

SANTA ANITA PARK - May 9, 2026 - Race 6

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT - Thoroughbred

FOR CALIFORNIA BRED OR CALIFORNIA SIRE MAIDENS, FILLIES AND MARES THREE, FOUR, AND FIVE YEARS OLD.

Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. (Non-Starters For A Claiming Price Of \$40,000 Or Less In Their Last 3 Starts

Preferred)(Winning Owner to Receive \$12,500 From CTBA). (S)

Distance: Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (The Factor - 1:06.98 - December 26, 2010)

Purse: \$65,000

Plus: \$500 Other Sources

Available Money: \$65,500

Value of Race: \$65,500 1st \$39,000, 2nd \$13,000, 3rd \$7,800, 4th \$3,900, 5th \$1,300, 6th \$500

Weather: Clear, 86° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 3:40 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
18Apr26 ¹ SA ²	5	Christa McAuliffe (Jaramillo, Emisael)	121	L	5	3	3 ¹	3 ³ 1/2	1 ² 1/2	1 ⁸ 3/4	1.20*	bid3deep1/4,pwrd away
24Apr26 ² SA ²	3	Joyful Mischief (Baze, Tyler)	126	L b	3	5	5 ⁸	5 ⁷	4 ³ 1/2	2 ² 3/4	10.00	bothered st,ins,angled
5Apr26 ⁵ SA ³	4	Zadra (Garcia, Epifanio)	121	L	4	2	2 ¹	2 ^{Head}	3 ²	3 ^{1/2}	4.60	ins,yielded,churned on
5Apr25 ¹ SA ¹²	6	Very Smart (Fresu, Antonio)	126	L	6	1	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1/2}	2 ¹	4 ¹ 1/2	2.00	outside,btwn1/4,weaknd
---	1	Never in Doubt (Frey, Kyle)	121	L b	1	6	6	6	6	5 ¹²	9.50	came in/steadied brk
---	2	Florence Joyner (Maldonado, Edwin)	121	--	2	4	4 ⁶	4 ²	5 ² 1/2	6	18.40	bobbled bit,3-4w,empty

Fractional Times: 21.85 44.84 57.59

Final Time: 1:10.28 **Time from Gate:** 1:13.55

Split Times: (22:99) (12:75) (12:69)

Run-Up: 70 feet

Winner: Christa McAuliffe, Chestnut Filly, by Grazen out of Heat the Rocks, by Unusual Heat. Foaled Feb 03, 2023 in California.

Breeder: Nick Alexander

Owner: Nicholas B. Alexander

Trainer: Miyadi, Steven

Total WPS Pool: \$320,926

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Christa McAuliffe	4.40	2.60	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	5-3	6.00	146,482
3	Joyful Mischief		4.80	2.40	\$1.00 Trifecta	5-3-4	21.80	87,678
4	Zadra			2.20	\$0.10 Superfecta	5-3-4-6	5.68	57,702
					\$2.00 Daily Double	4-5	8.00	27,923
					\$1.00 Pick 3	6-4-5 (3 correct)	124.60	39,858

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
5	Christa McAuliffe	3	3 ¹	3 ^{1/2}	1 ² 1/2	1 ⁸ 3/4
3	Joyful Mischief	5	5 ⁸	5 ⁶	4 ⁵ 1/2	2 ⁸ 3/4
4	Zadra	2	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	3 ³ 1/2	3 ¹¹ 1/2
6	Very Smart	1	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1/2}	2 ² 1/2	4 ¹²
1	Never in Doubt	6	6 ¹⁶	6 ¹³	6 ¹¹ 1/2	5 ¹³ 1/2
2	Florence Joyner	4	4 ²	4 ⁴	5 ⁹	6 ²⁵ 1/2

Trainers: 5 - Miyadi, Steven; 3 - McDonald, Melanie; 4 - Baker, D.; 6 - Eurton, Peter; 1 - Mathis, Andy; 2 - Miyadi, Steven

Owners: 5 -Nicholas B. Alexander; 3 -Jill A. Martin; 4 - Rollercoaster Racing Stable LLC and Baker, D. Wayne; 6 - C R K Stable LLC; 1 -Michael Jawl; 2 -Nicholas B. Alexander;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

CHRISTA MCAULIFFE broke well then took a stalking position behind the top pair, bid three deep at the quarter pole, seized control into the stretch and powered away. JOYFUL MISCHIEF bothered shortly after the start, dropped off the pace and moved inside, saved ground through the turn, angled out in upper stretch and ran on for second. ZADRA dueled from inside, fought with outer pair at the quarter pole, yielded in upper stretch, switched off the fence at the quarter pole and churned on for third. VERY SMART fought for the lead from outside, held a short advantage over rivals on both sides at the quarter pole, lost command turning for home, yielded in upper stretch and faded in the furlong grounds. NEVER IN DOUBT came in and had to steady in the beginning, lagged behind and passed a tired rival. FLORENCE JOYNER bobbled a bit leaving the gate, angled out and chased after the dueling leaders, took the turn three to four wide and came up empty in the lane.