

DEL MAR - July 26, 2026 - Race 9

STAKES Eddie Read S. Grade 2 - Thoroughbred
FOR THREE-YEAR-OLDS AND UPWARD. By subscription of \$250 each, which shall accompany the nomination closed Thursday July 16,2026 with 15 nominations or by supplementary nomination of \$2,500 each by the closing time of entries, closed with 1 (Astronmer) and \$3,750 additional to start, with \$250,000 Guaranteed, of which \$150,000 to first, \$50,000 to second, \$30,000 to third, \$15,000 to fourth and \$5,000 to fifth. Three-year-olds 120 lbs.; Older 125 lbs. Non-winners of a Grade I at one mile or over since November 2, 2025 allowed 2 lbs.; of a Grade II at one mile or over in 2026 or a Grade I at one mile or over in 2025, 4 lbs. High weights preferred. Total earnings in non-claiming races in 2026 will be used in determining the preference of horses with equal weights. A trophy will be presented to the winning owner. (Rail at 18 feet).

Distance: One And One Eighth Miles On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Aragorn (IRE) - 1:44.79 - July 23, 2006)

Purse: \$250,000 Guaranteed

Plus: \$1,500 Other Sources

Available Money: \$251,500

Value of Race: \$251,500 1st \$150,000, 2nd \$50,000, 3rd \$30,000, 4th \$15,000, 5th \$5,000, 6th \$500, 7th \$500, 8th \$500

Weather: Clear, 78° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 6:11 **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
14Jun26 ⁹ SA ¹	5	Gold Phoenix (IRE) (Berrios, Hector)	121	b	4	7	7 ²	7 ^{Head}	8	6 ¹	1 ^{Nose}	4.70	ins,rally btwn,got up
3Apr26 ³ SA ³	3	Cabo Spirit (Smith, Mike) 	121	b	2	1	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ²	1 ¹	1 ¹	2 ^{Head}	8.20	clear to 1/16, nailed
25May26 ⁸ SA ¹	8	Formidable Man (Velazquez, John)	125	--	7	4	4 ²	4 ¹	5 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{Head}	3 ^{1 1/2}	0.70*	stdy early,2w,3w,game
14Feb26 ⁷ SA ⁴	6	Stay Hot (Ayuso, Armando)	121	--	5	5	5 ^{Head}	5 ¹	4 ^{Head}	5 ^{1/2}	4 ^{Neck}	21.90	ins,lost path midstr
25May26 ⁸ SA ⁴	7	Seal Team (GB) (Rosario, Joel)	121	--	6	2	2 ^{Head}	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ¹	5 ^{1/2}	18.10	bp erly,bid uppr,flatn
25May26 ⁸ SA ²	4	Almendares (GB) (Fresu, Antonio)	121	--	3	6	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ¹	3 ¹	3 ^{1/2}	6 ^{1/2}	8.20	hit rail/bmpd,ins,2wd
2May26 ⁷ SA ¹	2	Mondego (GB) (Jaramillo, Emisael)	123	--	1	8	8	8	6 ^{Head}	8	7 ^{1/2}	18.00	ins,3w,angled,no rally
25May26 ⁸ SA ⁶	9	Mi Hermano Ramon (Hernandez, Juan)	121	b	8	3	6 ^{1 1/2}	6 ¹	7 ^{Head}	7 ^{1/2}	8	15.50	2w,tip out,no response

Fractional Times: 24.73 48.96 1:12.86 1:36.37

Final Time: 1:47.73

Time from Gate: 1:49.35

Split Times: (24:23) (23:90) (23:51) (11:36)

Run-Up: 25 feet **Temporary Rail:** 18 feet

Winner: Gold Phoenix (IRE), Chestnut Gelding, by =Belardo (IRE) out of Magnifica, by Mizzen Mast. Foaled Apr 22, 2018 in Ireland.

