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LOUISIANA DOWNS - August 15, 2010 - Race 8

MAIDEN CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR MAIDENS, THREE, FOUR, AND FIVE YEARS OLD. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Claiming Price \$5,000.

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Five And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt **Track Record:** (Fighting K - 1:02.84 - September 11, 1993)

Purse: \$6,500

Includes: \$4,000 Other Sources

Plus: \$4,000 ALBSS-Accredited LA Bred Slot Supplement

Available Money: \$8,900

Value of Race: \$8,900 1st \$6,300, 2nd \$1,300, 3rd \$715, 4th \$390, 5th \$195

Weather: Cloudy **Track:** Fast

Off at: 4:57 **Start:** Good for all

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
8Aug10 ⁴ LAD ²	3	Steppin Mike (LeJeune, Jr., Sidney)	121	L	3	4	4 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{2 1/4}	1.00*	3w,wore down leader
25Jul10 ⁹ LAD ⁴	8	Concern Sleet (Guerrero, Eduardo)	124	L	7	1	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	2 ⁵	2 ^{4 1/4}	17.00	pace, clear 2nd
8Aug10 ⁴ LAD ³	1	Crypto Jazz (Taylor, Larry)	120	L b	1	9	6 ³	4 ^{Head}	3 ¹	3 ^{1 1/4}	4.80	4w turn, best rest
1Aug10 ⁵ LAD ⁷	5	Lucky Abbie (Flores, Otto)	120	L b	5	3	5 ¹	6 ^{4 1/2}	6 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{Neck}	37.00	4w turn,improved a bit
23Jul10 ⁹ LAD ⁶	4	Big Speculator (Gonzalez, Carlos)	124	L fb	4	5	2 ¹	2 ^{Head}	5 ^{1/2}	5 ¹	5.70	bobbled start,faded
1Aug10 ⁵ LAD ³	2	Almost Summer (Eramia, Richard)	120	L b	2	2	3 ¹	5 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	6 ^{Head}	3.70	steady fade
---	10	Risky Grove (Bishop, S.)	115 ⁵	L	9	6	7 ^{Head}	7 ⁴	7 ¹⁰	7 ^{17 3/4}	11.70	no threat outside
18Jul10 ¹¹ LS ¹¹	6	Walkingtonhinice (Flores, Rico)	124	b	6	8	9	9	9	8 ^{1 1/4}	67.30	showed little
25Jul10 ⁹ LAD ⁵	9	Fly Early (Marquez, Carlos)	120	L b	8	7	8 ⁴	8 ⁵	8 ²	9	45.20	always outrun

Fractional Times: 23.62 47.58 1:00.12

Final Time: 1:07.40

Split Times: (23:96) (12:54) (7:28)

Run-Up: 20 feet

Winner: Steppin Mike, Dark Bay or Brown Colt, by My Mike out of High Steppin Music, by Stop the Music. Foaled Apr 21, 2006 in Louisiana.

Breeder: Richard J. Goetz.

Winning Owner: Donald Melancon

Claiming Prices: 3 - Steppin Mike: \$5,000; 8 - Concern Sleet: \$5,000; 1 - Crypto Jazz: \$5,000; 5 - Lucky Abbie: \$5,000; 4 - Big Speculator: \$5,000; 2 - Almost Summer: \$5,000; 10 - Risky Grove: \$5,000; 6 - Walkingtonhinice: \$5,000; 9 - Fly Early: \$5,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Caesar's Coin (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$29,471

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
3	Steppin Mike	4.00	3.20	2.80	\$2.00 Exacta	3-8	45.60	31,402
8	Concern Sleet		11.40	6.80	\$2.00 Trifecta	3-8-1	252.00	31,378
1	Crypto Jazz			3.80	\$2.00 Superfecta	3-8-1-5	2,509.40	20,709
					\$2.00 Pick 3	6-4-3 (3 correct)	54.60	1,092

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	3/8	Str	Fin
3	Steppin Mike	4	4 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{2 1/4}
8	Concern Sleet	1	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{2 1/4}
1	Crypto Jazz	9	6 ⁴	4 ²	3 ⁵	3 ^{6 1/2}
5	Lucky Abbie	3	5 ³	6 ^{3 3/4}	6 ⁷	4 ^{7 3/4}
4	Big Speculator	5	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{6 1/2}	5 ⁸
2	Almost Summer	2	3 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{2 1/4}	4 ⁶	6 ⁹
10	Risky Grove	6	7 ⁷	7 ^{8 1/4}	7 ^{9 1/2}	7 ⁹
6	Walkingtonhinice	8	9 ¹¹	9 ^{17 1/4}	9 ^{21 1/2}	8 ^{26 3/4}
9	Fly Early	7	8 ⁷	8 ^{12 1/4}	8 ^{19 1/2}	9 ²⁸

Trainers: 3 - Melancon, Donald; 8 - Schmidt, Denise; 1 - Stall, Jr., Albert; 5 - Ward, Ronnie; 4 - Lara, Jorge; 2 - Davidson, M.; 10 - Shumake, Ray; 6 - Saffel, John; 9 - Dodson, Clifford

Owners: 3 -Donald Melancon; 8 -Denise Schmidt Lessee; 1 -Joseph R. Straus, Jr.; 5 -Harvey, Charles and Felicity; 4 -Enrique Mata; 2 -Stephen R. Baker; 10 -Ray Shumake; 6 - Country Gold Equine LLC; 9 -Ruth C. Brightbill;

Footnotes

STEEPIN MIKE behind the early pace, advanced three wide into contention turn, engaged the leader from the outside upper stretch, wore that foe down and edged clear late. CONCERN SLEET broke alertly, showed the way early, got clear in the turn, could not match strides with the winner late, comfortably held the place. CRYPTO JAZZ lacked speed, raced four wide out of the turn, finished up best of the rest. LUCKY ABBIE lacked speed, came four wide out of the turn, improved position a bit while not a serious threat, between foes at the wire. BIG SPECULATOR bobbled at the start, quickly recovered to press the pace for a half, weakened in the drive. ALMOST SUMMER forwardly placed in the early going, steadily faded. RISKY GROVE failed to threaten outside. WALKINGTONHINICE trailed most of the way in showing little. FLY EARLY was always outrun while racing off the inside.