

SANTA ANITA PARK - May 25, 2026 - Race 5

STAKES Hollywood Gold Cup S. Grade 2 - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE-YEAR-OLDS AND UPWARD. By subscription of \$100 each if made on or before Sunday, May 10, 2026, closed with 18 or by Supplementary nomination of \$4,000 due at time of entry. \$1,500 to enter and an additional \$1,500 to start with \$200,000 guaranteed of which \$120,000 to the winner, \$40,000 to second, \$24,000 to third, \$12,000 to fourth and \$4,000 to fifth.

Three-Year-Olds 118 lbs. Older 126 lbs. Non-Winners of a Grade I or Grade II Stake at One Mile or Over since November 25, 2025, allowed 2 lbs. Non-Winners of a Graded Stake at One Mile or Over since May 25, 2025, allowed 4 lbs. A trophy will be presented to the winning owner.

Distance: One And One Fourth Miles On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Spectacular Bid - 1:57.80 - February 3, 1980)

Purse: \$200,000 Guaranteed

Available Money: \$200,000

Value of Race: \$200,000 1st \$120,000, 2nd \$40,000, 3rd \$24,000, 4th \$12,000, 5th \$4,000

Weather: Clear, 78° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 3:01 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

[Video Race Replay](#)

[GPS Race Chart](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	1/4	1/2	3/4	1m	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
2May26 ⁴ OP ¹	1	Forged Steel (Prat, Flavien)	122	--	1	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ⁴	1 ^{9 1/2}	3.10	cleared 1/4, widened
5Apr26 ¹¹ SUN ²	4	Malarchuk (Hernandez, Juan)	122	b	4	2 ²	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ²	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{Nose}	1.80*	pressed2wd,saved2nd
5Apr26 ⁴ SA ¹	2	Mc Vay (Berrios, Hector)	122	--	2	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ¹	3 ³	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{1/2}	8.80	step slow/bumped,3wd
18Apr26 ⁹ KEE ⁶	5	British Isles (Rosario, Joel)	126	--	5	4 ^{1/2}	5	4 ^{Head}	5	4 ³	4 ²⁷	3.50	4-3wd,drifted into str
2May26 ⁷ OP ⁴	3	Subsanador (ARG) (Smith, Mike)	122	--	3	5	4 ^{1 1/2}	5	4 ^{Head}	5	5	2.70	bumped st,inside,eased

Fractional Times: 23.22 46.73 1:11.25 1:35.66

Final Time: 2:01.58 **Time from Gate:** 2:03.75

Split Times: (23:51) (24:52) (24:41) (25:92)

Run-Up: 50 feet

Winner: Forged Steel, Gray or Roan Colt, by [Vekoma](#) out of Scorecard, by Tale of the Cat. Foaled Mar 12, 2022 in Kentucky.

Winner's sire standing at Spendthrift

Breeder: Richard E. Wilson

Owner: C2 Racing Stable, LLC and Mathis Stables, LLC

Trainer: Joseph, Jr., Saffie

Total WPS Pool: \$399,670

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Forged Steel	8.20	5.60	3.40	\$1.00 Exacta	1-4	13.70	146,971
4	Malarchuk		3.60	2.60	\$1.00 Trifecta	1-4-2	50.90	81,991
2	Mc Vay			3.40	\$2.00 Daily Double	7-1	20.60	54,725
					\$1.00 Pick 3	8-7-1 (3 correct)	34.10	118,185
					\$0.50 Pick 4	5-8/9-6/7-1 (4 correct)	251.50	220,741
					\$0.50 Pick 5	1-5-8/9-6/7-1 (5 correct)	5,702.40	683,555

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	1/4	1/2	3/4	1m	Str	Fin
1	Forged Steel	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ⁴	1 ^{9 1/2}
4	Malarchuk	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ⁴	2 ^{9 1/2}
2	Mc Vay	3 ^{2 1/2}	3 ²	3 ¹	3 ^{3 1/2}	3 ^{5 1/2}	3 ^{9 1/2}
5	British Isles	4 ⁴	5 ^{4 1/2}	4 ⁴	5 ⁵	4 ^{5 1/2}	4 ¹⁰
3	Subsanador (ARG)	5 ^{4 1/2}	4 ³	5 ⁴	4 ⁵	5 ^{8 1/2}	5 ³⁷

Trainers: 1 - Joseph, Jr., Saffie; 4 - McCarthy, Michael; 2 - Eurton, Peter; 5 - Baltas, Richard; 3 - Mandella, Richard

Owners: 1 - C2 Racing Stable, LLC and Mathis Stables, LLC; 4 - ERJ Racing LLC and Reddam Racing LLC; 2 - C R K Stable LLC; 5 - Slam Dunk Racing, Baltas, Deborah A. and McClanahan, Cynthia; 3 - Wathnan Racing;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

FORGED STEEL set the pace with MALARCHUK applying pressure to the outside, maintained a short lead up the backstretch, put that rival away approaching the quarter pole, kicked away under right handed urging in upper stretch, then continued to widen in the final furlong under a tap of left handed encouragement and strong handling. MALARCHUK pressed FORGED STEEL from outside to the far turn, failed to keep up with the winner outside the quarter pole, chased in the two path turning for home, churned on through the lane and was able to hold on for second. MC VAY broke a step slow and got bumped back at the start, followed in range from the three path, remained off the rail through the far turn, drifted out a bit in the lane and could not get by MALARCHUK for the place honors. BRITISH ISLES broke well from outside then took back off the leaders, went four then three wide around the clubhouse turn, followed the same paths on the second bend, drifted into the stretch and was outfinished for the place and show. SUBSANADOR (ARG) bumped MC VAY leaving the gate, settled inside, ridden along while continuing to save ground on the far turn, had little left for the stretch run and was eased through the final furlong.

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