Breeder: Mighty Universe Ltd

Owner: Agave Racing Stable, Little Red Feather Racing, Sterling Stables, LLC and Naify, Marsha 

Trainer: D'Amato, Philip

Scratched Horse(s): Astronomer (Trainer)

Total WPS Pool: \$555,587

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Gold Phoenix (IRE)	11.40	5.00	3.00	\$1.00 Exacta	5-3	41.90	257,019
3	Cabo Spirit		7.00	3.60	\$2.00 Quinella	3-5	30.40	12,735
8	Formidable Man			2.20	\$0.50 Trifecta	5-3-8	45.40	169,566
					\$0.10 Superfecta	5-3-8-6	70.44	96,407
					\$2.00 Daily Double	7-5	43.60	77,365
					\$0.50 Pick 3	3-7-5 (3 correct)	111.75	101,555

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
5	Gold Phoenix (IRE)	7	7 ^{6 3/4}	7 ^{7 1/2}	8 ^{4 1/4}	6 ³	1 ^{Nose}
3	Cabo Spirit	1	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ²	1 ¹	1 ¹	2 ^{Nose}
8	Formidable Man	4	4 ³	4 ^{4 1/2}	5 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{Head}
6	Stay Hot	5	5 ⁵	5 ^{5 1/2}	4 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{1 3/4}
7	Seal Team (GB)	2	2 ^{1 1/2}	3 ³	2 ¹	2 ¹	5 ²
4	Almendares (GB)	6	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ²	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ²	6 ^{2 1/2}
2	Mondego (GB)	8	8 ^{8 3/4}	8 ^{7 1/2}	6 ⁴	8 ^{4 1/2}	7 ³
9	Mi Hermano Ramon	3	6 ^{5 1/4}	6 ^{6 1/2}	7 ^{4 1/4}	7 ⁴	8 ^{3 1/2}

Trainers: 5 - D'Amato, Philip; 3 - Papaprodromou, George; 8 - McCarthy, Michael; 6 - Eurton, Peter; 7 - Mandella, Richard; 4 - D'Amato, Philip; 2 - McCarthy, Michael; 9 - Glatt, Mark

Owners: 5 - Agave Racing Stable, Little Red Feather Racing, Sterling Stables, LLC and Naify, Marsha; 3 - Kretz Racing LLC; 8 - Warren, Jr., William K. and Warren, Suzanne; 6 - Burns Racing, LLC, Exline-Border Racing, LLC, Estate of Brereton C. Jones and Hudock, William Dan; 7 - Bass II, Perry R. and Bass, Ramona S.; 4 - CYBT, McLean Racing Stables, Gevertz, Saul, Nentwig, Michael and Pagano, Ray; 2 - Cheyenne Stables LLC; 9 - Rancho Temescal Thoroughbred Partners and Red Baron's Barn LLC;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

GOLD PHOENIX (IRE) unhurried and found the rail early, steadied briefly behind a rival entering the stretch for the first time, traveled at the back in the middle stages, patiently handled still on the fence around the far turn, rallied between rivals, took aim at the leader into the final sixteenth, rallied in tandem with FORMIDABLE MAN late and caught CABO SPIRIT at the wire. CABO SPIRIT stepped to the front and controlled the pace through the early going, remained unchallenged through the far turn, moved out at the top of the lane, continued clear into the final sixteenth, came under threat from a pair of rivals late and got nailed on the line. FORMIDABLE MAN steadied briefly behind SEAL TEAM (GB) entering the lane for the first time, moved into the two path tracking the speed, came under a ride three deep on the far turn, chased in range to midstretch, dug in the last sixteenth but came up just short in the end. STAY HOT laid off the pace on the inside, moved forward on the backstretch, hugged the rail to the stretch, had his path taken by SEAL TEAM (GB) midstretch, then finished willingly once in the clear the last sixteenth. SEAL TEAM (GB) got bumped by ALMENDARES (GB) early, stalked two wide, moved to the inside and crept closer to CABO SPIRIT, given his cue turning for home, bid in upper stretch but flattened out in the late stages. ALMENDARES (GB) hit the rail and bumped SEAL TEAM (GB) coming into the stretch for the first time, stalked along the fence then moved to the two path on the backstretch, came under a ride exiting the far turn and finished evenly through the lane. MONDEGO (GB) trailed on the inside then went outside GOLD PHOENIX (IRE) leaving the clubhouse turn, traveled three deep into the second bend, ridden along through the turn, angled out for the stretch and could not rally. MI HERMANO RAMON settled in the two path, between runners into the far turn, tipped out into the stretch and lacked further response.

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