

SANTA ANITA PARK - September 26, 2026 - Race 7

STAKES John Henry Turf Championship S. Grade 2 - Thoroughbred
DOWNHILL TURF FOR THREE-YEAR-OLDS AND UPWARD. By subscription of \$100 each if made on or before Sunday, September 13, 2026, closed with 16 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 122 lbs. Older 126 lbs. Non-Winners of a Grade I or Grade II Stake at One Mile or Over since March 26, 2026 allowed 2 lbs. Non-Winners of a Graded Stakes at One Mile or Over since September 26, 2025 allowed 4 lbs. A trophy will be presented to the winning owner.

Distance: One And One Fourth Miles On The Downhill turf Current Track Record: (Red Giant - 1:57.16 - September 27, 2008)

Purse: \$200,000 Guaranteed

Plus: \$1,500 Other Sources

Available Money: \$201,500

Value of Race: \$201,500 1st \$120,000, 2nd \$40,000, 3rd \$24,000, 4th \$12,000, 5th \$4,000, 6th \$500, 7th \$500, 8th \$500

Weather: Clear, 93° Track: Firm

Off at: 4:13 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
29Aug26 ¹⁰ DMR ²	7	Atitlan (Rispoli, Umberto)	122 b	7	5 ^{Head}	5 ^{1/2}	5 ¹	3 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{2 1/4}	0.90*	asked 3-4w,drew away
29Aug26 ¹⁰ DMR ⁸	6	Flashiest (Ayuso, Armando)	122 b	6	3 ³	3 ²	3 ^{1 1/2}	1 ¹	2 ³	2 ^{1/2}	16.30	bid 3w,led,held 2nd
29Aug26 ¹⁰ DMR ⁵	1	Mondego (GB) (Hernandez, Juan)	126 h	1	6 ³	6 ^{Head}	6 ^{Head}	8	4 ^{1/2}	3 ²	2.90	ins,gaining,mssd 2nd
29Aug26 ¹⁰ DMR ³	3	Atomic Age (Kimura, Kazushi)	122 - -	3	4 ¹	4 ^{Head}	4 ^{Head}	4 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Head}	4 ^{Neck}	5.60	ins,angl out,flattened
29Aug26 ¹⁰ DMR ⁶	5	Nitti (IRE) (Espinoza, Victor)	122 f	5	8	8	8	7 ^{Head}	5 ^{1/2}	5 ^{Head}	15.60	3w,4-5w,needed more
22Aug26 ¹¹ DMR ⁸	8	Twirling Point (Gonzalez, Ricardo)	122 b	8	7 ^{1/2}	7 ^{1 1/2}	7 ^{1/2}	6 ^{Head}	6 ¹	6 ^{11 1/2}	23.70	btw 2w,3-4w,no threat
5Sep26 ² DMR ⁶	4	Balladeer (Leparoux, Julien)	122 b	4	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{2 1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	7 ⁵	7 ¹⁷	32.60	set pace,tired stretch
22Aug26 ¹¹ DMR ¹⁰	2	Sinsel (BRZ) (Berrios, Hector)	122 - -	2	2 ²	2 ²	2 ¹	5 ¹	8	8	9.80	keen,stalked,eased

Fractional Times: 22.58 46.40 1:10.93 1:35.78

Final Time: 1:58.35 Time from Gate: 1:59.91

Split Times: (23:82) (24:53) (24:85) (22:57)

Run-Up: 52 feet

Winner: Atitlan, Bay Horse, by [The Factor](#) out of Armanda (GER), by =Acatenango (GER). Foaled Apr 04, 2021 in Kentucky.

