

CHURCHILL DOWNS - June 21, 2026 - Race 8

MAIDEN CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 118 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Claiming Price \$30,000. **Claiming**

Price: \$30,000

Distance: Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Indian Chant - 1:07.55 - July 8, 2007)

Purse: \$57,000

Includes: \$5,400 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund

Plus: \$774 Other Sources

Available Money: \$57,774

Value of Race: \$57,774 1st \$32,136, 2nd \$11,400, 3rd \$5,700, 4th \$2,850, 5th \$1,710, 6th \$796, 7th \$796, 8th \$796, 9th \$795, 10th \$795

Weather: Clear, 80° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 4:26 **Start:** Good for all except 9 **Timing Method:** Electronic

[Video Race Replay](#)

[GPS Race Chart](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
28May26 ⁴ CD ⁷	10	Captain Mercury (Ortiz, Jr., Irad)	118 L bf	9 2		1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{4 1/4}	5.60	3-2p,drew off,driving
4Jun26 ² CD ²	5	D Bigalow (Gutierrez, Mario)	124 L b	5 3		4 ^{1 1/2}	4 ²	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{Neck}	2.67	tracked 4p,edged place
---	3	Krewezin (Concepcion, Axel)	118 L	3 6		3 ¹	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{3 1/2}	13.43	bmp st,3p,no match,yld
4Jun26 ² CD ⁶	7	Jem's Hershey Kiss (Beschizza, Adam)	118 L b	7 7		7 ¹	5 ^{Head}	5 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{Head}	75.09	chs 3p,up 4th late,hld
25May26 ¹ CD ⁵	4	Sinatra (Machado, Luan)	124 L	4 1		8 ^{1 1/2}	7 ¹	7 ¹	5 ^{3/4}	25.04	faded btw,6p upr,stay
30Apr26 ¹² CD ³	2	Castle Run (Ortiz, Jose)	124 L b	2 5		2 ¹	3 ²	4 ²	6 ¹	1.31*	bump st,ins,gave way
---	9	Maximum Honor (Gaffalione, Tyler)	118 L b	8 10		10	8 ^{1 1/2}	8 ²	7 ^{3/4}	13.45	off slw/drft out,imprv
16May26 ³ LS ⁴	1	Tapcon (Asmussen, Keith)	118 L	1 8		6 ^{1/2}	6 ^{2 1/2}	6 ^{Head}	8 ^{1 1/2}	9.20	step slw/brsh,ins,fade
8May26 ⁷ CD ⁵	6	Itchy (Bejarano, Rafael)	118 L bf	6 9		9 ^{3 1/2}	9 ^{2 1/2}	9 ⁸	9 ^{17 3/4}	17.74	3p,6-7p upr,no factor
6Jun26 ⁴ CD ⁹	11	Blackjack Man (Morales, Edgar)	118 L b	10 4		5 ^{Head}	10	10	10	68.12	chased 5p,wknd,eased

Fractional Times: 22.52 45.76 57.77

Final Time: 1:10.50 **Time from Gate:** 1:12.04

Split Times: (23:24) (12:01) (12:73)

Run-Up: 30 feet

Winner: Captain Mercury, Chestnut Gelding, by Tapiture out of Donna D, by Dixie Union. Foaled May 14, 2023 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Ralph Kinder & Erv Woolsey

Owner: Mark Fletcher Taylor

Trainer: Crichton, Rohan

2 Claimed Horse(s): **Castle Run**
Tapcon

New Trainer: Randy L. Morse
New Trainer: Genaro Garcia

New Owner: Carson McCord
New Owner: Southwest Racing Stables, Inc. and Wargel, William J.

