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COLONIAL DOWNS - July 26, 2024 - Race 5

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT - Thoroughbred

INNER TURF FOR MAIDENS, FILLIES TWO YEARS OLD. Weight, 119 lbs. (Preference To Horses That Have Not Started For Less \$25,000). (Rail at 40 feet).

Distance: One Mile On The Inner turf **Current Track Record:** (Street Copper - 1:33.09 - July 27, 2021)

Purse: \$60,000

Plus: \$2,000 Starters Bonus

Available Money: \$62,000

Value of Race: \$62,000 1st \$36,000, 2nd \$12,000, 3rd \$6,000, 4th \$3,000, 5th \$1,000, 6th \$1,000, 7th \$1,000, 8th \$1,000, 9th \$1,000

Weather: Clear, 84° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 6:47 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
---	4	Merry and Bright (Curtis, Ben)	119	--	3	3	3 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	3 ³	1 ³	1 ^{3 1/2}	8.60	rail bid, kicked clear
---	6	Smartest (Ruiz, Jorge)	119	--	5	7	7 ^{Head}	7 ^{Head}	7 ¹	3 ⁵	2 ³	0.70*	good late energy
---	8	Taco Cat Backwards (Gallardo, Antonio)	119	--	7	4	5 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	2 ¹	2 ^{3 1/2}	3 ⁶	5.80	3w bid,chasd,caught2nd
---	10	Queen in the Deck (Silvera, Ruben)	119	b	9	9	8 ²	8 ¹	8 ^{Head}	6 ³	4 ^{1 3/4}	13.90	off step slow, mildly
---	7	Sweet Ambition (Ashton, Gavin)	119	--	6	1	2 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1 1/4}	5.90	2nd flight,little left
11Jul24 ⁴ CNL ⁵	2	Miss Tapatia (Fuentes, Mario)	119	b	2	5	4 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	5 ^{1/2}	5 ^{Head}	6 ^{3 1/4}	28.80	settled, empty stretch
---	5	Vicki Vale (Sanchez, Mychel)	119	b	4	6	6 ¹	6 ^{1 1/2}	6 ^{Head}	8 ^{Head}	7 ³	9.10	no response drive
11Jul24 ⁵ CNL ⁷	9	Fiveclocksomewhere (Conner, Tyler)	119	--	8	8	9	9	9	9	8 ^{1 1/4}	26.00	popped doors,off slow
11Jul24 ⁴ CNL ⁸	1	Body Language (Jimenez, Manny)	120	b	1	2	1 ^{2 1/2}	1 ^{2 1/2}	1 ^{Head}	7 ^{1/2}	9	47.50	stopped when headed

Fractional Times: 26.61 52.03 1:16.75 1:28.77 **Final Time:** 1:40.83 **Time from Gate:** 1:45.56

Split Times: (25:42) (24:72) (12:02) (12:06)

Run-Up: 260 feet **Temporary Rail:** 40 feet

Winner: Merry and Bright, Dark Bay or Brown Filly, by Hard Spun out of Make Merry, by Medaglia d'Oro. Foaled Mar 22, 2022 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Godolphin

Owner: Godolphin, LLC

Trainer: Stidham, Michael

Scratched Horse(s): Hit Song (Stewards), Laws of a Nation (Also-Eligible)

Total WPS Pool: \$148,886

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
4	Merry and Bright	19.20	6.00	4.00	\$1.00 Pick 3	2-1/8/12-4 (3 correct)	272.90	17,306
6	Smartest		2.60	2.40	\$0.50 Pick 4	3-2-1/8/12-4 (4 correct)	970.25	24,754
8	Taco Cat Backwards			2.80	\$0.50 Pick 5	7-3-2-1/8/12-4 (5 correct)	5,370.95	36,629
					\$1.00 Daily Double	1-4	28.20	9,615
					\$1.00 Exacta	4-6	24.10	114,430
					\$0.10 Superfecta	4-6-8-10	51.57	51,689
					\$0.50 Trifecta	4-6-8	50.60	65,865
					\$1.00 Consolation Double	1-3	2.60	0

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
4	Merry and Bright	3	3 ^{2 1/2}	2 ^{2 1/2}	3 ¹	1 ³	1 ^{3 1/2}
6	Smartest	7	7 ^{4 3/4}	7 ^{5 3/4}	7 ^{5 1/4}	3 ^{6 1/2}	2 ^{3 1/2}
8	Taco Cat Backwards	4	5 ^{3 1/4}	4 ^{2 3/4}	2 ^{Head}	2 ³	3 ^{6 1/2}
10	Queen in the Deck	9	8 ^{4 3/4}	8 ⁶	8 ^{6 1/4}	6 ¹²	4 ^{12 1/2}
7	Sweet Ambition	1	2 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{2 1/2}	4 ⁴	4 ^{11 1/2}	5 ^{14 1/4}
2	Miss Tapatia	5	4 ³	5 ^{4 1/4}	5 ^{4 1/2}	5 ¹²	6 ^{15 1/2}
5	Vicki Vale	6	6 ^{3 3/4}	6 ^{4 1/4}	6 ⁵	8 ^{15 1/2}	7 ^{18 3/4}
9	Fiveclocksomewhere	8	9 ^{6 3/4}	9 ⁷	9 ^{6 1/4}	9 ^{15 3/4}	8 ^{21 3/4}
1	Body Language	2	1 ^{2 1/2}	1 ^{2 1/2}	1 ^{Head}	7 ¹⁵	9 ²³

Trainers: 4 - Stidham, Michael; 6 - Motion, H.; 8 - Casse, Mark; 10 - Munoz, Carlos; 7 - Casse, Mark; 2 - Rodriguez, Angel; 5 - Russell, Brittany; 9 - Cooney, Susan; 1 - McCutchen, Jason

Owners: 4 - Godolphin, LLC; 6 - Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Bridlewood Farm, Barber, Gary and Gainesway Stable (Antony Beck); 8 - D. J. Stable, LLC; 10 - CM Thoroughbreds; 7 -Tracy Farmer; 2 -Angel M. Rodriguez; 5 -Daniel McConnell; 9 - Twin Oaks Bloodstock LLC; 1 -Robert McCutcheon;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

MERRY AND BRIGHT tracked the leader from along the inside in the second flight, advanced on that one and lodged a challenge along the rail turning for home, kicked clear in a solid effort. SMARTEST void of speed just off the inside, angled out four wide entering the stretch, closed with good late energy to be in time for the place, no real threat to the winner. TACO CAT BACKWARDS in mid pack early while four wide through the first turn, advanced and challenged three wide late in the final turn as the winner was lodging a rail bid, quickly lost contact with that one approaching the furlong marker, could not contain the runner up in the late going, well clear of the others. QUEEN IN THE DECK off a step slow, lacked speed, continued well back into the far turn, staged a mild late rally to improve position, no threat to the top trio. SWEET AMBITION in the second flight for six furlongs while off the inside, had little for the drive. MISS TAPATIA in the second flight early, fell back a bit the second quarter, came up empty for the stretch run. VICKI VALE lacked speed, failed to respond when asked for the drive. FIVECLOCKSOMEWHERE popped stall doors, off a step slow, came in soon after, trailed most of the way in failing to threaten. BODY LANGUAGE sprinted clear to set a modest pace while just off the inside, allowed the winner the rail exiting the final bend, stopped through the stretch when headed by that one.

