



SANTA ANITA PARK - October 4, 2025 - Race 8
STAKES Rodeo Drive S. Grade 2 - Thoroughbred
DOWNHILL TURF FOR FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD.
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, 80° **Track:** Firm
Off at: 4:39 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic

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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	1/4	1/2	3/4	1m	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
6Sep25 ⁹ DMR ³	5	Mission of Joy (Rispoli, Umberto)	122	--	5	6 ^{Head}	6 ^{1 1/2}	6 ^{1 1/2}	6 ^{Head}	6 ¹	1 ^{Head}	11.90	2w,swung out,in time
24Aug25 ⁴ SAR ⁴	3	Speed Shopper (Kimura, Kazushi)	122	--	3	5 ²	5 ¹	5 ¹	5 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	14.50	rail bid, led, nailed
15Aug25 ⁶ DMR ²	2	Starry Heavens (IRE) (Fresu, Antonio)	122	--	2	4 ^{1 1/2}	3 ¹	3 ¹	3 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	3 ¹	3.90	ins,2w1/4,bid btwn str
15Aug25 ⁶ DMR ¹	8	Alpha Bella (Berrios, Hector)	122	b	8	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ^{2 1/2}	1 ¹	1 ^{Head}	4 ^{3/4}	3.30	pace ins,weakened1/16
30Aug25 ¹⁰ SAR ²	7	Amber Cascade (Hernandez, Juan) 	122	--	7	2 ^{Head}	2 ¹	2 ¹	2 ^{Head}	4 ¹	5 ^{3/4}	1.80*	2-3wd,bid4deep upper
30Aug25 ¹⁰ SAR ⁶	4	Long Ago (GB) (Smith, Mike)	122	--	4	3 ^{Head}	4 ¹	4 ¹	4 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	6 ^{2 3/4}	7.60	2-3wd,tip out,no bid
6Sep25 ⁹ DMR ⁵	6	Hang the Moon (Ayuso, Armando)	124	--	6	7 ³	7 ⁵	7 ⁵	7	7	7	13.60	saved ground,no rally
4Sep25 ⁹ KD ⁵	1	Watchtower (Demuro, Mirco)	124	--	1	8	8	8	---	---	---	12.60	saddle slipd,pulled up

Fractional Times: 23.63 48.44 1:13.04 1:37.36
Split Times: (24:81) (24:60) (24:32) (22:67)
Run-Up: 52 feet

Final Time: 2:00.03


Winner: Mission of Joy, Chestnut Mare, by Kitten's Joy out of Smart Mission, by Smart Strike. Foaled Mar 31, 2020 in ON.
Breeder: Sam-Son Farm
Owner: RyZan Sun Racing, LLC and Madaket Stables LLC 
Trainer: D'Amato, Philip

Total WPS Pool: \$319,422							
Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff
5	Mission of Joy	25.80	9.80	5.40	\$1.00 Exacta	5-3	133.00
3	Speed Shopper		11.40	5.80	\$1.00 Trifecta	5-3-2	682.10
2	Starry Heavens (IRE)			3.60	\$0.10 Superfecta	5-3-2-8	305.77
					\$2.00 Daily Double	3-5	107.00
					\$1.00 Pick 3	6-3-5 (3 correct)	172.70
					\$1.00 Pick 5	CST2CSTPICK5(2-4-5-3-5) (5 correct)	8,660.50
							40,757

Past Performance Running Line Preview							
Pgm	Horse Name	1/4	1/2	3/4	1m	Str	Fin
5	Mission of Joy	6 ^{4 3/4}	6 ⁵	6 ^{6 1/2}	6 ^{3 3/4}	6 ^{1 3/4}	1 ^{Head}
3	Speed Shopper	5 ^{2 3/4}	5 ⁴	5 ^{5 1/2}	5 ^{2 1/4}	3 ^{1/2}	2 ^{Head}
2	Starry Heavens (IRE)	4 ^{1 1/4}	3 ²	3 ^{3 1/2}	3 ¹	2 ^{Head}	3 ^{1/2}
8	Alpha Bella	1 ¹	1 ¹	1 ^{2 1/2}	1 ¹	1 ^{Head}	4 ^{1 1/2}
7	Amber Cascade	2 ¹	2 ¹	2 ^{2 1/2}	2 ¹	4 ^{3/4}	5 ^{2 1/4}
4	Long Ago (GB)	3 ¹	4 ³	4 ^{4 1/2}	4 ²	5 ^{1 3/4}	6 ³
6	Hang the Moon	7 ^{4 3/4}	7 ^{6 1/2}	7 ⁸	7 ^{3 3/4}	7 ^{2 3/4}	7 ^{5 3/4}
1	Watchtower	8 ^{7 3/4}	8 ^{11 1/2}	8 ¹³	---	---	---

Trainers: 5 - D'Amato, Philip; 3 - Walden, William; 2 - D'Amato, Philip; 8 - Sadler, John; 7 - Maker, Michael; 4 - Morey, William; 6 - D'Amato, Philip; 1 - Baltas, Richard
Owners: 5 - RyZan Sun Racing, LLC and Madaket Stables LLC; 3 - Bridlewood Farm, Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Barber, Gary; 2 - R Unicorn Stable; 8 - Don Alberto Stable; 7 - Flying P Stable; 4 -Christopher S. Nolan; 6 - CJ Thoroughbreds; 1 - Abbondanza Racing LLC, Aldabbagh, Omar and Iavarone, Michael;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)
MISSION OF JOY unhurried in the beginning and steered to the inside, moved into the two path approaching the clubhouse turn, crept closer around the far turn, swung widest into the lane, closed well and got up in time. SPEED SHOPPER sat off the pace on the inside, moved into range on the far turn, challenged from the fence in upper stretch, took over midstretch, led into the final strides and got nailed at the wire. STARRY HEAVENS (IRE) stalked the speed from inside, tipped two wide at the quarter pole, bid between runners in upper stretch and got outkicked by the top pair. ALPHA BELLA stepped to the front and set the pace on the inside, remained unchallenged to the top of the lane, met bids from rivals on both sides shortly after and weakened in the last sixteenth. AMBER CASCADE stalked outside a pair of rivals then moved into the two path, crept closer two then three wide on the far turn, bid four deep in upper stretch but flattened in the late stages. LONG AGO (GB) tracked two wide in the early going, fell out of range on the backstretch, drew closer two then three wide on the far turn, tipped out in upper stretch and failed to produce a bid. HANG THE MOON raced outside a rival near the back then moved inside first time through the stretch, continued to save ground around the far turn, tipped two wide into the lane and could not rally. WATCHTOWER had the saddle slip trailing the field to the three-eighths pole, eased then pulled up late on the far turn and walked off.

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