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LOUISIANA DOWNS - July 27, 2008 - Race 1

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT - Thoroughbred

FOR MAIDENS, TWO YEARS OLD. Weight, 120 lbs. (Preference to horses that have not started for a claiming price of less than \$25,000). (If deemed inadvisable by management to run this race over the turf course, it will be run on the main track at Seven Furlongs) (Rail at 25 feet).

About Seven And One Half Furlongs On The Turf **Track Record:** (Home in Front - 1:27.40 - August 22, 1987)

Purse: \$23,000

Includes: \$7,800 Other Sources

Plus: \$1,000 Starters Bonus

Plus: \$3,000 ALBSS-Accredited LA Bred Slot Supplement

Available Money: \$24,080

Value of Race: \$24,080 1st \$13,800, 2nd \$4,600, 3rd \$2,860, 4th \$1,380, 5th \$690, 6th \$250, 7th \$250, 8th \$250

Weather: Clear **Track:** Firm

Off at: 1:25 **Start:** Good for all

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
27Jun08 ³ LAD ⁵	8	Skillz (Jacinto, John)	120 L	8	1	7 ²	7 ^{3 1/2}	3 ^{Head}	1 ³	3.90	waited 1/4, split foes
6Jul08 ⁷ LAD ³	3	Zava Jack (Simington, Donald)	120 L	3	2	3 ^{Head}	5 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	1.00*	steadied5/8,up2nd rail
18Jul08 ⁴ LAD ⁵	6	Nicodemus (Meche, Cody)	117 L b	6	7	6 ^{1/2}	6 ^{1/2}	5 ¹	3 ³	29.10	mild rally 5w
18Jul08 ⁷ LAD ⁷	7	Big Dustman (Dugas, Dustin)	115 ⁵ L b	7	8	8	8	6 ¹	4 ¹	99.10	modest rally rail
18Jul08 ⁷ LAD ⁴	4	Rockettes Away (Torres, Francisco)	120 L b	4	5	4 ^{1/2}	4 ¹	7 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{2 1/4}	5.10	4w both turns, empty
6Jul08 ⁷ LAD ⁶	1	Face Off (LeBlanc, Kirk)	120 L b	1	4	1 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	6 ^{3/4}	11.20	pace off rail,faltered
6Jul08 ⁷ LAD ⁵	5	Practice Tee (Diego, Iram)	120 L b	5	6	5 ²	3 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	7 ^{7 3/4}	39.00	closer, gave way
---	2	Ghost Ruler (Meche, Donnie)	120 L	2	3	2 ¹	1 ^{Head}	8	8	3.80	pace, stopped

Fractional Times: 24.05 47.89 1:15.93

Final Time: 1:35.56

Split Times: (23:84) (28:04) (19:63)

Run-Up: 0 feet **Temporary Rail:** 25 feet

Winner: Skillz, Chestnut Colt, by Dixieland Band out of Seeking the Roses, by Seeking the Gold. Foaled Feb 15, 2006 in Virginia.

Breeder: Edward P. Evans.

Winning Owner: Allshouse Racing Stable, Ace Thoroughbreds, Desormeaux, J. Keith and Doherty, M.

Scratched Horse(s): B G Royal West (Also-Eligible), Breaking News (Also-Eligible), Dancinfromthegitgo (Also-Eligible), Dovehunter Jones (Also-Eligible), Premo's Success (Also-Eligible), Slew a Genius (Also-Eligible)

Total WPS Pool: \$37,947

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
8	Skillz	9.80	4.80	3.60	\$2.00 Exacta	8-3	31.60	28,611
3	Zava Jack		2.80	2.40	\$2.00 Trifecta	8-3-6	286.80	23,277
6	Nicodemus			5.00	\$2.00 Superfecta	8-3-6-7	3,394.80	12,714

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
8	Skillz	1	7 ⁵	7 ^{3 3/4}	3 ^{Head}	1 ³
3	Zava Jack	2	3 ²	5 ^{1 3/4}	4 ^{Neck}	2 ³
6	Nicodemus	7	6 ^{4 1/2}	6 ^{3 1/4}	5 ^{3/4}	3 ^{3 1/2}
7	Big Dustman	8	8 ⁷	8 ^{7 1/4}	6 ^{1 3/4}	4 ^{6 1/2}
4	Rockettes Away	5	4 ²	4 ^{3/4}	7 ^{2 3/4}	5 ^{7 1/2}
1	Face Off	4	1 ¹	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	6 ^{9 3/4}
5	Practice Tee	6	5 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	7 ^{10 1/2}
2	Ghost Ruler	3	2 ¹	1 ^{Head}	8 ^{4 1/4}	8 ^{18 1/4}

Trainers: 8 - Desormeaux, J.; 3 - Cart, Jerry; 6 - Hardin, Jerry; 7 - Zeringue, Jr., Whitney; 4 - Ducoing, Sturges; 1 - Hukill, Charles; 5 - Konkoly, Andrew; 2 - Young, Robert

Owners: 8 - Allshouse Racing Stable, Ace Thoroughbreds, Desormeaux, J. Keith and Doherty, M.; 3 - S and S Racing LLC (Spencer and Srygley); 6 - Fugate, Dwight and Hooties Racing LLC; 7 -Bill Warren; 4 -Sturges J. Ducoing; 1 -Sharon Pittman; 5 - Anjo Racing, Inc.; 2 -Dustin Husser;

Footnotes

SKILLZ broke alertly, taken in hand to allow the speed to go, moved closer into the second flight second turn, waited briefly late in that bend, split foes upper straight, drove clear. ZAVA JACK forwardly placed, steadied onto the backstretch, fell back, dropped inside, got through rail midstretch, up for the place while no match for the winner. NICODEMUS void of early foot, came five wide into the stretch, finished willingly well out in the course to be getting to the runner up. BIG DUSTMAN last away, void of any kind of early foot, stage a mild rally up the rail. ROCKETTES AWAY four wide through both turns while within striking distance, had little for the drive. FACE OFF a pace factor while off the inside, faltered the final furlong. PRACTICE TEE moved closer in the run up the backstretch, gave way. GHOST RULER set or forced the pace, stopped.

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