 Winner's sire standing at Lane's End

Breeder: Anastasie Astrid Christiansen-Croy

Owner: John M. B. O'Connor

Trainer: Mandella, Richard

Total WPS Pool: \$369,868

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
7	Atitlan	3.80	2.60	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	7-6	25.40	192,134
6	Flashiest		10.00	4.40	\$1.00 Trifecta	7-6-1	73.70	114,726
1	Mondego (GB)			2.40	\$0.10 Superfecta	7-6-1-3	20.63	79,240
					\$2.00 Daily Double	2-7	17.20	47,341
					\$1.00 Pick 3	6-2-7 (3 correct)	65.20	83,462
					\$1.00 Pick 4	1-3/6/9-2-7 (4 correct)	147.80	180,094

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	1/4	1/2	3/4	1m	Str	Fin
7	Atitlan	5 ^{7 1/2}	5 ^{6 1/2}	5 ⁴	3 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{2 1/4}
6	Flashiest	3 ^{3 1/2}	3 ^{4 1/2}	3 ^{2 1/2}	1 ¹	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{2 1/4}
1	Mondego (GB)	6 ^{7 1/2}	6 ⁷	6 ⁵	8 ^{3 3/4}	4 ^{3 1/4}	3 ^{2 3/4}
3	Atomic Age	4 ^{6 1/2}	4 ^{6 1/2}	4 ⁴	4 ²	3 ³	4 ^{4 3/4}
5	Nitti (IRE)	8 ¹¹	8 ^{8 3/4}	8 ^{5 3/4}	7 ^{3 1/2}	5 ^{3 3/4}	5 ⁵
8	Twirling Point	7 ^{10 1/2}	7 ^{7 1/4}	7 ^{5 1/4}	6 ^{3 1/2}	6 ^{4 1/4}	6 ⁵
4	Balladeer	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{2 1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	2 ¹	7 ^{5 1/4}	7 ^{16 1/2}
2	Sinsel (BRZ)	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{2 1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{2 1/2}	8 ^{10 1/4}	8 ^{33 1/2}

Trainers: 7 - Mandella, Richard; 6 - Powell, Leonard; 1 - McCarthy, Michael; 3 - D'Amato, Philip; 5 - Garcia, Antonio; 8 - Wright, Blaine; 4 - Papaprodromou, George; 2 - Mandella, Richard

Owners: 7 - John M. B. O'Connor; 6 - G B Racing, Wachtel Stables or Drion, et al; 1 - Cheyenne Stables LLC; 3 -James E. Downey; 5 - Innergy Racing Corp, Zephyr Racing LLC and Pais, Sonny; 8 - Henline, Paula P. and Henline, Tracy D.; 4 - Nguyen, Calvin and Tran, Joey C.; 2 - Red Rafa Stud, Inc.;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

ATITLAN settled mid-pack, roused three to four wide nearing the quarter marker, bid to upper stretch then vied for the lead at the furlong pole, took command to the final sixteenth and drew away in the late stages. FLASHIEST settled off of the leading pair and was well placed to the backstretch, loomed three wide into the far turn then took command at the quarter pole, met the bid of ATITLAN nearing the furlong grounds, was no match late for the winner but held well for the place. MONDEGO (GB) settled while saving ground in the early running, got caught a bit in tight along the backstretch and steadied slightly at the five-furlong pole, kept an inside path to the far turn, remained inside while losing some placing on the turn, tipped two wide to upper stretch, closed with good late interest along the fence into deep stretch and just missed for the place. ATOMIC AGE settled in mid-pack, saved ground to the backstretch run, was well placed into the far turn, navigated traffic at the quarter marker then angled out to upper stretch, couldn't sustain his run to the final sixteenth and flattened out. NITTI (IRE) unhurried while saving ground early on, moved three wide into the backstretch, asked four to five wide nearing the top of the lane, ran in pursuit while widest into the final furlong and needed more in deep stretch. TWIRLING POINT settled outside of an inner rival early on, coaxed two wide and between runners into the far turn, swung three to four wide to upper stretch, couldn't find the needed response while between foes into the lane and failed to threaten late. BALLADEER away in good order, vied for the early lead with SINSEL (BRZ), took command passing the wire for the first time then set a decent pace to the backstretch, led to the far turn then was overtaken nearing the quarter marker, couldn't find more in the lane and tired. SINSEL (BRZ) showed speed from the gate and took early command, was keen and hard to place and ceded the front to BALLADEER, stalked the pacesetter while still pulling on the rider into the backstretch, vied for the lead between runners into the far turn, stopped nearing the top of the stretch, was eased through the lane and walked off.

