SANTA ANITA PARK - September 28, 2025 - Race 2
MAIDEN OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR MAIDENS, FILLIES AND MARES THREE, FOUR, AND FIVE YEARS OLD THAT HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE
OR THAT WERE RNA OR SOLD AT AUCTION FOR $150,000 OR LESS OR CLAIMING PRICE $62,500. Three Year Olds, 122
lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Claiming Price $62,500, if for $50,000, allowed 1 lb. (For Eligibility Purposes, Refer To Most Recent Auction
The Horse Was In). (C) **Claiming Price:** $62,500 - $50,000
Distance: Six And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Square Eddie - 1:13.11 - January 14, 2011)
Purse: $35,000
Available Money: $35,000
Value of Race: $35,000 1st $21,000, 2nd $7,000, 3rd $4,200, 4th $2,100, 5th $700
Weather: Cloudy, 81° **Track:** Fast
Off at: 1:32 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
---	2	Deep Blue (Ayuso, Armando)	122	L	2	2	3^3	2^{Head}	$1^{2\,1/2}$	$1^{2\,1/4}$	4.40	track duo,bid3deep,bst
27Jul25 ^{8}DMR^5	1	A Friend of Mine (Rispoli, Umberto)	124	L b	1	3	1^{Head}	$1^{1/2}$	$2^{3\,1/2}$	$2^{2\,1/2}$	0.50*	duel ins,yield midstr
9Aug25 ^{10}DMR^5	3	Joyful Mischief (Camacho-Flores, Leonel)	122	b	3	4	5	$4^{4\,1/2}$	$3^{1/2}$	3^5	13.90	ins-2w,mvd out,mildly
6Sep25 ^{1}DMR^7	4	Gathered (Velazquez, John)	122	L	4	1	$2^{2\,1/2}$	$3^{4\,1/2}$	4^7	$4^{6\,1/2}$	2.50	outsd,btwn5/16,wknd
---	5	Music Lady (Carmona, Serafin)	122	L	5	5	4^{Head}	5	5	5	39.40	2wide-inside,no factor

Fractional Times: 22.26   45.29   1:10.52   **Final Time:** 1:17.04
Split Times: (23:03) (25:23) (6:52)
Run-Up: 95 feet

Winner: Deep Blue, Bay Filly, by Echo Town out of Miss Sephora, by First Samurai. Foaled Jan 06, 2022 in Indiana.
Breeder: H. Allen Poindexter
Owner: D K Racing LLC, Radley Equine, Inc., Springbrook Stables, Tyler Racing, LLC, Malarkey, Brian H. and Maller, Bruce
Trainer: Blacker, Dan

Total WPS Pool: $117,046

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
2	Deep Blue	10.80	3.60	2.20	$1.00 Exacta	2-1	9.00	46,185
1	A Friend of Mine		2.10	2.10	$1.00 Trifecta	2-1-3	17.90	40,711
3	Joyful Mischief			2.40	$2.00 Daily Double	6-2	36.80	25,513

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
2	Deep Blue	2	$3^{2\,1/2}$	$2^{1/2}$	$1^{2\,1/2}$	$1^{2\,1/4}$
1	A Friend of Mine	3	1^{Head}	$1^{1/2}$	$2^{2\,1/2}$	$2^{2\,1/4}$
3	Joyful Mischief	4	$5^{5\,3/4}$	4^5	3^6	$3^{4\,3/4}$
4	Gathered	1	2^{Head}	$3^{1/2}$	$4^{6\,1/2}$	$4^{9\,3/4}$
5	Music Lady	5	$4^{5\,1/2}$	$5^{9\,1/2}$	$5^{13\,1/2}$	$5^{16\,1/4}$

Trainers: 2 - Blacker, Dan; 1 - D'Amato, Philip; 3 - McDonald, Melanie; 4 - McCarthy, Michael; 5 - Gomez, Ruben

Owners: 2 - D K Racing LLC, Radley Equine, Inc., Springbrook Stables, Tyler Racing, LLC, Malarkey, Brian H. and Maller, Bruce; 1 - H and E Ranch, Inc.; 3 -Jill A. Martin; 4 - Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners; 5 - Derby, Susan and Folgner, Gary J.;

Footnotes | View Glossary Of Terms
DEEP BLUE tracked the top pair from off the rail, drew closer leaving the backstretch, challenged three deep on the turn, dueled outside A FRIEND OF MINE with a quarter mile left to run, inched ahead approaching the eighth pole, put A FRIEND OF MINE away midstretch and was in-hand approaching the wire. A FRIEND OF MINE dueled from inside, held a short lead over outer rivals at the five-sixteenths pole, dueled with DEEP BLUE into the stretch, relinquished the lead outside the eighth pole, yielded to the winner midstretch and stayed on for a clear second. JOYFUL MISCHIEF lacked early speed under coaxing, had one rival beat entering the turn on the inside, moved into the two path outside the quarter pole, steered out further in the drive and showed a mild response to gain third and whittle the gap on the top pair. GATHERED away quickest then dueled outside A FRIEND OF MINE for command, came under a ride early on the turn, fought between rivals briefly at the five-sixteenths pole, could not kick on with the top pair late on the bend and weakened in the drive. MUSIC LADY dropped off the pace under coaxing, trailed two wide into the turn, angled to the inside and was never a factor.