

SANTA ANITA PARK - January 15, 2026 - Race 9

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT - Thoroughbred

FOR CALIFORNIA BRED OR CALIFORNIA SIRE MAIDENS, FOUR AND FIVE YEARS OLD. Weight, 124 lbs. (Non-Starters For A Claiming Price Of \$40,000 Or Less In Their Last 3 Starts Preferred)(Winning Owner to Receive \$12,500 From CTBA). (Rail at 30 feet). (S)

Distance: One Mile On The Turf Current Track Record: (Vyjack - 1:31.69 - October 8, 2016)

Purse: \$70,000

Plus: \$2,000 Other Sources

Available Money: \$72,000

Value of Race: \$72,000 1st \$42,000, 2nd \$14,000, 3rd \$8,400, 4th \$4,200, 5th \$1,400, 6th \$500, 7th \$500, 8th \$500, 9th \$500

Weather: Clear, 80° Track: Firm

Off at: 4:36 Start: Good for all except 5 Timing Method: Electronic

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Video Race Replay

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
5Oct25 ¹⁰ SA ⁶	9	Strait Up Country (Jaramillo, Emisael)	124	L	8	1	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ²	1 ^{2 1/4}	3.80	pulled, wire to wire
9Nov25 ⁵ DMR ²	2	Hardtobebetternow (Rispoli, Umberto)	124	L b	2	8	2 ^{1/2}	2 ¹	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ¹	2 ^{Head}	1.60*	forward 2wd,held 2nd
1Nov25 ⁵ DMR ⁴	1	Star of Delhi (Pereira, Tiago)	124	L	1	7	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	3 ²	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{2 1/4}	41.60	ins,angled,denied2nd
7Nov25 ⁵ DMR ²	6	Shapoval (Baze, Tyler)	124	L b	6	2	7 ^{1 1/2}	7 ^{1 1/2}	7 ^{1/2}	4 ¹	4 ^{3/4}	12.40	shffld1st,bpd/tight2nd
7Nov25 ⁵ DMR ³	3	Island Paradise (Herrera, Diego)	124	L b	3	6	5 ^{Head}	6 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1/2}	5 ^{Nose}	13.10	ins,btw,bp2nd,no rally
28Sep25 ¹ SA ⁷	7	Benny's Puzzle (Gonzalez, Ricardo)	124	L b	7	4	8 ^{1/2}	8 ^{1/2}	8 ^{2 1/2}	7 ^{2 1/2}	6 ³	41.50	2wd,angled,no threat
---	5	Vron by You (Kimura, Kazushi)	124	L	5	9	9	9	9	8 ¹	7 ^{Neck}	16.70	off slow,saved ground
5Oct25 ¹⁰ SA ³	4	Big Bill (Lezcano, Abel)	124	L b	4	5	6 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{Head}	6 ^{1/2}	8 ⁶	2.80	bpd 2x early,2w,3deep
9Nov25 ⁵ DMR ⁵	10	Irish Element (Demuro, Mirco)	124	L b	9	3	4 ^{1/2}	5 ^{Head}	6 ^{1/2}	9	9	9.90	3deep,4deep,weakened

Fractional Times: 23.01 46.93 1:11.34 1:23.61 Final Time: 1:36.27

Split Times: (23:92) (24:41) (12:27) (12:66)

Run-Up: 110 feet Temporary Rail: 30 feet

Winner: Strait Up Country, Bay Gelding, by Smiling Tiger out of Kadley, by Silent Name (JPN). Foaled Feb 12, 2022 in California.

Breeder: Rob Henie & Camara Henie

Owner: Henie Racing

Trainer: Galvin, Brendan

Scratched Horse(s): High King (Also-Eligible), Maul (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$197,783

