

SANTA ANITA PARK - January 18, 2026 - Race 8

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

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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
8Jan26 ² SA ⁵	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,riddn out
7Dec25 ³ LRC ⁶	6	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 DMR ⁴	4	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 ³	3	Northern Quest (Aguilar, Armando)	122	L		3	6	5 ^{1/2}	7	6 ²⁰	5 ²	4 ^{3 1/2}	7.50 ins-2w,pass tired rvls
7Dec25 ⁶ LRC ³	7	Smarty Nose (Bautista, Alfredo)	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	1	Autism Puzzle (Demuro, Mirco)	122	L	b	1	7	7	6 ^{1/2}	5 ^{2 1/2}	6	6	7.40 step slow,2-3wd,3-4wd
19Sep25 ⁹ LRC ⁹	5	Union Wave (Lezcano, Abel)	122	L		5	3	3 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1/2}	7	---	---	22.10 pulled up, eq amb

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.