

DEL MAR - July 17, 2026 - Race 1

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs. Non-winners Of Two Races At A Mile Or Over Since April 17 Allowed 2 lbs. Such A Race Since Then Allowed 4 lbs. Claiming Price \$16,000, if for \$14,000, allowed 2 lbs. (Maiden Races And Claiming Races For \$12,500 Or Less Not Considered). **Claiming Price:** \$16,000 - \$14,000

Distance: One Mile On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Precisionist - 1:33.20 - August 1, 1988)

Purse: \$34,000

Plus: \$2,000 Other Sources

Available Money: \$36,000

Value of Race: \$36,000 1st \$20,400, 2nd \$6,800, 3rd \$4,080, 4th \$2,040, 5th \$680, 6th \$500, 7th \$500, 8th \$500, 9th \$500

Weather: Clear, 75° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 2:01 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
6Jun26 ⁹ SA ²	4	Mighty Kai (Pereira, Tiago)	121	L	4	9	7 ²	7 ⁴	4 ^{1 1/2}	4 ⁴	1 ^{2 1/2}	4.90	ins,3w,rally,cleared
19Jun26 ¹ LRC ¹	2	Habeas (Ayuso, Armando)	123	L	2	1	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ¹	2 ¹	2 ^{2 1/2}	12.00	2-3w,2w,bid,outkicked
30May26 ⁵ SA ⁶	8	Pioneer Prince (Maldonado, Edwin)	121	L b	8	5	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{2 1/2}	3 ³	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{1/2}	8.00	bp/5-4w1st,ins2nd,kept
6Jun26 ⁹ SA ¹	7	Hard to Figure (Hernandez, Juan)	123	L b	7	2	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ⁴	1 ^{2 1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	4 ^{2 1/2}	1.20*	speed,yielded midstr
19Jun26 ¹ LRC ⁵	6	Keep Movin' On (Fresu, Antonio)	121	L b	6	7	8 ^{Head}	8 ^{Head}	6 ^{1/2}	5 ^{Head}	5 ^{1 1/4}	18.80	2w-ins,3-4w,no threat
13Jun26 ¹⁰ GP ⁵	3	Swaggish (Rosario, Joel)	121	L f	3	3	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	7 ¹	7 ¹	6 ^{1/2}	17.70	3-2wd,inside,no rally
5Jun26 ⁵ SA ⁷	9	Tariff (Aguilar, Armando)	121	L	9	4	9	9	9	8 ³	7 ^{1 3/4}	28.70	3wd,4wd,no menace
4Jul26 ⁴ LRC ⁷	1	Duran (Laprida, Jeremy)	121	L	1	8	6 ^{2 1/2}	6 ^{Head}	5 ^{1 1/2}	6 ^{1 1/2}	8 ^{11 1/4}	21.50	paused3/4,saved ground
19Jun26 ⁶ LRC ⁵	5	Cowboy Mike (Herrera, Diego)	121	L b	5	6	5 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1/2}	8 ¹	9	9	4.10	bpd/4-3w,3-2w,empty

Fractional Times: 22.31 45.00 1:10.21 1:23.82 **Final Time:** 1:36.94 **Time from Gate:** 1:42.26

Split Times: (22:69) (25:21) (13:61) (13:12)

Run-Up: 200 feet

Winner: Mighty Kai, Bay Gelding, by [Twirling Candy](#) out of My Happy Place, by Tapit. Foaled Mar 14, 2021 in Kentucky.

 Winner's sire standing at Lane's End

Breeder: Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc

Owner: Exelby, Randy, Mayo, Tom, and Sherman, Steve

Trainer: Sherman, Steve

3 Claimed Horse(s):	Cowboy Mike	New Trainer: Tim Yakteen	New Owner: Southern California Equine Stables LLC and Yakteen, Tim
	Hard to Figure	New Trainer: Tim Yakteen	New Owner: Southern California Equine Stables LLC
	Mighty Kai	New Trainer: Antonio C. Garcia	New Owner: Battle Born Racing Stable, Huson, Robert and Malmstrom, Brent J.

