

SANTA ANITA PARK - February 15, 2026 - Race 5

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 10 feet). (S)

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

Purse: \$70,000

Plus: \$2,500 Other Sources

Available Money: \$72,500

Value of Race: \$72,500 1st \$42,000, 2nd \$14,000, 3rd \$8,400, 4th \$4,200, 5th \$1,400, 6th \$500, 7th \$500, 8th \$500, 9th \$500, 10th \$500

Weather: Cloudy, 64° Track: Firm

Off at: 2:34 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
28Sep25 ¹ SA ⁴	3	Zagreus (Herrera, Diego)	124	L b	3	3	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Nose}	3.10	ins,driftd out/bpd str
15Jan26 ⁹ SA ⁶	4	Benny's Puzzle (Gonzalez, Ricardo)	124	L b	4	10	9 ^{Head}	9 ¹	9 ²	7 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{Neck}	16.10	step slow,saved ground
15Jan26 ⁹ SA ²	6	Hardtobebetternow (Kimura, Kazushi)	124	L b	6	7	4 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	2 ¹	2 ^{Head}	3 ^{Neck}	1.50*	drftd/bpd1st,bmpd str
---	1	Nineteenth Hole (Aguilar, Armando)	124	L b	1	8	3 ^{Head}	5 ^{1/2}	5 ^{Head}	5 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1 1/4}	17.60	stalk ins, rail rally
31Jan26 ¹ SA ⁵	11	High King (Ayuso, Armando)	124	L	10	4	2 ¹	3 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	5 ^{3 1/4}	29.60	2wd,ins,no late kick
15Jan26 ⁹ SA ³	8	Star of Delhi (Pereira, Tiago)	124	L	8	1	6 ^{Head}	7 ^{1 1/2}	6 ^{Head}	6 ^{Head}	6 ²	9.50	bobbld,4w,forcd out3/4
31Jan26 ¹ SA ⁸	5	Maul (Monroy, Francisco)	125	L b	5	2	8 ^{1/2}	8 ^{1/2}	8 ^{1/2}	8 ^{1/2}	7 ^{Nose}	73.70	steady2x,altrd out1st
15Jan26 ⁹ SA ⁴	7	Shapoval (Baze, Tyler)	124	L b	7	5	5 ¹	4 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	8 ^{5 1/2}	13.30	bpd3deep1st,3w2nd,wkn
8Jan26 ⁹ SA ⁸	2	Wasting Aces (Fresu, Antonio)	124	L bf	2	6	7 ²	6 ^{1/2}	7 ^{1 1/2}	9 ⁵	9 ^{6 1/4}	27.30	pulled/on heels early
17Jan26 ⁶ SA ⁷	10	Rich Reward (Demuro, Mirco)	124	L b	9	9	10	10	10	10	10	4.30	4-5-3w,3-2w,no factor

Fractional Times: 22.99 46.91 1:11.16 1:23.31 Final Time: 1:36.09

Split Times: (23:92) (24:25) (12:15) (12:78)

Run-Up: 160 feet Temporary Rail: 10 feet

Winner: Zagreus, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by Sir Prancealot (IRE) out of Persephone, by Real Solution. Foaled Mar 25, 2022 in California.

Breeder: Ciaglia Racing LLC, Katherine Fisher &Dominic Savides

Owner: Ciaglia Racing LLC, Integrity Thoroughbred Racing, LLC and Savides, Domenic

Trainer: Powell, Leonard

Scratched Horse(s): Going Nowhere (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$283,653

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
3	Zagreus	8.20	4.20	2.80	\$1.00 Exacta	3-4	56.10	158,781
4	Benny's Puzzle		12.00	5.40	\$1.00 Trifecta	3-4-6	198.20	89,650
6	Hardtobebetternow			2.60	\$0.10 Superfecta	3-4-6-1	244.27	81,987
					\$2.00 Daily Double	5-3	99.00	42,376
					\$1.00 Pick 3	1-5-3 (3 correct)	286.20	52,228
					\$0.50 Pick 4	5-1-5-3 (4 correct)	726.80	152,146
					\$0.50 Pick 5	2-5-1-5-3 (5 correct)	6,480.30	398,450

