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SANTA ANITA PARK - February 20, 2026 - Race 3
MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT - Thoroughbred
FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD. Weight, 122 lbs.
Distance: One Mile On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Ruhmann - 1:33.40 - March 5, 1989)
Purse: \$70,000
Plus: \$21,000 CBOIF - California Bred Owner Fund
Available Money: \$91,000
Value of Race: \$70,000 1st \$42,000, 2nd \$14,000, 3rd \$8,400, 4th \$4,200, 5th \$1,400
Weather: Clear, 58° **Track:** Fast
Off at: 1:33 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
9Jan26 ³ SA ³	4	Blacksmith (Geroux, Florent)	122	L b	4	2	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ³ 1/2	1 1 1/2	1 ³ 3/4	0.60*	closest,bid2w,drew awy
28Dec25 ² SA ⁵	5	Plagarist (Lezcano, Abel)	122	L b	5	4	4 ¹	4 ¹ /2	3 ¹ /2	3 ² 1/2	2 ¹ 1/4	8.40	bpd/3-2w1st,3deep2nd
22Nov25 ⁹ DMR ⁶	3	Authentic Patriot (Hernandez, Juan)	122	L b	3	1	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ¹ Head	2 ³	3 ³ 1/4	3.10	speed,duel ins,flatten
25Jan26 ⁹ SA ⁵	1	Out of the Woods (Herrera, Diego)	122	L	1	3	5	5	4 ¹ /2	4 ⁴	4 ¹⁸ 1/2	21.50	bpd/on heels1st,btw2nd
9Jan26 ³ SA ⁵	2	Easy Company (Demuro, Mirco)	122	L	2	5	3 ¹ /2	3 ¹ Head	5	5	5	4.60	tight 1st,inside,tired

Fractional Times: 22.99 46.77 1:10.99 1:24.18 **Final Time:** 1:37.54
Split Times: (23:78) (24:22) (13:19) (13:36)
Run-Up: 175 feet

Winner: Blacksmith, Bay Colt, by [Liam's Map](#) out of Sweet Achiever, by Curlin. Foaled Feb 26, 2023 in Kentucky.



Winner's sire standing at Lane's End

Breeder: Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc. & St. Elias Stables, LLC

Owner: Wathnan Racing

Trainer: Baffert, Bob

Total WPS Pool: \$148,545

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
4	Blacksmith	3.20	2.40	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	4-5	6.40	56,653
5	Plagarist		4.40	2.60	\$1.00 Trifecta	4-5-3	19.20	46,494
3	Authentic Patriot			2.60	\$2.00 Daily Double	1-4	47.00	18,061
					\$1.00 Pick 3	2-1-4 (3 correct)	336.80	22,281

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
4	Blacksmith	2	2 ¹	2 ¹	2 ¹ Head	1 1 1/2	1 ³ 3/4
5	Plagarist	4	4 ³	4 ² 1/2	3 ³ 1/2	3 ⁴ 1/2	2 ³ 3/4
3	Authentic Patriot	1	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ¹ Head	2 ¹ 1/2	3 ⁵
1	Out of the Woods	3	5 ⁴	5 ³	4 ⁴	4 ⁷	4 ⁸ 1/4
2	Easy Company	5	3 ² 1/2	3 ² 1/2	5 ⁴ 1/2	5 ¹¹	5 ²⁶ 3/4

Trainers: 4 - Baffert, Bob; 5 - Glatt, Mark; 3 - Baffert, Bob; 1 - D'Amato, Philip; 2 - Mandella, Richard

Owners: 4 - Wathnan Racing; 5 - Muir Hut Stables LLC; 3 - Spendthrift Farm LLC; 1 - Little Red Feather Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Panic Stable LLC and Strauss, William; 2 - Spendthrift Farm LLC;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

BLACKSMITH was closest in pursuit from the two path around the first turn, challenged from outside early on the second bend, put AUTHENTIC PATRIOT away approaching the eighth pole and drew away. PLAGARIST bumped with OUT OF THE WOODS while chasing three then two wide on the first turn, stayed off the rail then three deep on the backstretch, remained three wide to the stretch, kept on down the lane and got by AUTHENTIC PATRIOT for second. AUTHENTIC PATRIOT took control and moved inside, came under threat from BLACKSMITH on the far turn, maintained a short lead through the bend, yielded to that rival in upper stretch and flattened to third. OUT OF THE WOODS chased along the rail then moved to the two path, bumped with outer rival and steadied off heels around the first turn, went between rivals on the backstretch, chased in the two path still between runners on the far turn and weakened in the drive. EASY COMPANY was prominent early but got put in tight by the leader into the first turn, tracked along the rail to the second bend, started to weaken around the curve and tired.