

SANTA ANITA PARK - June 14, 2026 - Race 9

STAKES San Juan Capistrano S. Grade 3 - Thoroughbred
 DOWNHILL TURF FOR THREE-YEAR-OLDS AND UPWARD. By subscription of \$100 each if made on or before Sunday, May 31, 2026, closed with 13 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 120 lbs. Older 126 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: About One And Three Fourth Miles On The Downhill turf **Current Track Record:** (Bienamado - 2:42.96 - April 14, 2001)

Purse: \$100,000 Guaranteed

Plus: \$2,000 Other Sources

Available Money: \$102,000

Value of Race: \$102,000 1st \$60,000, 2nd \$20,000, 3rd \$12,000, 4th \$6,000, 5th \$2,000, 6th \$500, 7th \$500, 8th \$500, 9th \$500

Weather: Clear, 87° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 5:11 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	1/2	1m	11/4	11/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
2May26 ¹¹ CD ⁷	6	Gold Phoenix (IRE) (Berrios, Hector)	126	b	5	8 ³	8 ^{1 1/2}	7 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ⁵	0.40*	ins.gain2-3w,prov'd bst
14May26 ⁵ CD ¹⁰	9	Goldeneye (Maldonado, Edwin)	122	b	8	3 ^{1/2}	3 ³	3 ³	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{3 1/2}	2 ^{2 3/4}	14.40	bid3w1/2,duel,led,yiel
1May26 ⁶ SA ¹	4	American Hope (Ayuso, Armando)	122	--	3	7 ²	7 ²	8 ²	5 ^{1/2}	3 ¹	3 ^{1/2}	5.40	ins.gained3wd,held 3rd
10May26 ⁵ CD ²	2	Factor Analysis (Pereira, Tiago)	122	b	2	5 ¹	5 ²	5 ^{1/2}	6 ¹	4 ^{Head}	4 ^{1/2}	46.20	ins.bothered3/8,tip2wd
2May26 ¹⁰ TUP ¹	7	Rimprotector (Frey, Kyle)	124	b	6	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	6 ¹	5 ^{1/2}	52.60	mild bid 1/2, weakened
22May26 ⁷ SA ¹	5	Living Life (Rosario, Joel)	122	b	4	9	9	9	9	7 ^{1 1/2}	6 ^{2 3/4}	5.90	inside,angled 5wd 3rd
22May26 ⁷ SA ²	10	Poor Connection (Jaramillo, Emisael)	122	b	9	6 ¹	6 ^{Head}	6 ^{1/2}	7 ^{Head}	8 ^{1 1/2}	7 ^{2 3/4}	20.30	2w,3-4w3rd,no menace
1May26 ⁶ SA ⁸	1	Grogu (Belmont, Cesar)	122	--	1	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	2 ¹	5 ^{1/2}	8 ^{5 1/2}	25.60	speed,duel3rd,folded
24Apr26 ¹ SA ⁴	8	Smooth Salute (Espinoza, Victor)	122	b	7	4 ²	4 ²	4 ¹	8 ¹	9	9	79.70	steady btwn 3/8, empty

Fractional Times: 47.41 1:11.50 1:38.05 2:04.09 2:28.62 **Final Time:** 2:44.76 **Time from Gate:** 2:47.95

Split Times: (24:09) (26:55) (26:04) (24:53) (16:14)

Run-Up: 80 feet

Winner: Gold Phoenix (IRE), Chestnut Gelding, by =Belardo (IRE) out of Magnifica, by Mizzen Mast. Foaled Apr 22, 2018 in Ireland.

Breeder: Mighty Universe Ltd

Owner: Agave Racing Stable, Little Red Feather Racing, Sterling Stables, LLC and Naify, Marsha

Trainer: D'Amato, Philip

Scratched Horse(s): Amplitude (Trainer)

Total WPS Pool: \$329,424

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
6	Gold Phoenix (IRE)	2.80	2.20	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	6-9	10.80	160,505
9	Goldeneye		7.80	5.40	\$1.00 Trifecta	6-9-4	44.50	100,219
4	American Hope			2.60	\$0.10 Superfecta	6-9-4-2	39.97	77,730
					\$2.00 Daily Double	5-6	4.80	46,783
					\$1.00 Pick 3	11-5-6 (3 correct)	27.90	102,238

