

DEL MAR - July 18, 2026 - Race 8

STAKES San Diego H. Grade 2 - Thoroughbred
FOR THREE-YEAR-OLDS AND UPWARD. By subscription of \$300 each, which shall accompany the nomination Closed Thursday July 9,2026 with 15 Nominations or by supplementary nomination of \$3,000 each by Saturday, July 11 at noon. \$4,500 additional to start, with \$300,000 Guaranteed, of which \$180,000 to first, \$60,000 to second, \$36,000 to third, \$18,000 to fourth and \$6,000 to fifth. Weights Saturday, July 11. In the event the race overfills, horses with equal weights (adjusted for age) will receive equal draw. The San Diego Handicap has been selected as a Breeders' Cup Dirt Dozen Bonus Series Race for the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile on October 31, 2026 at Keeneland. The nominated winner of the San Diego Handicap will receive a credit of \$15,000 toward entry fees for the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile, 2nd place will receive a credit of \$7,500 toward entry fees and 3rd place will receive \$3,750 credit toward entry fees. A trophy will be presented to the winning owner.

Distance: One And One Sixteenth Miles On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Windy Sands - 1:40.00 - August 4, 1962)

Purse: \$300,000 Guaranteed

Available Money: \$300,000

Value of Race: \$300,000 1st \$180,000, 2nd \$60,000, 3rd \$36,000, 4th \$18,000, 5th \$6,000

Weather: Clear, 75° Track: Fast

Off at: 5:42 Start: Good for all except 5 Timing Method: Electronic

[Video Race Replay](#)

[GPS Race Chart](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
6Jun26 ¹¹ SAR ³	5	Journalism (Rispoli, Umberto)	125	--	4	5	5	5	⁴ Head	¹ 1/2	¹ 3/4	0.20*	false brk,aim3-4w,best
20Jun26 ⁹ LRC ¹	3	Shea Brennan (Ayuso, Armando)	118	b	2	2	³ 1 1/2	4 ¹	5	4 ²	² 2 1/4	23.10	ins,2w,lack room upper
7Jun26 ⁸ SA ¹	4	Iron Man Cal (Fresu, Antonio)	119	--	3	3	² 1/2	² 1/2	¹ Head	³ 1/2	³ 1 1/2	13.90	up close,vie btw,flatn
31May26 ⁸ SA ⁴	7	The Goat (CHI) (Jaramillo, Emisael)	120	--	5	4	4 ¹	³ 1/2	² Head	² Head	4 ⁸ 1/2	15.00	2-3w,bid3deep,led,wkn
26Jul25 ⁸ DMR ²	2	Mirahmadi (Hernandez, Juan)	119	--	1	1	1 ¹	¹ 1/2	3 ¹	5	5	3.90	led,vied inside,folded

Fractional Times: 23.34 47.47 1:11.58 1:36.37 Final Time: 1:42.65 Time from Gate: 1:44.81

Split Times: (24:13) (24:11) (24:79) (6:28)

Run-Up: 45 feet

Winner: Journalism, Bay Colt, by Curlin out of Mopotism, by Uncle Mo. Foaled Feb 06, 2022 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Don Alberto Corporation

Owner: Bridlewood Farm, Don Alberto Stable, Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Elayne Stables 5, LLC, LaPenta, Robert V., Magnier-Lessee, Mrs. John, Smith-Lessee, Derrick and Tabor-Lessee, Michael B.

Trainer: McCarthy, Michael

Scratched Horse(s): Full Serrano (ARG) (Trainer), Mc Vay (Trainer)

Total WPS Pool: \$899,014

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Journalism	2.40	2.10	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	5-3	4.60	228,312
3	Shea Brennan		5.60	2.60	\$2.00 Quinella	3-5	6.60	8,919
4	Iron Man Cal			2.80	\$0.50 Trifecta	5-3-4	4.65	116,369
					\$0.10 Superfecta	5-3-4-7	2.09	64,886
					\$2.00 Daily Double	4-5	11.80	54,032
					\$0.50 Pick 3	9-4-5 (3 correct)	3.95	138,065

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
5	Journalism	5	5 ⁴	5 ² 1/2	4 ¹ 1/4	¹ 1/2	¹ 3/4
3	Shea Brennan	2	³ 1 1/2	4 ¹ 1/2	5 ¹ 1/4	4 ¹	² 3/4
4	Iron Man Cal	3	2 ¹	² 1/2	¹ Head	³ 1/2	3 ³
7	The Goat (CHI)	4	4 ³	3 ¹	² Head	² 1/2	4 ⁴ 1/2
2	Mirahmadi	1	1 ¹	¹ 1/2	³ Head	5 ³	5 ¹³

Trainers: 5 - McCarthy, Michael; 3 - D'Amato, Philip; 4 - D'Amato, Philip; 7 - Sadler, John; 2 - Baffert, Bob

Owners: 5 - Bridlewood Farm, Don Alberto Stable, Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Elayne Stables 5, LLC, LaPenta, Robert V., Magnier-Lessee, Mrs. John, Smith-Lessee, Derrick and Tabor-Lessee, Michael B.; 3 -Nicholas B. Alexander; 4 - Little Red Feather Racing and Madaket Stables LLC; 7 - Don Alberto Stable and Paola Stable; 2 - Bashor Racing LLC, Front Row Club, Madaket Stables LLC, SF Racing and Enterprises, LLC, Starlight Racing, Waves Edge Capital LLC, Donovan, Catherine and Masterson, Robert E.;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

JOURNALISM moved just before the gates open and came away last, trailed the field into the first turn, moved into range around the bend in the two path, stalked outside SHEA BRENNAN into the far turn, took aim at the top trio three to four wide turning for home, surged to the front approaching the eighth pole, moved clear midstretch and held safely over SHEA BRENNAN late. SHEA BRENNAN stalked the speed from inside, shifted to the two path at the quarter pole, lacked room in upper stretch, angled out to a clear path, finished gamely and was gaining outside JOURNALISM late. IRON MAN CAL showed early speed then took a stalking position outside the leader on the clubhouse turn, applied pressure to MIRAHMADI past the five-eighths pole, vied between runners into the far turn, put a head in front at the five-sixteenths pole, overtaken by THE GOAT (CHI) past the quarter pole, fought back into the final furlong, then flattened to third. THE GOAT (CHI) tracked in the two then three path early, bid three deep on the backstretch, gained a short advantage over inner rivals late on the far turn, relinquished the lead to JOURNALISM in upper stretch and weakened in the late stages. MIRAHMADI took control early, pressured by IRON MAN CAL past the five-eighths pole then vied with outer pair up the backstretch, lost command midway around the far turn, stayed on to the three-sixteenths pole, then tired in the stretch.