Claiming Prices: 4 - Mighty Kai: \$16,000; 2 - Habeas: \$16,000; 8 - Pioneer Prince: \$16,000; 7 - Hard to Figure: \$16,000; 6 - Keep Movin' On: \$16,000; 3 - Swaggish: \$16,000; 9 - Tariff: \$16,000; 1 - Duran: \$16,000; 5 - Cowboy Mike: \$16,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$501,153

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
4	Mighty Kai	11.80	6.40	4.40	\$1.00 Exacta	4-2	55.10	283,155
2	Habeas		9.80	7.20	\$2.00 Quinella	2-4	74.40	13,326
8	Pioneer Prince			6.20	\$0.50 Trifecta	4-2-8	203.25	145,855
					\$0.10 Superfecta	4-2-8-7	98.20	88,148

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
4	Mighty Kai	9	7 ^{6 1/2}	7 ⁹	4 ^{6 1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{2 1/2}
2	Habeas	1	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ⁴	2 ^{2 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{2 1/2}
8	Pioneer Prince	5	3 ³	3 ^{5 1/2}	3 ^{3 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ⁵
7	Hard to Figure	2	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ⁴	1 ^{2 1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	4 ^{5 1/2}
6	Keep Movin' On	7	8 ^{8 1/2}	8 ¹³	6 ^{9 1/2}	5 ^{5 1/2}	5 ⁸
3	Swaggish	3	4 ³	4 ⁸	7 ¹⁰	7 ^{7 1/4}	6 ^{9 1/4}
9	Tariff	4	9 ^{8 3/4}	9 ^{13 1/4}	9 ¹²	8 ^{8 1/4}	7 ^{9 3/4}
1	Duran	8	6 ⁴	6 ⁹	5 ⁸	6 ^{5 3/4}	8 ^{11 1/2}
5	Cowboy Mike	6	5 ^{3 1/2}	5 ^{8 1/2}	8 ¹¹	9 ^{11 1/4}	9 ^{22 3/4}

Trainers: 4 - Sherman, Steve; 2 - Koriner, Brian; 8 - O'Neill, Doug; 7 - Papaprodromou, George; 6 - Glatt, Mark; 3 - Wilensky, Sam; 9 - Knapp, Steve; 1 - Tamayo, Isidro; 5 - Miyadi, Steven

Owners: 4 - Exelby, Randy, Mayo, Tom, and Sherman, Steve; 2 - R-Star Racing LLC; 8 - Cady, Todd and Leatherman, Ty; 7 - Three Up Three Down Racing; 6 - Alipony Racing, Branch, William A. and Buster, Jr., William C.; 3 - Claim To Fame Racing Club; 9 - Thomsen Racing LLC and Peal, Larry; 1 - Mean Girls Racing Stable (Tipton); 5 - Jpf Investments I LLC;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

MIGHTY KAI settled inside towards the rear, advanced outside rivals on the backstretch, continued to make progress staying off the rail on the far turn, rallied to the front midstretch and won going away. HABEAS broke alertly, raced up close on the inside then switched off the rail quickly on the first turn, coaxed along in pursuit up the backstretch, moved into range on the far turn, challenged the leader entering the final furlong and got outkicked by the winner. PIONEER PRINCE got bumped five wide early on the first turn, moved into the four path, angled in on the backstretch, gained along the fence around the far turn, shifted out midstretch, failed to summon the needed late kick but kept trying to edge HARD TO FIGURE for third. HARD TO FIGURE sprinted to the front and crossed over to the inside, opened up a comfortable lead on the backstretch, carried a diminishing lead into the lane, challenged by HABEAS with a furlong remaining, yielded to the winner midstretch and flattened to fourth. KEEP MOVIN' ON raced at the back in the two path then along the rail, exited the backstretch two wide, passed rivals from outside around the far turn and failed to threaten in the drive. SWAGGISH bothered a bit by HABEAS early on the first turn, tracked in the three then two path, lost ground in the middle stages, saved ground through the far turn and could not rally.

TARIFF dropped back three wide early, rounded the far turn four wide and failed to menace in the stretch run. DURAN settled inside, had to pause at the three-quarter pole, ridden along through the far turn, moved out in upper stretch and never responded to urging. COWBOY MIKE got floated into outer rival early on the clubhouse turn, went four then three wide around the bend, ridden along after losing ground early on the backstretch, dropped back to last on the far turn and had little left for the drive.