

SANTA ANITA PARK - April 19, 2026 - Race 8

STAKES Santa Maria S. Grade 3 - Thoroughbred

FOR FILLIES AND MARES, FOUR-YEAR-OLDS AND UPWARD. By subscription of \$100 each if made on or before Sunday, April 5, 2026, closed with 10 or by Supplementary nomination of \$2,000 due at time of entry, closed with 1 (Syntax). \$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 And One Sixteenth Miles On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Efervescente (ARG) - 1:39.18 - January 6, 1993)

Purse: \$100,000 Guaranteed

Available Money: \$100,000

Value of Race: \$98,000 1st \$60,000, 2nd \$20,000, 3rd \$12,000, 4th \$6,000

Weather: Clear, 80° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 4:37 **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
7Mar26 ⁴ SA ⁴	4	Simply Joking (Jaramillo, Emisael)	122	--	3 2	1 ^{1/2}	1 ¹	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ⁴	1 ^{6 3/4}	0.80*	ins,cleared,widened
7Mar26 ⁴ SA ⁵	5	Nafisa (Hernandez, Juan)	124	b	4 1	2 ^{3 1/2}	2 ⁵	2 ⁷	2 ⁸	2 ¹⁹	1.30	press2w,stalk,no match
7Feb26 ⁶ SA ⁴	2	Lemon Muffin (Fresu, Antonio)	124	b	2 4	4	4	3 ⁶	3 ¹⁰	3 ^{35 1/2}	5.70	ins,ins-2wd,no menace
21Mar26 ⁵ SA ³	1	Catalina Cocktail (Berrios, Hector)	120	b	1 3	3 ²	3 ^{Head}	4	4	4	16.80	inside,3w,eased,walked

Fractional Times: 23.25 46.65 1:10.44 1:35.73 **Final Time:** 1:42.38 **Time from Gate:** 1:45.60

Split Times: (23:40) (23:79) (25:29) (6:65)

Run-Up: 85 feet

Winner: Simply Joking, Bay Filly, by Practical Joke out of Imply, by E Dubai. Foaled Mar 06, 2022 in Pennsylvania.

Breeder: Barlar, LLC

Owner: Berkels0813 LLC, CMNWLTH, LLC, Grantley Acres and Conner, Ryan

Trainer: McCarthy, Michael

Scratched Horse(s): Syntax (Stewards)

Total WPS Pool: \$202,922

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
4	Simply Joking	3.60	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	4-5	2.50	66,489
5	Nafisa		2.20	\$1.00 Trifecta	4-5-2	3.00	47,290
2	Lemon Muffin			\$2.00 Daily Double	10-4	15.40	32,081
				\$1.00 Pick 3	7-10-4 (3 correct)	18.20	26,970

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
4	Simply Joking	2	1 ^{1/2}	1 ¹	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ⁴	1 ^{6 3/4}
5	Nafisa	1	2 ^{1/2}	2 ¹	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ⁴	2 ^{6 3/4}
2	Lemon Muffin	4	4 ⁶	4 ⁶	3 ^{8 1/2}	3 ¹²	3 ^{25 3/4}
1	Catalina Cocktail	3	3 ⁴	3 ⁶	4 ^{14 1/2}	4 ²²	4 ^{61 1/4}

Trainers: 4 - McCarthy, Michael; 5 - Baffert, Bob; 2 - Gallagher, Patrick; 1 - Sadler, John

Owners: 4 - Berkels0813 LLC, CMNWLTH, LLC, Grantley Acres and Conner, Ryan; 5 - Zedan Racing Stables, Inc.; 2 - Gilbert, Julie, Sones, Aaron and Sones, Harrison; 1 - Alan G. Mindell;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

SIMPLY JOKING showed the way early from inside with NAFISA applying pressure, inched ahead of that rival on the backstretch, saved ground through the far turn, drew off in upper stretch, asked right handed at the eighth pole and widened under flagging from the crop. NAFISA pressed SIMPLY JOKING from outside around the clubhouse turn, stalked that rival up the backstretch, came under a ride in the two path with three furlongs remaining, watched SIMPLY JOKING kick away at the top of the stretch, then churned on for a clear second. LEMON MUFFIN tucked inside at the back, passed a rival in the middle stages, shifted from the rail to the two path on the far turn and failed to threaten. CATALINA COCKTAIL settled inside, dropped back to last on the backstretch, lagged behind in the three path around the far turn, eased through the lane and walked off.

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