

SANTA ANITA PARK - March 20, 2026 - Race 4

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR CALIFORNIA BRED OR CALIFORNIA Sired THREE YEAR OLDS WHICH HAVE NEVER WON \$21,000 ONCE OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING OR STARTER OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES OR CLAIMING PRICE \$50,000. Weight, 122 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Other Than Maiden, Claiming Or Starter At A Mile Or Over Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$50,000 (Non-Starters For A Claiming Price Of \$16,000 Or Less In Their Last 3 Starts Preferred)(Horses Entered For The Allowance Are Preferred). (SNW1\$ X) **Claiming Price:** \$50,000

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

Purse: \$70,000

Plus: \$1,000 Other Sources

Available Money: \$71,000

Value of Race: \$71,000 1st \$42,000, 2nd \$14,000, 3rd \$8,400, 4th \$4,200, 5th \$1,400, 6th \$500, 7th \$500

Weather: Clear, 98° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 2:38 **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
6Mar26 ⁴ SA ⁵	4	Southern Melodee (Ayuso, Armando)	120	L	3	2	² Head	2 ¹	2 ²	2 ³	¹ Neck	2.80	check3/8,2w,bpd3/16
1Mar26 ³ SA ⁴	8	Uecker (Escobedo, Adrian)	120	L	bf	6	1	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	¹ Head	2 ¹ 1/4	18.40	2w-ins,bmpd into str
6Mar26 ⁴ SA ²	6	Fionello (Fresu, Antonio)	120	L	bf	5	4	4 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	⁴ Head	3 ¹ 1/2	1.30*	tracked 2wd, willingly
6Mar26 ⁴ SA ³	5	What a Gift (Pereira, Tiago)	120	L	b	4	5	5 ³	5 ¹	5 ³ 1/2	4 ^{1/2}	4.30	inside, evenly late
13Feb26 ⁸ SA ¹	2	Scatalotadingdong (Jaramillo, Emisael)	120	L		1	6	⁶ Head	6 ²	3 ^{1/2}	5 ⁸	4.10	ins,4-3w move,flatten
27Feb26 ⁴ SA ¹	3	Bandolero (Gonzalez, Ricardo)	120	L	f	2	7	7	7	⁶ Head	6 ⁵ 1/2	22.20	2wide,3-4wide,empty
1Mar26 ⁴ SA ¹	9	Tiggrrr Whitworth (Espinoza, Victor)	120	L	bf	7	3	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ^{1/2}	6 ³	7	38.90	pulled3w,crowded5/16

Fractional Times: 23.21 47.32 1:12.20 1:25.40 **Final Time:** 1:39.40

Split Times: (24:11) (24:88) (13:20) (14:00)

Run-Up: 170 feet

Winner: Southern Melodee, Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by Smokem out of Northern Song, by Animal Kingdom. Foaled Apr 23, 2023 in California.

Breeder: Terry C. Lovingier

Owner: Griffin Stables, LLC, Lovingier, Terry C. and Yayoshi, Ronald R.

Trainer: Dollase, Craig

Scratched Horse(s): Gentleman Rancher (Re-entered), Smoovin Saturday (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$173,018

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
4	Southern Melodee	7.60	4.20	2.60	\$1.00 Exacta	4-8	50.80	102,546
8	Uecker		15.20	5.60	\$1.00 Trifecta	4-8-6	141.20	56,178
6	Fionello			2.10	\$0.10 Superfecta	4-8-6-5	38.88	41,300
					\$2.00 Daily Double	6-4	24.60	22,497
					\$1.00 Pick 3	2-6-4 (3 correct)	102.40	16,367

Past Performance Running Line Preview

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4	Southern Melodee	2	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	² Head	¹ Neck
8	Uecker	1	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	¹ Head	² Neck
6	Fionello	4	4 ² 1/2	4 ²	4 ³	3 ³	3 ¹ 1/2
5	What a Gift	5	5 ³	5 ² 1/2	5 ³	4 ³ 1/2	4 ³
2	Scatalotadingdong	6	6 ⁶	6 ³ 1/2	3 ² 1/2	5 ⁴	5 ¹⁵
3	Bandolero	7	7 ⁶ 1/4	7 ⁵ 1/2	7 ⁹ 1/2	6 ¹²	6 ²⁵ 1/2
9	Tiggrrr Whitworth	3	3 ¹	3 ¹ 1/2	6 ⁶ 1/2	7 ¹² 1/4	7 ³¹

Trainers: 4 - Dollase, Craig; 8 - Hanson, Ryan; 6 - Knapp, Steve; 5 - Garcia, Victor; 2 - Powell, Leonard; 3 - Knapp, Steve; 9 - Knapp, Steve

Owners: 4 - Griffin Stables, LLC, Lovingier, Terry C. and Yayoshi, Ronald R.; 8 - Dacmac Ventures, LLC, Hanson, Ryan and Pimentel, Paul; 6 - Knapp, Steve R., Lovingier, Terry C., Moroney, John and Grey, Sandra Lee; 5 - Palacios, Ruben and Zennedjian, Eddie S.; 2 - Benowitz Family Trust, Convergence Stables, LLC and Powell, Mathilde; 3 - Lovingier, Terry C. and Moroney, John; 9 - Zolotas, Steven and Romo-Zolotas, Sabina;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

SOUTHERN MELODEE showed speed inside UECKER then got put in tight and had to take up at the three-quarter pole, switched to the outside and applied pressure through the middle stages, dueled through the far turn, bumped with UECKER at the top of the lane, battled down the lane and wore down the runner-up late for the victory. UECKER grabbed the early lead racing out SOUTHERN MELODEE, put that rival in tight and took control leaving the first turn, confronted by that rival again on the backstretch, maintained a short lead through the far turn, bumped entering the lane, resisted into the last sixteenth and yielded grudgingly in the end. FIONELLO tracked in the two path or outside a rival, came under a ride on the far turn, finished willingly through the lane but lacked the needed final kick. WHAT A GIFT settled on the inside, moved closer in the middle stages, hugged the rail to the stretch and finished evenly in the furlong grounds. SCATALOTADINGDONG trailed inside a rival around the clubhouse turn, moved off the fence on the backstretch had one rival beat into the far turn, was on the move four then three wide through the bend but flattened out in the lane. BANDOLERO traveled outside a rival at the back, moved further out on the backstretch trailing the field, navigated the far turn four to five wide and had little left for the stretch run. TIGGRRR WHITWORTH raced up close outside the top pair and pulled around the first turn, stalked up the backstretch, remained three deep into the far turn, got put in tight between rivals at the five-sixteenths pole and tired.