

MONMOUTH PARK - August 16, 2025 - Race 5

STAKES Philip H. Iselin S. Grade 3 - Thoroughbred  
FOR THREE-YEAR-OLDS AND UPWARD. By subscription of \$250 each, which should accompany the nomination, \$1,500 to pass the entry box and \$1,500 to start. \$7,500 supplemental nominations, which included all fees, were made at time of entry, Tuesday, August12, 2025. The owner of the winner to receive \$150,000, \$50,000 to second, \$25,000 to third, \$12,500 to fourth, \$7,500 to fifth and \$3,500 to sixth through last. Three-Year-Olds: 121 lbs.; Older: 124 lbs. Non-winners of a graded stakes in 2025 allowed 2lbs.; Non-winners of a sweepstakes in 2025, 4 lbs.; \$40,000 since May 1, 2025, 6 lbs. The Philip H. Iselin Stakes has been selected as one of the Breeders' Cup Dirt Dozen Races for the \$1 Million Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile. The nominated winner of The Philiiip H. Iselin Stakes will receive a credit of \$15,000 toward entry fees into the 2025 Grade I Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile, 2nd place will receive a \$7,500 credit toward the Dirt Mile entry fees and 3rd place will receive \$3,750 credit toward the Dirt Mile entryfees. Furosemide (Lasix) is not permitted within 48 hours of post time for this race. The winning owner to receive a trophy. Closed Saturday, August 2, 2025 with 11 nominations.

Distance: One And One Sixteenth Miles On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Sharp Azteca - 1:40.19 - July 30, 2017)

Purse: \$250,000 Added

Available Money: \$250,000

Value of Race: \$245,000 1st \$150,000, 2nd \$50,000, 3rd \$25,000, 4th \$12,500, 5th \$7,500

Weather: Cloudy, 82° Track: Fast

Off at: 2:54 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
19Jul25 <sup>6</sup> MTH <sup>1</sup>	2	Surface to Air (Marin, Samuel)	124	--	1	3	3 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	3 <sup>4</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>3/4</sup>	3.50	strong 3w bid turn
28Jun25 <sup>11</sup> CD <sup>3</sup>	6	First Mission (Geroux, Florent)	124	b	5	4	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>4 1/2</sup>	0.20*	bid turn, gamely ins
18Jul25 <sup>2</sup> CNL <sup>1</sup>	4	Repo Rocks (Martinez, Francisco)	122	b	3	2	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>Head</sup>	3 <sup>4</sup>	3 <sup>4</sup>	11.30	pace inside, best rest
19Jul25 <sup>6</sup> MTH <sup>5</sup>	3	Vitality (Leon, Sonny)	118	b	2	5	5	5	4 <sup>Head</sup>	4 <sup>2</sup>	4 <sup>4</sup>	24.40	inside, no threat
19Jul25 <sup>6</sup> MTH <sup>6</sup>	5	Gran Yaco (Vargas, Jr., Jorge)	118	--	4	1	4 <sup>1/2</sup>	4 <sup>1/2</sup>	5	5	5	24.30	off rail, no response

Fractional Times: 24.46 48.33 1:12.24 1:37.51 Final Time: 1:44.27

Split Times: (23:87) (23:91) (25:27) (6:76)

Run-Up: 48 feet

Winner: Surface to Air, Chestnut Horse, by Midshipman out of Shemazon, by Congrats. Foaled Feb 13, 2020 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Silverton Hill, LLC

Owner: Premier Stable

Trainer: Synnefias, Panagiotis

Scratched Horse(s): Offaly Cool (Trainer)

Total WPS Pool: \$426,046

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payout	Pool
2	Surface to Air	9.00	2.10	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	2-6	6.30	70,184
6	First Mission		2.10	2.10	\$0.50 Trifecta	2-6-4	8.80	51,094
4	Repo Rocks			2.20	\$0.50 Pick 3	1-1-2 (3 correct)	41.35	8,950
					\$0.50 Pick 4	1/3/7-1/6-1-2 (4 correct)	148.70	17,848
					\$0.50 Pick 5	2/7-1/3/7-1/6-1-2 (5 correct)	293.90	67,742
					\$1.00 Daily Double	1-2	27.70	8,980

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
2	Surface to Air	3	3 <sup>2</sup>	3 <sup>3</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>3/4</sup>
6	First Mission	4	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>3/4</sup>
4	Repo Rocks	2	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>Head</sup>	3 <sup>3</sup>	3 <sup>5 1/4</sup>
3	Vitality	5	5 <sup>3 1/2</sup>	5 <sup>4</sup>	4 <sup>5</sup>	4 <sup>7</sup>	4 <sup>9 1/4</sup>
5	Gran Yaco	1	4 <sup>3</sup>	4 <sup>3 1/2</sup>	5 <sup>5 1/4</sup>	5 <sup>9</sup>	5 <sup>13 1/4</sup>

Trainers: 2 - Synnefias, Panagiotis; 6 - Cox, Brad; 4 - Ness, Jamie; 3 - Orseno, Joseph; 5 - Avila, Juan

Owners: 2 - Premier Stable; 6 - Godolphin, LLC; 4 - Double B Racing Stables; 3 - Stronach Stables and Hunsburger, Joel B.; 5 - Victoria's Ranch and R.T Racing Stable;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

SURFACE TO AIR tracked on the inside, bid three wide on the far turn, charged to the front at the quarter pole, edged away to a short lead in upper stretch, dug in gamely outside of FIRST MISSION in the final sixteenth and kept that rival at bay. FIRST MISSION raced three wide early, then stalked close up two wide, pressed the pacesetter on the backside, bid two wide entering the far turn, briefly led, then dug in gamely on the rail in the stretch run and battled willingly to the end. REPO ROCKS set the pace on the inside, dueled inside on the far turn, angled out entering the stretch, stayed on well and earned the show award. VITALITY raced off the pace inside, chased inside on the far turn and failed to threaten. GRAN YACO raced off the rail, off the pace, lacked a response when asked, then tired.