

SANTA ANITA PARK - January 18, 2026 - Race 8

EQUIBASE

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Weight, 124 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race At A Mile Or Over Since November 18 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$8,000 (Maiden And Claiming Races For \$7,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances). **Claiming Price:**

\$8,000

Distance: One Mile On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Ruhlmann - 1:33.40 - March 5, 1989)

Purse: \$18,500

Plus: \$1,130 Other Sources

Available Money: \$19,630

Value of Race: \$19,630 1st \$11,100, 2nd \$3,700, 3rd \$2,220, 4th \$1,110, 5th \$500, 6th \$500, 7th \$500

Weather: Clear, 77° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 4:09 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic



[Video Race Replay](#)

| Last Raced | Pgm | Horse Name (Jockey) | Wgt | M/E | PP | Start | 1/4 | 1/2 | 3/4 | Str | Fin | Odds | Comments |
|------------|-----|-----------------------------------|-----|------|----|-------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|-------|-------------------------|
| 8Jan26 | 2 | Contrary Chieftain (Frey, Kyle) | 122 | L bf | 2 | 4 | 1 ^{1/2} | 1 ^{1/2} | 1 ² | 1 ⁵ | 1 ^{6 1/2} | 0.60* | ins,drew off,ridden out |
| 7Dec25 | 3 | Alpine Thunder (Pereira, Tiago) | 122 | L b | 6 | 5 | 6 ² | 3 ^{Head} | 3 ^{1/2} | 3 ⁵ | 2 ^{1/2} | 9.10 | bp/chck1st,3-2w,ins-2w |
| 28Nov25 | 2 | Mother's Prayer (Baze, Tyler) | 122 | L | 4 | 1 | 2 ^{1 1/2} | 2 ^{1 1/2} | 2 ^{2 1/2} | 2 ¹ | 3 ^{7 1/2} | 7.20 | prss outsd,chs2-3w,wkn |
| 28Nov25 | 2 | DMR ⁴ | 122 | L | 3 | 6 | 5 ^{1/2} | 7 | 6 ²⁰ | 5 ² | 4 ^{3 1/2} | 7.50 | ins-2w,pass tired rvl |
| 7Dec25 | 7 | Northern Quest (Aguilar, Armando) | 117 | L bf | 7 | 2 | 4 ^{1/2} | 4 ^{1/2} | 4 ^{1 1/2} | 4 ¹ | 5 ¹¹ | 16.00 | bpd4w1st,2-3wd,faded |
| 5Dec25 | 2 | LRC ⁵ | 122 | L b | 1 | 7 | 7 | 6 ^{1/2} | 5 ^{2 1/2} | 6 | 6 | 7.40 | step slow,2-3wd,3-4wd |
| 19Sep25 | 5 | Smarty Nose (Bautista, Alfredo) | 122 | L | 5 | 3 | 3 ^{1/2} | 5 ^{1/2} | 7 | --- | --- | 22.10 | pulled up, eq amb |
| | | Autism Puzzle (Demuro, Mirco) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Union Wave (Lezcano, Abel) | | | | | | | | | | | |

Fractional Times: 23.65 47.83 1:12.01 1:24.49

Final Time: 1:37.33

Split Times: (24:18) (24:18) (12:48) (12:84)

Run-Up: 175 feet

Winner: Contrary Chieftain, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by Bold Chieftain out of Mary Contrary, by Mizzen Mast. Foaled Jan 14, 2019 in California.

