

**SANTA ANITA PARK - June 6, 2026 - Race 9**

CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race At A Mile Or Over Since April 6 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$16,000 (Maiden And Claiming Races For \$12,500 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances). **Claiming Price:** \$16,000

**Distance:** One Mile On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Ruhmann - 1:33.40 - March 5, 1989)

**Purse:** \$26,000

**Plus:** \$1,500 Other Sources

**Available Money:** \$27,500

**Value of Race:** \$27,500 1st \$15,600, 2nd \$5,200, 3rd \$3,120, 4th \$1,560, 5th \$520, 6th \$500, 7th \$500, 8th \$500

**Weather:** Clear, 80° **Track:** Fast

**Off at:** 5:24 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

[Video Race Replay](#)

[GPS Race Chart](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
21Mar26 <sup>8</sup> SA <sup>4</sup>	2	Hard to Figure (Hernandez, Juan)	124	L b	1	4	1 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>3</sup>	1 <sup>5</sup> 1/2	1.00*	met bids,in hand late
2May26 <sup>3</sup> SA <sup>3</sup>	5	Mighty Kai (Pereira, Tiago)	124	L	3	2	6 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	6 <sup>2</sup>	6 <sup>2</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	2 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	5.80	2wd, split foes upper
1May26 <sup>7</sup> SA <sup>1</sup>	7	Leyas Candy (Maldonado, Edwin)	124	L	5	1	2 <sup>Head</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	2 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	2 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	3 <sup>Neck</sup>	24.10	mild bid, turned away
15May26 <sup>2</sup> SA <sup>1</sup>	9	Royal 'n Rando (Rosario, Joel)	124	L b	7	5	7 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	7 <sup>Head</sup>	7 <sup>1</sup>	7 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	4 <sup>4</sup> 1/2	4.80	4wd,4-3-4wd,miss3rd
1May26 <sup>8</sup> SA <sup>6</sup>	6	Cathal (IRE) (Baze, Tyler)	124	L bf	4	3	8	8	8	8	5 <sup>1</sup> 1/4	6.70	3w,ins,pass tired rvls
2May26 <sup>3</sup> SA <sup>2</sup>	3	Duran (Ayuso, Armando)	124	L b	2	8	4 <sup>2</sup>	4 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	5 <sup>2</sup>	6 <sup>1</sup>	6 <sup>1</sup> 3/4	6.10	hop st,ins-2w,asked4wd
26Apr26 <sup>2</sup> SA <sup>1</sup>	10	Shady Appeal (Bautista, Alfredo)	124	L b	8	6	3 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	2 <sup>Head</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup>	4 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	7 <sup>3</sup> 4	48.20	3w,mild bid3deep,tired
15May26 <sup>2</sup> SA <sup>3</sup>	8	Big Juanito (Lezcano, Abel)	124	L b	6	7	5 <sup>Head</sup>	5 <sup>4</sup> 1/2	4 <sup>Head</sup>	5 <sup>Head</sup>	8	24.80	bobbl bit,ins-2w,tired

**Fractional Times:** 23.55 47.11 1:11.34 1:24.39

**Final Time:** 1:37.09 **Time from Gate:** 1:42.38

**Split Times:** (23:56) (24:23) (13:05) (12:70)

**Run-Up:** 180 feet

**Winner:** Hard to Figure, Chestnut Gelding, by Hard Spun out of Ani La, by Mr. Greeley. Foaled May 19, 2020 in Kentucky.

**Breeder:** James Heyward

**Owner:** Hotter Than H Racing LLC

**Trainer:** Ellis, Ronald

**2 Claimed Horse(s):** **Cathal (IRE)**  
**Hard to Figure**

New Trainer: Jose R. Valdez

New Owner: Steve P. Rusich

New Trainer: George Papaprodromou New Owner: Three Up Three Down Racing

**Claiming Prices:** 2 - Hard to Figure: \$16,000; 5 - Mighty Kai: \$16,000; 7 - Leyas Candy: \$16,000; 9 - Royal 'n Rando: \$16,000; 6 - Cathal (IRE): \$16,000; 3 - Duran: \$16,000; 10 - Shady Appeal: \$16,000; 8 - Big Juanito: \$16,000;

