

WOODBINE - July 6, 2026 - Race 2

MAIDEN OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

INNER TURF FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD ONTARIO SIRE MAIDENS THAT HAVE RACED 3 CONSECUTIVE STARTS IN THE MAIDEN OPTIONAL \$40,000 / OS CATEGORY IN 2025-26 AND DID NOT FINISH 2ND THRU 4TH. or THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD MAIDEN CLAIMING PRICE \$25,000. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs.

Claiming Price \$25,000, if for \$23,500, allowed 2 lbs. (C) **Claiming Price:** \$25,000 - \$23,500

Distance: Seven And One Half Furlongs On The Inner turf **Current Track Record:** (Piper's Factor - 1:27.77 - June 20, 2026)

All money values represented in Canadian currency unless noted otherwise

Purse: \$49,200

Includes: \$7,600 Other Sources

Includes: \$6,900 State Bred

Plus: \$1,500 Other Sources

Available Money: \$50,700

Value of Race: \$47,572 (US\$33,503) 1st \$29,520 (US\$20,790) , 2nd \$6,940 (US\$4,888) , 3rd \$5,412 (US\$3,811) , 4th \$2,952 (US\$2,079) , 5th \$1,248 (US\$879) , 6th \$500 (US\$352) , 7th \$500 (US\$352) , 8th \$500 (US\$352)

Weather: Clear, 25° C **Track:** Firm

Off at: 1:30 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
12Jun26 ⁵ WO ⁹	8	King Ronin (Aebly, Fraser)	120 L b	8 6	1 ⁴ 1/2	1 ¹	1 ²	1 ²	1 ¹ 1/4	3.60	well rationed,held on
6Jun26 ¹¹ WO ³	6	Night Striker (Adams, Austin)	122 L	6 3	2 ¹	2 ¹	2 ⁴	2 ¹	2 ¹ 1/2	2.25*	chased thru-out,clsing
23May26 ² WO ⁶	1	Baltic Sea (Maragh, Romero)	120 L b	1 1	8	8	4 ^{Head}	3 ³	6.70	6Wstr full run,clr3rd	
6Jun26 ¹¹ WO ⁶	4	Celestial Heart (Salles, Leo)	120 L b	4 4	5 ³	5 ³	3 ^{1/2}	4 ¹ 3/4	4.65	rally3W3/8,evened out	
11Jun26 ¹ WO ⁴	7	Encore Mo (Alderson, Jeffrey)	120 L b	7 7	3 ¹	4 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	5 ¹	4.85	4Wstr,failed to fire	
---	3	Almasty Five (Campos, Jose)	120 L b	3 8	6 ¹ 1/2	6 ²	7 ⁶	6 ²	11.10	never factored	
23May26 ² WO ⁸	2	Metro King (Douglas, Christoff)	115 L b	2 2	7 ²	7 ^{Head}	8	7 ¹ 3/4	10.85	could not get involved	
7Dec25 ³ WO ⁴	5	Full Star (Anderson, Jodeien)	118 L b	5 5	4 ²	3 ^{1/2}	6 ^{Head}	8	21.10	check7/16,folded16th	

Fractional Times: 23.00 47.77 1:12.21 1:24.62

Final Time: 1:30.98 **Time from Gate:** 1:34.33

Split Times: (24:77) (24:44) (12:41) (6:36)

Run-Up: 90 feet **Temporary Rail:** 32 feet

Winner: King Ronin, Bay Gelding, by Town Prize out of Samurai Queen, by First Samurai. Foaled Apr 19, 2023 in ON.

Breeder: Erika Smilovsky & Darwin Banach

Owner: Smilovsky, Erika and Banach, Darwin D.