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool	Carryover
9	Strait Up Country	9.60	4.80	4.60	\$1.00 Exacta	9-2	19.60	116,981	
2	Hardtobebetternow		3.20	2.60	\$1.00 Trifecta	9-2-1	359.10	63,748	
1	Star of Delhi			13.00	\$5.00 Daily Double	7-9	117.50	99,281	
					\$3.00 Pick 3	5-7-9 (3 correct)	402.60	115,231	
					\$3.00 Pick 3	TURFPICK3(1-5-9) (3 correct)	726.00	59,810	
					\$2.00 Pick 6	2-1-6-5-7-9 (5 correct)	2,956.00	38,732	20,693
					\$1.00 Pick 6	SUNSETPICK6 (6 correct)		9,435	8,016
					\$0.50 Pick 4	6-5-7-9 (4 correct)	216.95	206,171	
					\$1.00 Super High Five	9-2-1-6-3	6,413.70	16,808	
					\$0.50 Pick 5	1-6-5-7-9 (5 correct)	1,350.95	277,434	
					\$0.10 Superfecta	9-2-1-6	253.95	53,175	
					\$1.00 3x3	3/4 OF 9 (3 correct)	1.05	79	670

Past Performance Running Line Preview

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9	Strait Up Country	1	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ²	1 ^{2 1/4}
2	Hardtobebetternow	8	2 ¹	2 ¹	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ²	2 ^{2 1/4}
1	Star of Delhi	7	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ²	3 ³	3 ³	3 ^{2 1/4}
6	Shapoval	2	7 ⁴	7 ^{3 1/2}	7 ⁶	4 ^{4 1/2}	4 ^{4 1/2}
3	Island Paradise	6	5 ^{2 1/2}	6 ³	5 ⁵	5 ^{5 1/2}	5 ^{5 1/4}
7	Benny's Puzzle	4	8 ^{5 1/2}	8 ⁵	8 ^{6 1/2}	7 ^{6 1/2}	6 ^{5 1/2}
5	Vron by You	9	9 ⁶	9 ^{5 1/2}	9 ⁹	8 ⁹	7 ^{8 1/2}
4	Big Bill	5	6 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ⁵	6 ⁶	8 ^{8 3/4}
10	Irish Element	3	4 ²	5 ³	6 ^{5 1/2}	9 ¹⁰	9 ^{14 3/4}

Trainers: 9 - Galvin, Brendan; 2 - Yakteen, Tim; 1 - Baker, D.; 6 - Mullins, Jeff; 3 - Powell, Leonard; 7 - Gutierrez, Jorge; 5 - Gaines, Carla; 4 - Glatt, Mark; 10 - O'Neill, Doug

Owners: 9 - Henie Racing; 2 - Brown, Edward Rusty J., Klein, Alan P. and Lebherz, Philip; 1 - Packsaddle Road LLC; 6 -Robert M. Jones; 3 - Holzinger, Matthew, Holzinger, Vicki, Perry, John, Perry, Lynn, Santiesteban, Felix B. and Strangio, James Anthony; 7 - ESX Racing, Hubbard, John and Gutierrez, Jorge; 5 - Harris Farms, Inc.; 4 - Rancho Temescal Thoroughbred Partners and Shanderella Stables; 10 -Ed Delaney;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

STRAIT UP COUNTRY sprinted clear and pulled the rider along when taken in hand, moved to the inside, continued keenly on the backstretch, led clear under right handed urging into the final furlong and maintained a comfortable lead to the wire. HARDTOBEBETTERNOW forwardly placed outside a rival early, was closest in pursuit two wide around the far turn, moved out a bit in upper stretch, could not threaten the winner in the furlong grounds but was able to secure second. STAR OF DELHI chased from inside, angled out at the top of the lane and could not get by HARDTOBEBETTERNOW for second. SHAPOVAL went two wide into the first turn then got shuffled behind a trouble rival early on the bend, moved inside on the backstretch, bumped and got put in tight early on the far turn, hugged the rail to the stretch and churned on for a minor placing. ISLAND PARADISE tracked from inside, went between rivals on the backstretch, bumped with SHAPOVAL early on the far turn, went two wide into the lane and could not rally. BENNY'S PUZZLE raced in the two path towards the rear into the far turn, angled out leaving the far turn and was unable to threaten. VRON BY YOU was off slow to begin, saved ground through both turns and passed tired rivals. BIG BILL got bumped twice approaching the clubhouse turn, tracked in the two path, three deep on the backstretch, stayed off the rail to the stretch and weakened. IRISH ELEMENT tracked three deep around the first turn, four deep on the second bend, got floated five

wide into the lane and came up empty.

Track Attendance: 2181	Handle: \$255,892
ITW = intra-state wagering	Handle: \$715,069
ISW = inter-state wagering	Handle: \$4,030,027

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