

ELLIS PARK - August 10, 2025 - Race 1
MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT - Thoroughbred
FOR MAIDENS, FILLIES TWO YEARS OLD. Weight, 119 lbs.
Distance: Seven Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Society - 1:20.54 - June 24, 2023)
Purse: \$100,000
Includes: \$47,500 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund
Available Money: \$100,000
Value of Race: \$71,500 1st \$31,378, 2nd \$19,622, 3rd \$9,811, 4th \$4,906, 5th \$2,943, 6th \$948, 7th \$948, 8th \$944
Weather: Clear, 87° Track: Fast
Off at: 11:52 Start: Good for all except 5 Timing Method: Electronic



Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
4Jul25 ⁷ PRM ²	2	Best Friend (Hernandez, Jr., Brian)	119	--	2	5	4 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1 1/2}	3 ²	1 ^{Neck}	0.84*	2wbtw,4p1/4,drove past
14Jul25 ² ELP ²	4	Kenz (Gaffalione, Tyler)	119	--	4	4	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ¹	2 ^{3 3/4}	3.27	ins-2p,inch free,bestd
5Jul25 ⁸ LS ³	7	Late Night Text (Torres, Jaime)	119	f	6	1	5 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{5 1/4}	3.26	4p,bid 4-3p,turnd away
20Jul25 ³ ELP ²	8	Tactical Command (Machado, Luan)	119	--	7	2	2 ^{Head}	2 ¹	5 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{Neck}	41.77	press 3p,faded btw 1/4
21Jun25 ³ CD ²	1	Backgammon (Torres, Cristian)	119	b	1	3	3 ^{1/2}	4 ^{Head}	4 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{4 1/2}	16.29	stalk ins,chased,tired
---	9	Shot At Perfection (Morales, Edgar)	119	--	8	7	6 ¹	6 ^{1/2}	6 ^{1 1/2}	6 ¹¹	31.62	step slow,5p,no factor
---	5	Flower Stone (Asmussen, Keith)	119	--	5	8	8	7 ²	7 ^{3 1/2}	7 ^{5 3/4}	14.64	off slow,3p,outrun
---	3	Blackwing (Leparoux, Julien)	119	f	3	6	7 ^{Head}	8	8	8	38.55	inside,showed little

Fractional Times: 23.15 47.06 1:11.37 Final Time: 1:23.81
Split Times: (23:91) (24:31) (12:44)
Run-Up: 65 feet

Winner: Best Friend, Dark Bay or Brown Filly, by Girvin out of Mexican Miss, by More Than Ready. Foaled Feb 14, 2023 in Florida.
Breeder: Brad Grady & Misty Grady
Owner: MJM Racing
Trainer: McPeek, Kenneth

Scratched Horse(s): Smoochie Boo (Trainer)

Total WPS Pool: \$117,156

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
2	Best Friend	3.68	2.44	2.10	\$2.00 Exacta	2-4	13.82	74,937
4	Kenz		3.30	2.60	\$0.50 Trifecta	2-4-7	5.83	44,436
7	Late Night Text			2.38	\$0.10 Superfecta	2-4-7-8	11.42	26,850
					\$1.00 Super High Five	2-4-7-8-1	200.50	5,573

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
2	Best Friend	5	4 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{1 3/4}	3 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{Neck}
4	Kenz	4	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ¹	2 ^{Neck}
7	Late Night Text	1	5 ²	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ¹	3 ⁴
8	Tactical Command	2	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	5 ⁵	4 ^{9 1/4}
1	Backgammon	3	3 ¹	4 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{3 1/2}	5 ^{9 1/2}
9	Shot At Perfection	7	6 ^{2 1/2}	6 ^{3 1/4}	6 ^{7 1/2}	6 ¹⁴
5	Flower Stone	8	8 ^{3 3/4}	7 ^{3 3/4}	7 ⁹	7 ²⁵
3	Blackwing	6	7 ^{3 1/2}	8 ^{5 3/4}	8 ^{12 1/2}	8 ^{30 3/4}

Trainers: 2 - McPeek, Kenneth; 4 - Asmussen, Steven; 7 - Ramsey, Nolan; 8 - Troiani, Niccolo; 1 - Casse, Mark; 9 - Wilkes, Ian; 5 - Asmussen, Steven; 3 - Wilkes, Ian

Owners: 2 - MJM Racing; 4 - Bradley Thoroughbreds, Belmar Racing and Breeding, LLC, Cambron Equine, LLC, Starr, Kent, Starr, Sara, Northcutt, Allen, Hancock, Scott and Biederman, Tom; 7 - Daugherty Racing LLC and 24th Road Racing LLC; 8 - P B and J Stable; 1 - Lighthouse Racing; 9 - Six Column Stables LLC, Rice, Gene E., Gladden, Jim, Stanley, David and Bloch, Randall L.; 5 - Spendthrift Farm LLC; 3 -Mary Ann Charlston;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

BEST FRIEND stalked two wide and between horses, shifted outside of foes and to the four path turning for home then rallied to bid outside of the leader in the final sixteenth and drove past. KENZ set a pressured pace while remaining a path off of the inside, met an outer challenge turning for home, was set down entering the lane, inched free passing the furlong grounds but was bested by a an outer bidder late. LATE NIGHT TEXT tracked from the four path, ranged up to bid outside of top pair turning for home, moved down to the three path while vying with only the leader leaving the quarter pole, but was turned away at the furlong grounds, got outkicked for place shortly after and was best of the rest. TACTICAL COMMAND pressed the leader from the three path but faded between horses at the quarter pole. BACKGAMMON stalked along the inside, chased into the lane and tired. SHOT AT PERFECTION broke a step slow, raced off of the pace in the five path and failed to factor. FLOWER STONE broke slowly, raced off of the pace in the three path and got outrun. BLACKWING trailed along the inside and showed little.