Trainer: Banach, Darwin

Claiming Prices: 8 - King Ronin: \$25,000; 6 - Night Striker: \$23,500; 1 - Baltic Sea: \$25,000; 4 - Celestial Heart: \$25,000; 7 - Encore Mo: \$25,000; 3 - Almasty Five: \$25,000; 2 - Metro King: \$25,000; 5 - Full Star: \$23,500;

Scratched Horse(s): Rum Talk (Stewards)

Total WPS Pool: \$39,019

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
8	King Ronin	9.20	5.00	3.60	\$1.00 Daily Double	3-8	11.35	12,459
6	Night Striker		3.50	2.30	\$0.20 Superfecta	8-6-1-4	48.19	11,899
1	Baltic Sea			4.80	\$1.00 Exacta	8-6	15.25	30,714
					\$1.00 Omni/Swinger	1-6	5.25	288
					\$1.00 Omni/Swinger	1-8	9.10	0
					\$1.00 Omni/Swinger	6-8	2.35	0
					\$0.20 Trifecta	8-6-1	21.00	17,624

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
8	King Ronin	6	1 ⁴ 1/2	1 ¹	1 ²	1 ¹ 1/4
6	Night Striker	3	2 ⁴ 1/2	2 ¹	2 ²	2 ¹ 1/4
1	Baltic Sea	1	8 ¹⁵	8 ⁷ 3/4	4 ⁶ 1/2	3 ² 3/4
4	Celestial Heart	4	5 ⁸ 1/2	5 ² 1/2	3 ⁶	4 ⁵ 3/4
7	Encore Mo	7	3 ⁵ 1/2	4 ² 1/2	5 ⁶ 1/2	5 ⁷ 1/2
3	Almasty Five	8	6 ¹¹ 1/2	6 ⁵ 1/2	7 ⁶ 3/4	6 ⁸ 1/2
2	Metro King	2	7 ¹³	7 ⁷ 1/2	8 ¹² 3/4	7 ¹⁰ 1/2
5	Full Star	5	4 ⁶ 1/2	3 ²	6 ⁶ 3/4	8 ¹² 1/4

Trainers: 8 - Banach, Darwin; 6 - Katryan, Abraham; 1 - Dixon, Patrick; 4 - Pleterski, Don; 7 - Tharrenos, William; 3 - Holder, Tedston; 2 - Mattine, John; 5 - Harvey, Daniel

Owners: 8 - Smilovsky, Erika and Banach, Darwin D.; 6 - 1748425 Ontario Ltd.; 1 - Colebrook Farms; 4 -Kata Pleterski; 7 - Natural Eight Stable; 3 - Holder, Tedston and Holder, Teejay; 2 - Bhutta Racing, Inc.; 5 - Taylor, Ashley and Harvey, Daniel S.;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

KING RONIN was on a mission loose up top setting a brisk early pace in the first quarter, slowed things down unpressured still up front down the backside, continued controlling the pace under a well rationed out ride throughout the far turn, skimmed the fence in command turning for home and had enough left for the late running to hold safe albeit by a diminishing margin at the wire for the front end score. NIGHT STRIKER had the fence tracking the lone speed on the first of two turns, chased the leader along the backstretch, closed the margin on the pacesetter through the final bend, shifted out three wide posing the only threat to the winner in the stretch run, chipped away relentlessly down the lane coming on in the deep stretch but just could not get there in time. BALTIC SEA was unhurried on the fence seeing the field early on, shared the rear on the outside of another down the backside, began to unleash a run two wide midway around the final bend, had a full head of steam widest in the six path at the top of the stretch and finished up strongly to be a clear third but could not threaten the lead duo at the wire. CELESTIAL HEART traveled all alone in midfield on the initial bend, shifted out progressing three deep along the backside, rallied three wide around foes at the three-furlong pole, shifted inwards to the two path for the drive to the wire and evened out in the final furlong to be fringe player in the end. ENCORE MO tracked the pacesetter while three wide outside of rivals around the first turn, settled in mid-pack with horses on either side down the backstretch, offered no rally making little movement on the far bend, shifted to the four path at the head of the lane but failed

to fire in the stretch run. ALMASTY FIVE had a stalking role ahead of a couple of runners in the early stages, could not get into gear at the midpoint of the final bend and was not a factor in the late running. METRO KING had the rail in a stalking position ahead of only one runner in the beginning, co-trailed on the inside at the half, lagged behind the group unable to get going around the last turn and showed a little gumption catching a weary foe in the final furlong. FULL STAR was eager between foes watching the frontrunner heading into the first turn, settled on the rail in mid-pack down the backstretch, had to be checked, making a move coming up quickly on the pacesetter at the seven sixteenths pole, weakened inside foes having the fence in the drive and was checked again slightly at the sixteenth pole while giving way to an outside rival in deep stretch.

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