

## SANTA ANITA PARK - May 31, 2026 - Race 8

STAKES Triple Bend S. Grade 3 - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE-YEAR-OLDS AND UPWARD. By subscription of \$100 each if made on or before Sunday, May 17, 2026, closed with 11 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.

Three-Year-Olds 118 lbs. Older 126 lbs. Non-Winners of a Graded Stake allowed 2 lbs. Non-Winners of a Sweepstakes allowed 4 lbs. A trophy will be presented to the winning owner.

**Distance:** Seven Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Twirling Candy - 1:19.70 - December 26, 2010)

**Purse:** \$100,000 Guaranteed

**Available Money:** \$100,000

**Value of Race:** \$100,000 1st \$60,000, 2nd \$20,000, 3rd \$12,000, 4th \$6,000, 5th \$2,000

**Weather:** Clear, 86° **Track:** Fast

**Off at:** 4:33 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

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[GPS Race Chart](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
17Apr26 <sup>9</sup> OP <sup>1</sup>	5	Stronghold (Fresu, Antonio)	126	--	5	2	2 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>2 1/2</sup>	0.50*	bid2w5/16,proved best
7Mar26 <sup>2</sup> SA <sup>1</sup>	4	Simple Song (Kimura, Kazushi)	122	b	4	4	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>1 1/4</sup>	6.50	clear,yield upr,hld2nd
10May26 <sup>9</sup> SA <sup>9</sup>	2	Bartholdy (Baze, Tyler)	122	b	2	3	4 <sup>1/2</sup>	4 <sup>Head</sup>	4 <sup>1/2</sup>	3 <sup>1 1/4</sup>	7.30	tracked 2wd, evenly
7Dec24 HCH <sup>1</sup>	3	The Goat (CHI) (Jaramillo, Emisael)	126	--	3	1	3 <sup>2</sup>	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	4 <sup>1</sup>	3.70	chased inside,weakened
10May26 <sup>8</sup> SA <sup>1</sup>	1	The Last Straw (Smith, Mike)	122	b	1	5	5	5	5	5	13.60	chased 3deep,weakened

**Fractional Times:** 21.88 44.31 1:08.53

**Final Time:** 1:21.36 **Time from Gate:** 1:23.67

**Split Times:** (22:43) (24:22) (12:83)

**Run-Up:** 35 feet

**Winner:** Stronghold, Bay Horse, by Ghostzapper out of Spectator, by Jimmy Creed. Foaled Jan 24, 2021 in Kentucky.

**Breeder:** Eric Waller & Sharon Waller

**Owner:** Waller, Eric M. and Waller, Sharon

**Trainer:** D'Amato, Philip

**Total WPS Pool:** \$319,002

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Stronghold	3.00	2.10	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	5-4	5.50	101,569
4	Simple Song		4.00	2.80	\$1.00 Trifecta	5-4-2	13.20	76,870
2	Bartholdy			2.40	\$2.00 Daily Double	5-5	7.20	37,170
					\$1.00 Pick 3	1-5-5 (3 correct)	21.20	36,586

### Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
5	Stronghold	2	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>2 1/2</sup>
4	Simple Song	4	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>2 1/2</sup>
2	Bartholdy	3	4 <sup>2 1/2</sup>	4 <sup>2 1/2</sup>	4 <sup>3 1/2</sup>	3 <sup>3 3/4</sup>
3	The Goat (CHI)	1	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	3 <sup>2</sup>	3 <sup>3</sup>	4 <sup>5</sup>
1	The Last Straw	5	5 <sup>3</sup>	5 <sup>2 1/2</sup>	5 <sup>4</sup>	5 <sup>6</sup>

**Trainers:** 5 - D'Amato, Philip; 4 - Glatt, Mark; 2 - Knapp, Steve; 3 - Sadler, John; 1 - Mandella, Richard

**Owners:** 5 - Waller, Eric M. and Waller, Sharon; 4 - Muir Hut Stables LLC; 2 - Haagsma, John R., Knapp, Steve R. and Vanderdussen, Robert John; 3 - Don Alberto Stable and Paola Stable; 1 - Spendthrift Farm LLC;

**Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)**

STRONGHOLD followed closely from outside up the backstretch, applied pressure to SIMPLE SONG midway around the turn, fought on even terms entering the lane, put SIMPLE SONG away in upper stretch and remained strong under right handed urging and steady handling. SIMPLE SONG raced up close keenly in hand then moved clear to take control, took pressure from STRONG HOLD at the five-sixteenths pole, duelled leaving the turn, yielded to the winner in upper stretch and stayed on to secure second. BARTHOLDY tracked off the rail then between rivals leaving the backstretch, asked in the two path through the turn and finished evenly to earn the show honors. THE GOAT (CHI) away quickest and led for a bit before ceding command to SIMPLE SONG, chased from inside to the stretch and weakened in the drive. THE LAST STRAW unhurried in the opening stages and angled off the inside, followed in range three deep into the turn, remained in the three path to the stretch and weakened.

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