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	1/2	1m	11/4	11/2	Str	Fin
6	Gold Phoenix (IRE)	8 ^{8 1/2}	8 ¹²	7 ⁷	3 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ⁵
9	Goldeneye	3 ²	3 ³	3 ²	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ⁵
4	American Hope	7 ^{6 1/2}	7 ¹⁰	8 ^{7 1/2}	5 ^{3 1/2}	3 ⁵	3 ^{7 3/4}
2	Factor Analysis	5 ^{4 1/2}	5 ⁸	5 ⁶	6 ⁴	4 ⁶	4 ^{8 1/4}
7	Rimprotector	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	4 ³	6 ^{6 1/2}	5 ^{8 3/4}
5	Living Life	9 ^{11 1/2}	9 ^{13 1/2}	9 ^{9 1/2}	9 ⁶	7 ^{7 1/2}	6 ^{9 1/4}
10	Poor Connection	6 ^{5 1/2}	6 ¹⁰	6 ^{6 1/2}	7 ⁵	8 ⁹	7 ¹²
1	Grogu	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	5 ⁶	8 ^{14 3/4}
8	Smooth Salute	4 ^{2 1/2}	4 ⁶	4 ⁵	8 ⁵	9 ^{10 1/2}	9 ^{20 1/4}


Trainers: 6 - D'Amato, Philip; 9 - Eurton, Peter; 4 - Koriner, Brian; 2 - Hess, Jr., Robert; 7 - McCanna, Tim; 5 - Ellis, Ronald; 10 - McCarthy, Michael; 1 - Powell, Leonard; 8 - Marquez, Alfredo

Owners: 6 - Agave Racing Stable, Little Red Feather Racing, Sterling Stables, LLC and Naify, Marsha; 9 - David A. Bernsen LLC; 4 - Ferro Family Trust, DeBerdt, Bruno and Trommer, Evan; 2 - Malik, Andrew J. and Walters, Daniel R.; 7 - Desimone, Fred, Jarnig, Gordon and McCanna, Tim; 5 - Albert and Kathleen Mattivi, LLC; 10 - James M. Daniell; 1 - Ciaglia Racing, LLC and Savides, Domenic; 8 - Robert T. Cannon;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

GOLD PHOENIX (IRE) unhurried in the opening stages, saved ground through the first two turns, moved off the fence and advanced outside rivals on the backstretch, gained on the top pair three then two wide on the final turn, drew alongside GOLDENEYE entering the lane, surged clear in upper stretch under a drive then continued to widen in hand the final sixteenth. GOLDENEYE raced up close in hand on the inside, fell out of range of the pacesetter on the clubhouse turn, bid three deep past the half-mile pole, put a head in front leaving the backstretch, dueled around the far turn, put GROGU away turning for home but was quickly confronted by GOLD PHOENIX (IRE), yielded to that rival outside the eighth pole and stayed on for a clear second. AMERICAN HOPE sat off the pace on the inside, crept closer on the backstretch, gained three deep on the far turn, flattened in the lane but was able to hold third. FACTOR ANALYSIS settled in mid-pack along the inside, continued well off the pace leaving the clubhouse turn, drew closer up the backstretch, bothered by SMOOTH SALUTE and had to pause at the three-eighths pole, shifted over to the two path on the final turn and could not summon the needed rally. RIMPROTECTOR pressed the leader from outside down the hill, took a stalking position approaching the finish line for the first time, put in a mild bid between runners past the half-mile pole, failed to keep up with the top pair leaving the backstretch, lost ground around the last turn and weakened in the drive. LIVING LIFE content to the trail the field in the opening stages and steered to the inside, remained at the back to the final turn, angled out and came five wide into the stretch, then passed tired rivals in the lane. POOR CONNECTION settled in the two path or outside a rival, asked three then four wide on the last turn and failed to menace. GROGU set the pace under pressure down the hill, moved clear nearing the finish line for the first time, padded the lead around the clubhouse turn, challenged by a pair of rivals past the half-mile pole, overtaken by GOLDENEYE at the seven-sixteenths pole, fought back through the far turn, yielded to that rival exiting the bend and faded in the lane. SMOOTH SALUTE stalked outside a rival then dropped off the pace in the

early going, coaxed closer on the backstretch, chased between foes into the far turn but had to steady at the three-eighths pole, fell back to last around the bend and had little left for the drive.

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