**Scratched Horse(s):** Crypto Ride (Veterinarian), Mongolian Max (Veterinarian)

**Total WPS Pool:** \$407,021

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
2	Hard to Figure	4.00	3.00	2.40	\$1.00 Exacta	2-5	7.80	220,464
5	Mighty Kai		5.00	3.40	\$1.00 Trifecta	2-5-7	55.50	138,634
7	Leyas Candy			7.60	\$0.10 Superfecta	2-5-7-9	19.56	102,454
					\$2.00 Daily Double	6-2	22.20	35,095
					\$1.00 Pick 3	3-6-2 (3 correct)	47.40	28,957

**Past Performance Running Line Preview**

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
2	Hard to Figure	4	1 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>3</sup>	1 <sup>5</sup> 1/2
5	Mighty Kai	2	6 <sup>5</sup> 1/4	6 <sup>8</sup> 1/2	6 <sup>4</sup> 1/2	3 <sup>5</sup> 1/2	2 <sup>5</sup> 1/2
7	Leyas Candy	1	2 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	3 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>3</sup>	3 <sup>7</sup>
9	Royal 'n Rando	5	7 <sup>6</sup> 3/4	7 <sup>10</sup> 1/2	7 <sup>6</sup> 1/2	7 <sup>7</sup> 1/2	4 <sup>7</sup> 1/4
6	Cathal (IRE)	3	8 <sup>7</sup> 1/4	8 <sup>10</sup> 3/4	8 <sup>7</sup> 1/2	8 <sup>9</sup>	5 <sup>11</sup> 3/4
3	Duran	8	4 <sup>3</sup>	4 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	5 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	6 <sup>6</sup> 1/2	6 <sup>13</sup>
10	Shady Appeal	6	3 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	2 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	4 <sup>6</sup>	7 <sup>14</sup> 3/4
8	Big Juanito	7	5 <sup>5</sup>	5 <sup>4</sup>	4 <sup>2</sup> 1/2	5 <sup>6</sup> 1/2	8 <sup>15</sup> 1/2

**Trainers:** 2 - Ellis, Ronald; 5 - Sherman, Steve; 7 - Harris, Andrew; 9 - Puype, Mike; 6 - Knapp, Steve; 3 - Tamayo, Isidro; 10 - Bonde, Jeff; 8 - Hess, Jr., Robert

**Owners:** 2 - Hotter Than H Racing LLC; 5 - Exelby, Randy, Mayo, Tom, and Sherman, Steve; 7 - Killa 1 Racing Stable; 9 - Williams, Larry D. and Williams, Marianne; 6 - Rex Racing LLC; 3 - Mean Girls Racing Stable (Tipton); 10 - Miguel Carranza; 8 - Avansino, James, Genian, Christopher, Hoover, Kurt and Lambert, Jeffrey;

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

HARD TO FIGURE showed the way from inside, controlled the pace to the far turn, met a pair of bids past the three-eighths pole, disposed of those runners approaching the quarter pole, drew away into the final furlong, widened into deep stretch and was in hand late. MIGHTY KAI dropped off the pace in the two path, ridden along leaving the backstretch, went three then two wide around the bend, split foes in upper stretch and rallied for second. LEYAS CANDY was forwardly placed in the two path, put in a mild bid between rivals past the three-eighths pole, got turned away nearing the quarter pole, weakened in the lane but was able to save third. ROYAL 'N RANDO settled four deep early, continued well off the rail on the backstretch, moved into the three path on the far turn then came back past the quarter pole, kept trying down the lane and almost got by LEYAS CANDY for third. CATHAL (IRE) coaxed along in the three path on the first turn while dropping back, continued to be ridden along up the backstretch, trailed on the inside around the far turn and passed tired rivals. DURAN hopped a bit at the start to come away last, tracked from inside then moved into the two path on the first turn, steered out on the backstretch, asked four wide on the far turn and lacked the needed response. SHADY APPEAL raced up close three deep on the first turn, stalked up the backstretch, put in a mild bid three deep on the far turn but could not keep up approaching the quarter pole, then tired in the lane. BIG JUANITO bobbed a bit leaving the gate, tucked inside at the back, passed a trio of rivals on the first turn, drew closer in the middle stages, moved into range on the far turn along the inside or a bit off the rail and tired in the stretch.

