

SANTA ANITA PARK - April 18, 2026 - Race 7

STAKES American S. Grade 3 - Thoroughbred

FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. By subscription of \$100 each if made on or before Sunday, April 5, 2026, closed with 13 or by Supplementary nomination of \$2,000 due at time of entry. \$750 to enter and an additional \$750 to start with \$100,000 guaranteed of which \$60,000 to the winner, \$20,000 to second, \$12,000 to third, \$6,000 to fourth, and \$2,000 to Fifth. 124 lbs.

Non-Winners of a Graded Stake at One Mile or Over allowed 2 lbs. Non-Winners of a Sweepstakes at One Mile or Over allowed 4 lbs. A trophy will be presented to the winning owner.

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

Purse: \$100,000 Guaranteed

Plus: \$1,000 Other Sources

Available Money: \$101,000

Value of Race: \$101,000 1st \$60,000, 2nd \$20,000, 3rd \$12,000, 4th \$6,000, 5th \$2,000, 6th \$500, 7th \$500

Weather: Clear, 84° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 4:19 **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
7Mar26 ⁹ SA ³	5	Almendares (GB) (Fresu, Antonio)	122	--	5	5	7	7	6 ¹	5 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Neck}	1.70*	ins-2w,swung out,up
14Mar26 ³ SA ³	7	Genius Jimmy (Hernandez, Juan)	120	h	7	3	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{Head}	2 ¹	7.50	bid btwn3/8,led,nailed
14Mar26 ³ SA ⁶	6	Seal Team (GB) (Berrios, Hector)	124	--	6	4	4 ^{Head}	5 ¹	4 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	4.60	2-3w,ranged up4deep1/4
30Aug25 ⁵ DMR ⁶	3	King of Gosford (GB) (Jaramillo, Emisael)	124	b	3	1	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ¹	3 ¹	3 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	3.70	pulled,ins-3w,bid3w3/8
14Mar26 ³ SA ¹	2	Sumter (Smith, Mike)	122	--	2	7	5 ^{1/2}	4 ¹	5 ¹	6 ² 1/2	5 ^{1/2}	4.30	lackd room uppr-midstr
6Mar26 ⁷ SA ¹	1	Twirling Point (Gonzalez, Ricardo)	122	--	1	6	6 ¹ 1/2	6 ^{1/2}	7	7	6 ¹ 1/4	34.80	ins,whittled gap late
14Mar26 ⁷ SA ¹	4	Captain Choochies (Geroux, Florent)	120	bf	4	2	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	4 ^{Head}	7	9.60	ins,pressured3/8,wknd

Fractional Times: 23.30 47.48 1:10.84 1:22.41

Final Time: 1:34.14 **Time from Gate:** 1:37.72

Split Times: (24:18) (23:36) (11:57) (11:73)

Run-Up: 120 feet

Winner: Almendares (GB), Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, by Havana Grey (GB) out of =Glace (IRE), by Verglas (IRE). Foaled Feb 12, 2020 in Great Britain.

Breeder: D. R. Tucker

Owner: CYBT, McLean Racing Stables, Gevertz, Saul, Nentwig, Michael and Pagano, Ray

Trainer: D'Amato, Philip

Total WPS Pool: \$360,895

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Almendares (GB)	5.40	3.00	2.40	\$1.00 Exacta	5-7	16.30	164,966
7	Genius Jimmy		6.40	4.00	\$1.00 Trifecta	5-7-6	76.40	83,578
6	Seal Team (GB)			4.40	\$0.10 Superfecta	5-7-6-3	32.21	63,791
					\$2.00 Daily Double	3-5	88.00	27,439
					\$1.00 Pick 3	8-3-5 (3 correct)	255.50	36,457
					\$0.50 Pick 4	6-8-3-5 (4 correct)	1,035.40	87,213
					\$1.00 Coast To Coast	5-6-1-3-5 (5 correct)	6,448.20	86,938
					Pick 5			

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
5	Almendares (GB)	5	7 ⁶ 1/2	7 ⁵	6 ² 3/4	5 ¹ 1/4	1 ^{Neck}
7	Genius Jimmy	3	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{Neck}
6	Seal Team (GB)	4	4 ⁴ 1/2	5 ³ 1/2	4 ¹ 1/2	2 ^{Head}	3 ¹ 1/4
3	King of Gosford (GB)	1	3 ³	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	4 ¹ 3/4
2	Sumter	7	5 ⁴ 1/2	4 ² 1/2	5 ¹ 3/4	6 ¹ 3/4	5 ² 1/4
1	Twirling Point	6	6 ⁵	6 ⁴ 1/2	7 ³ 3/4	7 ⁴ 1/4	6 ² 3/4
4	Captain Choochies	2	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ¹	1 ^{1/2}	4 ¹	7 ⁴

Trainers: 5 - D'Amato, Philip; 7 - McCarthy, Michael; 6 - Mandella, Richard; 3 - D'Amato, Philip; 2 - Mandella, Richard; 1 - Wright, Blaine; 4 - Papaprodromou, George

Owners: 5 - CYBT, McLean Racing Stables, Gevertz, Saul, Nentwig, Michael and Pagano, Ray; 7 - Pappas Horse Racing Corp., Gala, Colin, O'Neill, Dennis and Strauss, William; 6 - Bass II, Perry R. and Bass, Ramona S.; 3 - Benowitz Family Trust, CYBT, Gevertz, Saul, Nentwig, Michael and Paskoff, Jeremy; 2 - Bass II, Perry R. and Bass, Ramona S.; 1 - Henline, Paula P. and Henline, Tracy D.; 4 - Kretz Racing LLC;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

ALMENDARES (GB) unhurried in the beginning and moved to the inside, shifted to the two path for the clubhouse turn, traveled outside a rival in the middle stages, closed in around the far turn, swung out for the stretch run, rallied five deep into the final furlong, fought four deep at the sixteenth and outkicked GENIUS JIMMY in the end. GENIUS JIMMY was closest in pursuit from the two path in the early stages, challenged between rivals with three furlongs remaining, put a head in front in upper stretch, resisted into the final strides and got nailed by the winner. SEAL TEAM (GB) reserved two then three wide early, crept closer in the middle stages, ranged up four deep at the quarter pole, fought between runners into deep stretch and got outkicked by the top pair. KING OF GOSFORD (GB) pulled along the inside early then came off the rail to the three path on the clubhouse turn, stalked outside the top pair up the backstretch, bid three deep into the far turn, fought between rivals to the sixteenth pole and lacked the needed late punch. SUMTER settled in the two path then crept closer while finding the rail on the clubhouse turn, followed in range into the far turn, drafted behind the leader around that bend, lacked room from upper to midstretch, then kept trying when gaining a clear path in the last sixteenth. TWIRLING POINT settled next to the fence, coaxed along in the middle stages, trailed into the stretch and showed a mild response to whittle the gap late. CAPTAIN CHOOCHIES grabbed the lead and steered to the inside, showed the way up the backstretch, took pressure from a pair of rivals into the far turn, clung to a short lead over outer trio turning for home, lost command shortly after and weakened in the late stages.

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