Breeder: Victory Rose Thoroughbreds

Owner: Mia Familia Racing Stable

Trainer: Barocio, Librado

Claiming Prices: 2 - Contrary Chieftain: \$8,000; 6 - Alpine Thunder: \$8,000; 4 - Mother's Prayer: \$8,000; 3 - Northern Quest: \$8,000; 7 - Smarty Nose: \$8,000; 1 - Autism Puzzle: \$8,000; 5 - Union Wave: \$8,000;

Total WPS Pool: \$180,065

| Pgm | Horse | Win | Place | Show | Wager Type | Winning Numbers | Payoff | Pool |
|-----|--------------------|------|-------|------|---------------------|-------------------|--------|---------|
| 2 | Contrary Chieftain | 3.20 | 2.10 | 2.10 | \$1.00 Exacta | 2-6 | 5.80 | 100,487 |
| 6 | Alpine Thunder | | 4.80 | 3.20 | \$1.00 Trifecta | 2-6-4 | 26.70 | 67,426 |
| 4 | Mother's Prayer | | | 3.20 | \$0.10 Superfecta | 2-6-4-3 | 7.22 | 57,285 |
| | | | | | \$2.00 Daily Double | 3-2 | 9.60 | 33,430 |
| | | | | | \$1.00 Pick 3 | 4-3-2 (3 correct) | 25.70 | 29,185 |

Past Performance Running Line Preview

| Pgm | Horse Name | Start | 1/4 | 1/2 | 3/4 | Str | Fin |
|-----|--------------------|-------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 2 | Contrary Chieftain | 4 | 1 ^{1/2} | 1 ^{1/2} | 1 ² | 1 ⁵ | 1 ^{6 1/2} |
| 6 | Alpine Thunder | 5 | 6 ^{3 1/2} | 3 ² | 3 ^{4 1/2} | 3 ⁶ | 2 ^{6 1/2} |
| 4 | Mother's Prayer | 1 | 2 ^{1/2} | 2 ^{1/2} | 2 ² | 2 ⁵ | 3 ⁷ |
| 3 | Northern Quest | 6 | 5 ³ | 7 ^{3 1/2} | 6 ⁹ | 5 ¹² | 4 ^{14 1/2} |
| 7 | Smarty Nose | 2 | 4 ^{2 1/2} | 4 ² | 4 ⁵ | 4 ¹¹ | 5 ¹⁸ |
| 1 | Autism Puzzle | 7 | 7 ^{5 1/2} | 6 ³ | 5 ^{6 1/2} | 6 ¹⁴ | 6 ²⁹ |
| 5 | Union Wave | 3 | 3 ² | 5 ^{2 1/2} | 7 ²⁹ | --- | --- |

Trainers: 2 - Barocio, Librado; 6 - Hernandez, Jr., Jose; 4 - Knapp, Steve; 3 - Uranga, Jesus; 7 - Rivera, Sally; 1 - Vallejo, Genaro; 5 - Hernandez, Jr., Jose

Owners: 2 - Mia Familia Racing Stable; 6 - Huntertown Farm LLC; 4 - Rex Racing LLC; 3 -Jesus J. Uranga; 7 - Ayer, Alex, Heck, William L., Rivera, Sally and Saller, William; 1 - Taboada Racing Stables LLC; 5 -Ronald E. Chaffee, Jr.;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

CONTRARY CHIEFTAIN showed the way inside MOTHER'S PRAYER early, cleared that rival at the seven-sixteenths pole, padded the lead in upper stretch, then drew off under a tap of the right hand and was ridden out through the late stages. ALPINE THUNDER chased between rivals before getting bump and checking into the first turn, went three then two wide around the bend, raced on the inside into the second bend, shifted to the two path while losing ground, tipped out in the lane and ran on for second. MOTHER'S PRAYER pressed from outside, lost touch with the winner into the far turn, chased two to three wide around that bend and flattened to third. NORTHERN QUEST tracked from inside, trailed at the midway point, passed a rival early on the far turn, eased over to the two path and passed tired rivals down the lane. SMARTY NOSE bumped while four wide into the first turn, chased two then three wide on the second bend and faded in the lane. AUTISM PUZZLE broke a step slow, trailed two to three wide early, gained widest up the backstretch, lost ground three then four wide on the far turn and had little left for the stretch. UNION WAVE chased three wide around the clubhouse turn, between rivals on the backstretch, dropped back and eased on the far turn, pulled up at the top of the lane and was transported off the track via equine ambulance.