Past Performance Running Line Preview

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3	Zagreus	3	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{Nose}
4	Benny's Puzzle	10	9 ^{6 1/4}	9 ⁵	9 ^{5 1/4}	7 ^{1 3/4}	2 ^{Nose}
6	Hardtobebetternow	7	4 ²	2 ¹	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	3 ^{Neck}
1	Nineteenth Hole	8	3 ²	5 ²	5 ³	5 ^{1 1/4}	4 ^{1/2}
11	High King	4	2 ¹	3 ¹	4 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{Head}	5 ^{1 3/4}
8	Star of Delhi	1	6 ^{3 1/2}	7 ³	6 ^{3 1/4}	6 ^{1 3/4}	6 ⁵
5	Maul	2	8 ^{5 3/4}	8 ^{4 1/2}	8 ^{4 3/4}	8 ^{3 1/4}	7 ⁷
7	Shapoval	5	5 ^{2 1/2}	4 ^{1 1/2}	3 ¹	4 ^{3/4}	8 ⁷
2	Wasting Aces	6	7 ^{3 3/4}	6 ^{2 1/2}	7 ^{3 1/4}	9 ^{3 3/4}	9 ^{12 1/2}
10	Rich Reward	9	10 ^{6 1/4}	10 ⁶	10 ^{7 1/4}	10 ^{8 3/4}	10 ^{18 3/4}

Trainers: 3 - Powell, Leonard; 4 - Gutierrez, Jorge; 6 - Yakteen, Tim; 1 - Yakteen, Tim; 11 - Stute, Gary; 8 - Baker, D.; 5 - Psarras, Andreas; 7 - Mullins, Jeff; 2 - Koriner, Brian; 10 - Capestro, Paula

Owners: 3 - Ciaglia Racing LLC, Integrity Thoroughbred Racing, LLC and Savides, Domenic; 4 - ESX Racing, Hubbard, John and Gutierrez, Jorge; 6 - Brown, Edward Rusty J., Klein, Alan P. and Lebherz, Philip; 1 - Dore, Timothy and Moewes, Denice; 11 - Kerr, Jared W. and Kerr, William L.; 8 - Packsaddle Road LLC; 5 - Orens, Richard S. and Psarras, Emmanuel J.; 7 -Robert M. Jones; 2 - Koriner, Brian J. and Lyons, Janet; 10 -Paula S. Capestro;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

ZAGREUS controlled the pace on the inside through the early going, met the bid from HARDTOBEBETTERNOW at the three-eighths pole, dueled into the lane, drifted out and brushed that rival midstretch, came out and bumped in deep stretch and stubbornly held. BENNY'S PUZZLE broke a step slow, saved ground from off the pace, moved out in the lane, rallied while splitting foes in midstretch, surged four deep late and just missed. HARDTOBEBETTERNOW drifted out and bumped a rival on the first turn, stalked up the backstretch, challenged from outside at the three-eighths pole, fought head to head into the lane, took light contact from ZAGREUS midstretch, shifted in and bumped with that rival in the last sixteenth and could not get by. NINETEENTH HOLE stalked from inside, chased along the fence around the far turn as well, rallied inside the top trio late and finished a game fourth. HIGH KING was closest in pursuit from the two path early, stalked inside a rival into the far turn, moved out in the upper stretch, chased determinedly through the lane but could not summon the needed late kick. STAR OF DELHI bobbled leaving the gate, tracked four deep into the first turn, got forced out at the three-quarter pole, chased three deep around the far turn and lacked the needed response. MAUL steadied off heels early then steadied again and altered out into the first turn, went two wide into the far turn, swung out leaving that bend and could not rally. SHAPOVAL got bumped chasing three deep on the first turn, stalked up the backstretch, roused three wide on the far turn and weakened. WASTING ACES pulled the rider up on heels twice early, continued keenly around the first turn and into the backstretch, followed in range leaving the backstretch, chased between runners on the far turn and weakened. RICH REWARD went

four, five, then three wide around the clubhouse turn at the back, trailed three then two wide on the far turn and was never a factor. THE RIDER HARDTOBEBETTERNOW LODGED A CLAIM OF FOULD AGAINST THE RIDER OF ZAGREUS FOR ALLEGED INTERFERENCE IN THE STRETCH. THERE WAS ALSO A STEWARDS INQUIRY INVOLVING THE SAME INCIDENT. FOLLOWIN A REIVEW, THE STEWARDS RULED THAT THE CONTACT BETWEEN THE RUNNERS WAS MUTUEL AND THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGE.