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SANTA ANITA PARK - March 14, 2026 - Race 4

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES. Weight, 124 lbs. Claiming Price \$10,000.

(NW3 L) **Claiming Price:** \$10,000

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

Purse: \$20,000

Plus: \$600 Other Sources

Available Money: \$20,600

Value of Race: \$20,600 1st \$12,000, 2nd \$4,000, 3rd \$2,400, 4th \$1,200, 5th \$500, 6th \$500

Weather: Clear, 83° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 2:40 **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
11Jan26 ² SA ³	4	DQ-Mongolian Max (Aguilar, Armando)	124	L	4	3	3 ¹ 1/2	4 ²	1 ^{Head}	1 ² 1/2	1 ⁴ 1/4	1.70*	bid btwn,bmpd foe5/16
8Feb26 ⁴ SA ³	3	Mighty Kai (Fresu, Antonio)	124	L	3	5	5 ¹	3 ^{1/2}	2 ¹	2 ²	2 ² 1/4	2.30	bp1st,bid3-4w,no match
13Feb26 ¹ SA ¹	6	Last Call Paul (Ayuso, Armando)	124	L	bf	6	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ¹	3 ² 1/2	3 ¹	3 ^{Neck}	4.00	outsd,3-2w btwn,wknd
8Feb26 ⁴ SA ²	1	Malibu Rocks (Franco, Geovanni)	124	L	b	1	6	5 ^{Head}	4 ⁶	4 ⁸	4 ²¹	3.80	ins,came out,no bid
20Feb26 ⁴ SA ³	2	Dark Marcus (Pereira, Tiago)	124	L	b	2	4	4 ¹	6	5	5	9.30	bumped/checked 1st
22Feb26 ² LA ³	5	Elegant Life (Castillo, Pablo)	117	L	5	1	1/2	1 ^{Head}	---	---	---	41.30	bpd,hit rail,lost jock

Fractional Times: 23.47 48.18 1:12.95 1:25.68

Final Time: 1:38.57

Split Times: (24:71) (24:77) (12:73) (12:89)

Run-Up: 175 feet

Winner: Mighty Kai, Bay Gelding, by [Twirling Candy](#) out of My Happy Place, by Tapit. Foaled Mar 14, 2021 in Kentucky.

TWIRLING CANDY Winner's sire standing at Lane's End

Breeder: Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc

Owner: Palacios, Ruben and Zenedjian, Eddie S.

Trainer: Garcia, Victor

1 Claimed Horse(s): **Mighty Kai**

New Trainer: Jose R. Valdez

New Owner: Steve P. Rusich

Voided Claims: Malibu Rocks(Vet)

Claiming Prices: 4 - Mongolian Max: \$10,000; 3 - Mighty Kai: \$10,000; 6 - Last Call Paul: \$10,000; 1 - Malibu Rocks: \$10,000; 2 - Dark Marcus: \$10,000; 5 - Elegant Life: \$10,000;

Disqualification(s): # 4 Mongolian Max from 1 to 6

Total WPS Pool: \$252,268

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
3	Mighty Kai	6.60	4.20	3.40	\$1.00 Exacta	3-6	18.50	131,929
6	Last Call Paul		4.80	4.40	\$1.00 Trifecta	3-6-1	58.00	85,104
1	Malibu Rocks			3.40	\$0.10 Superfecta	3-6-1-2	17.63	61,441
					\$2.00 Daily Double	1-3	46.60	28,609
					\$1.00 Pick 3	3-1-3 (3 correct)	36.10	14,229

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
4	Mongolian Max	3	3 ²	4 ¹ 1/2	1 ^{Head}	1 ² 1/2	1 ⁴ 1/4
3	Mighty Kai	5	5 ⁴ 1/2	3 ¹	2 ^{Head}	2 ² 1/2	2 ⁴ 1/4
6	Last Call Paul	2	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	3 ¹	3 ⁴ 1/2	3 ⁶ 1/2
1	Malibu Rocks	6	6 ⁵ 1/2	5 ³ 1/2	4 ³ 1/2	4 ⁵ 1/2	4 ⁶ 3/4
2	Dark Marcus	4	4 ³ 1/2	6 ³ 3/4	5 ⁹ 1/2	5 ¹³ 1/2	5 ²⁷ 3/4
5	Elegant Life	1	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	---	---	---

Trainers: 4 - Aguirre, Paul; 3 - Garcia, Victor; 6 - Knapp, Steve; 1 - DeLeon, Rafael; 2 - Hobson, Simon; 5 - Rubin, Howard

Owners: 4 - Metanoia Racing; 3 - Palacios, Ruben and Zenedjian, Eddie S.; 6 - Chase, Mark, Knapp, Steve R., Ryan, Michael John and Ryan, Ronald L.; 1 - Jaime Roberto Renella; 2 - Amy Hobson; 5 -Howard Rubin;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

MONGOLIAN MAX stalk leaders while bit off the rail, awaited room early on second turn, rushed up between ELEGANT LIFE and LAST CALL PAUL past three-eighths marker, bumped the former twice unseated that horse's rider and kicked clear. MIGHTY KAI brushed with DARK MARCUS at the break, tracked leaders from off the rail, caught four deep on the second turn, bid three wide into the lane and finished well. LAST CALL PAUL forced the pace into and thru the backstretch, caught three deep and between rivals on the second turn, came in bit thru the lane and weakened. MALIBU ROCKS reserved along the rail early, later angled out and failed to produce serious late threat. DARK MARCUS brushed with outside foe at the break, checked off heels of MIGHTY KAI on the first turn, chased from the inside and weakened. ELEGANT LIFE stepped to the front, set pace from the inside continued along the rail on the second bend, bumped twice with ELEGANT LIFE past the three-eighths marker, hit the rail and unseated its rider. THE STEWARDS CONDUCTED AN INQUIRY INVOLVING THE INCIDENT ON THE SECOND TURN AND DISQUALIFIED MONGELIAN MAX FOR BUMPING TWICE WITH ELEGANT LIFE CAUSING THAT HORSE TO HIT THE INSIDE RAIL AND UNSEAT ITS RIDER. MONGELIAN MAX WAS THEN UNPLACED.