Claiming Prices: 10 - Captain Mercury: \$30,000; 5 - D Bigalow: \$30,000; 3 - Krewezin: \$30,000; 7 - Jem's Hershey Kiss: \$30,000; 4 - Sinatra: \$30,000; 2 - Castle Run: \$30,000; 9 - Maximum Honor: \$30,000; 1 - Tapcon: \$30,000; 6 - Itchy: \$30,000; 11 - Blackjack Man: \$30,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Lasting Legacy (Stewards)

Total WPS Pool: \$316,299

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool	Carryover
10	Captain Mercury	13.20	5.14	4.40	\$2.00 Exacta	10-5	64.40	221,920	
5	D Bigalow		3.88	3.12	\$0.50 Trifecta	10-5-3	157.67	119,314	
3	Krewezin			7.70	\$0.10 Superfecta	10-5-3-7	565.42	78,980	
					\$1.00 Daily Double	6-10	104.77	35,604	
					\$0.50 Pick 3	2-6-10 (3 correct)	381.45	51,636	
					\$2.00 Odd or Even	EVEN	2.86	218	
					\$1.00 Z-5 Super Hi-5	10-5-3-7-4		19,029	19,393

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
10	Captain Mercury	2	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{4 1/4}
5	D Bigalow	3	4 ²	4 ⁵	3 ³	2 ^{4 1/4}
3	Krewezin	6	3 ¹	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{4 1/2}
7	Jem's Hershey Kiss	7	7 ^{4 1/4}	5 ⁷	5 ^{6 1/2}	4 ⁸
4	Sinatra	1	8 ^{5 1/4}	7 ^{9 1/2}	7 ⁸	5 ⁸
2	Castle Run	5	2 ^{Head}	3 ³	4 ^{4 1/2}	6 ^{8 3/4}
9	Maximum Honor	10	10 ^{10 1/4}	8 ^{10 1/2}	8 ⁹	7 ^{9 3/4}
1	Tapcon	8	6 ^{3 3/4}	6 ⁷	6 ⁸	8 ^{10 1/2}
6	Itchy	9	9 ^{6 3/4}	9 ¹²	9 ¹¹	9 ¹²
11	Blackjack Man	4	5 ^{3 1/2}	10 ^{14 1/2}	10 ¹⁹	10 ^{29 3/4}

Trainers: 10 - Crichton, Rohan; 5 - Fawkes, David; 3 - Stall, Jr., Albert; 7 - Foley, Gregory; 4 - Moger, Jr., Ed; 2 - DeVaux, Cherie; 9 - Sharp, Joe; 1 - Asmussen, Steven; 6 - Barker, Scott; 11 - Fletcher, Kevin

Owners: 10 -Mark Fletcher Taylor; 5 -Shelley Ann Todd; 3 - FTGGG Racing; 7 - Grand Cru Farm, LLC; 4 -Steve Moger; 2 - West Point Thoroughbreds, Hatfield, Rod, Hatfield Stables and CJ Stables; 9 -Anthony Tate; 1 - Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC and Pocket Aces Racing LLC; 6 -Scott W. Barker; 11 -Wayne Hash;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

CAPTAIN MERCURY led in the three to two path into the turn then drew off under a drive. D BIGALOW tracked from the four path then ran on to edge place in the final sixteenth. KREWEZIN bumped with an inner foe at the start, prompted between rivals before tipping to stalk from the three path around the turn, proved no match for the clearing leader while shifting inwardly in midstretch then flopped back to his left lead and yielded place late. JEM'S HERSHEY KISS chased from midpack in the three path, stayed on to reach fourth late then held that position. SINATRA raced forward three to two wide and between horses briefly, but faded with five furlongs to go, raced off of the pace in the two path around the far turn, yet shifted out to the five to six path in upper stretch and stayed on to miss fourth. CASTLE RUN bumped with an outer foe then brushed with an inner rival at the start, vied along the inside before stalking around

the turn, chased into the lane then gave way. MAXIMUM HONOR broke slowly then drifted out at the start, lagged behind along the inside, moved out coming to midstretch and improved position. TAPCON broke a step slow and brushed with an outer foe at the start, pursued from midpack along the inside but lacked a bid and faded. ITCHY raced off of the pace in the three path, fanned to the six to seven path in upper stretch and failed to factor. BLACKJACK MAN chased forwardly in the five path, but faded into the turn, weakened and was eased through the final furlong.

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