct25 <sup>1</sup> ALB <sup>7</sup>	2	Rapping Rumor (Montalvo, Carlos)	124	L	2	8	7 <sup>Head</sup>	5 <sup>1/2</sup>	5 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	5 <sup>2</sup>	15.00	swung 5w,evenly
17Oct25 <sup>3</sup> ARP <sup>6</sup>	8	Bear Encounter (Garcia, Francisco)	124	L b	8	4	1 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup>	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	6 <sup>1</sup>	37.90	duel pace ins,weakened
8Aug25 <sup>2</sup> EMD <sup>6</sup>	4	Lord Sterling (Americano, Manuel)	121	L	4	9	10	10	8 <sup>1/2</sup>	7 <sup>5</sup> 1/2	4.20	widest,lost crop 1/8
15Nov25 <sup>6</sup> TUP <sup>4</sup>	5	Shame Them (Reyes, Frank)	121	L b	5	6	6 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	7 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	9 <sup>1/2</sup>	8 <sup>3/4</sup>	19.60	coaxed 4-5w,no factor
15Nov25 <sup>6</sup> TUP <sup>7</sup>	10	Tequilalittletime (Castellanos, Adrian)	121	L f	10	1	5 <sup>1/2</sup>	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	7 <sup>1/2</sup>	9 <sup>Neck</sup>	24.70	chase 3-4w,gave way
15Nov25 <sup>4</sup> TUP <sup>8</sup>	7	Badgers Face (Nunnally, Blake)	121	L	7	3	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	8 <sup>1/2</sup>	10	10	75.60	brief foot,empty

Fractional Times: 22.52 45.72 1:12.02

Split Times: (23:20) (26:30) (7:10)

Run-Up: 35 feet

Final Time: 1:19.12

**Winner:** Mendelssohns Music, Chestnut Gelding, by Mendelssohn out of Harbingerofthings, by Rockport Harbor. Foaled Feb 05, 2021 in Kentucky.  
**Breeder:** Spendthrift Farm, LLC  
**Owner:** Terri Ferguson  
**Trainer:** Ferguson, Chad

**2 Claimed Horse(s):** Mendelssohns Music  
Mom Says

New Trainer: Liz Kowalski  
New Trainer: M. L. Pierce

New Owner: Carl Petroff  
New Owner: Purple Rose Ranch

**Voided Claims:** Reach Higher(Vet)

**Claiming Prices:** 1 - Mendelssohns Music: \$4,500; 3 - Reach Higher: \$4,500; 6 - Hunting for Gold: \$4,500; 9 - Mom Says: \$4,500; 2 - Rapping Rumor: \$4,500; 8 - Bear Encounter: \$4,500; 4 - Lord Sterling: \$4,500; 5 - Shame Them: \$4,500; 10 - Tequilalittletime: \$4,500; 7 - Badgers Face: \$4,500;

**Total WPS Pool:** \$78,379

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Mendelssohns Music	12.00	5.60	4.40	\$1.00 Daily Double	6-1	61.40	10,985
3	Reach Higher		4.80	3.60	\$1.00 Exacta	1-3	25.60	55,810
6	Hunting for Gold			9.80	\$1.00 Quinella	1-3	14.00	4,396
					\$0.50 Trifecta	1-3-6	137.30	43,916
					\$0.10 Superfecta	1-3-6-9	116.63	33,581
					\$0.50 Pick 3	1-6-1 (3 correct)	522.35	21,713
					\$0.50 Pick 4	6-1-6-1 (4 correct)	5,062.90	33,167

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
1	Mendelssohns Music	7	8 <sup>3</sup> 3/4	6 <sup>5</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>3/4</sup>
3	Reach Higher	5	4 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	4 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	4 <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>3/4</sup>
6	Hunting for Gold	10	9 <sup>6</sup> 3/4	9 <sup>8</sup> 1/2	6 <sup>7</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup> 1/2
9	Mom Says	2	2 <sup>Head</sup>	1 <sup>Head</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	4 <sup>3</sup>
2	Rapping Rumor	8	7 <sup>3</sup> 3/4	5 <sup>4</sup> 1/2	5 <sup>4</sup> 1/2	5 <sup>5</sup> 3/4
8	Bear Encounter	4	1 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>Head</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	6 <sup>7</sup> 3/4
4	Lord Sterling	9	10 <sup>7</sup>	10 <sup>9</sup>	8 <sup>8</sup>	7 <sup>8</sup> 3/4
5	Shame Them	6	6 <sup>2</sup> 1/4	7 <sup>5</sup> 1/2	9 <sup>8</sup> 1/2	8 <sup>14</sup> 1/4
10	Tequilalittletime	1	5 <sup>1</sup> 3/4	3 <sup>2</sup>	7 <sup>7</sup> 1/2	9 <sup>15</sup>
7	Badgers Face	3	3 <sup>1</sup>	8 <sup>8</sup>	10 <sup>9</sup>	10 <sup>15</sup> 1/4

**Trainers:** 1 - Ferguson, Chad; 3 - Lucarelli, Frank; 6 - Koch, Neil; 9 - Jauregui, O.; 2 - Wolf, Ashlee; 8 - Villamar, Candelario; 4 - Essex, Charles; 5 - Beltran Moreno, Raul; 10 - Gibson, Howard; 7 - Nunnally, Jennifer

**Owners:** 1 -Terri Ferguson; 3 -Frank Lucarelli; 6 -Neil A. Koch; 9 - Highland Yard LLC; 2 -Ashlee Wolf; 8 -Roberto Baeza; 4 -HRH Princess Aljohara Al-Saud; 5 -Marisela Gomez; 10 -Howard F. Gibson; 7 -Jennifer Nunnally;

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MENDELSSOHN'S MUSIC settled off of the contested early pace, saved ground into the turn then shifted to the two path nearing the quarter pole, swung four wide to upper stretch and rallied to the furlong marker, took command nearing the sixteenth-pole, kept to task into deep stretch and held over oncoming rivals in the final yards. REACH HIGHER was well placed while saving ground in the early stages, tracked the decent pace from the inside heading to the quarter pole, angled three wide to upper stretch, was gaining into the final sixteenth but could not reel in the winner in deep stretch and held for second at the wire. HUNTING FOR GOLD allowed to settle early on, swung six wide to upper stretch, closed willingly to the final sixteenth, could not reel in the top pair late and was clear of the rest for third. MOM SAYS contested the early pace from outside of BEAR ENCOUNTER, dueled that rival through decent fractions into the turn, took command into upper stretch and led to the furlong marker, was overtaken into the final sixteenth and yielded late. RAPPING RUMOR settled off of the contested early pace, swung five wide to upper stretch, could not find more into the stretch drive and finished evenly. BEAR ENCOUNTER showed good speed and disputed the pace to the turn, dueled through decent fractions to the quarter marker, was overtaken to upper stretch

then weakened in the drive. LORD STERLING settled off of the early pace, swung to the six path nearing the top of the lane then was caught in traffic at the three-sixteenths marker, angled widest for the drive then had the rider lose his crop at the furlong grounds, ran in pursuit into the final sixteenth but could not muster the needed late response. SHAME THEM settled off of the early pace, coaxed four to five wide to the quarter marker, was caught a bit in tight to upper stretch then did not factor in the late stages. TEQUILALITTLETIME raced close up to the early pace while outside of rivals, ran in pursuit three wide to the quarter marker, chased four wide into upper stretch, was outrun to the furlong pole and gave way. BADGERS FACE was close up in the early going while inside of runners, lost position into the turn, dropped back along the bend and did not offer a late response.