

SANTA ANITA PARK - October 11, 2025 - Race 1
MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT - Thoroughbred
FOR MAIDENS, THREE, FOUR, AND FIVE YEARS OLD. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs. (Non-Starters For A Claiming Price Of \$40,000 Or Less In Their Last 3 Starts Preferred). (Rail at 20 feet).
Distance: One Mile On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Vyjack - 1:31.69 - October 8, 2016)
Purse: \$60,000
Plus: \$18,000 CBOIF - California Bred Owner Fund
Plus: \$1,000 Other Sources
Available Money: \$79,000
Value of Race: \$61,000 1st \$36,000, 2nd \$12,000, 3rd \$7,200, 4th \$3,600, 5th \$1,200, 6th \$500, 7th \$500
Weather: Clear, 82° **Track:** Firm
Off at: 1:02 **Start:** Good for all except 7 **Timing Method:** Electronic



Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments	
1Sep25 ¹¹ DMR ²	3	Poor Connection (Demuro, Mirco)	122	L	2	2	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	8.20	ins,tip out,led,held	
30Aug25 ¹ DMR ⁵	7	Never Ambling (IRE) (Rispoli, Umberto)	122	L	6	7	7	6 ^{Head}	7	5 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1 1/4}	3.20	off slow,ins,4deep1/8	
18Jul25 ⁵ DMR ⁵	4	Legal Heir (Kimura, Kazushi)	122	b	3	3	1 ^{4 1/2}	1 ³	1 ²	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	3.00	caught upper,saved3rd	
30Aug25 ¹ DMR ³	5	Artic Power (IRE) (Berrios, Hector)	122	L	4	5	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{Head}	4 ^{Head}	4 ^{3/4}	2.00*	2wd, bid 5deep str	
30Aug25 ¹ DMR ⁷	6	Iron (FR) (Gonzalez, Ricardo)	122	L	h	5	4	6 ^{Head}	7	5 ^{1/2}	6 ¹	5 ^{1/2}	15.30	altrd bit1st,3w,bid6dp
28Sep25 ¹ SA ³	8	Irish Element (Lezcano, Abel)	122	L	b	7	1	5 ^{1 1/2}	6 ^{1/2}	7	6 ^{1/2}	19.00	bothrd1st,2w,no rally	
---	2	Chosen Son (Hernandez, Juan)	122	L		1	6	4 ^{Head}	4 ^{1/2}	3 ^{Head}	7	5.70	rank, bit tight midstr	

Fractional Times: 22.87 47.04 1:10.77 1:22.98 **Final Time:** 1:34.91
Split Times: (24:17) (23:73) (12:21) (11:93)
Run-Up: 90 feet **Temporary Rail:** 20 feet

Winner: Poor Connection, Chestnut Gelding, by [Omaha Beach](#) out of Regal Serenade, by Broken Vow. Foaled Feb 25, 2022 in Kentucky.

Winner's sire standing at Spendthrift

Breeder: Tropical Racing
Owner: James M. Daniell
Trainer: McCarthy, Michael

Scratched Horse(s): Prank Zappa (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$172,625

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
3	Poor Connection	18.40	5.60	3.60	\$1.00 Exacta	3-7	25.30	97,492
7	Never Ambling (IRE)		4.80	3.00	\$1.00 Trifecta	3-7-4	124.60	61,226
4	Legal Heir			4.20	\$0.10 Superfecta	3-7-4-5	28.59	44,201

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
3	Poor Connection	2	2 ^{4 1/2}	2 ³	2 ²	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}
7	Never Ambling (IRE)	7	7 ^{8 3/4}	6 ⁸	7 ⁵	5 ^{1 1/4}	2 ^{1/2}
4	Legal Heir	3	1 ^{4 1/2}	1 ³	1 ²	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1 3/4}
5	Artic Power (IRE)	5	3 ^{5 1/2}	3 ^{3 1/2}	3 ^{3 1/2}	4 ¹	4 ^{2 1/4}
6	Iron (FR)	4	6 ^{8 1/2}	7 ⁸	5 ⁴	6 ^{1 3/4}	5 ³
8	Irish Element	1	5 ⁷	5 ^{6 1/2}	6 ^{4 1/2}	7 ^{2 3/4}	6 ^{3 1/2}
2	Chosen Son	6	4 ⁷	4 ⁶	4 ^{3 1/2}	3 ¹	7 ⁴

Trainers: 3 - McCarthy, Michael; 7 - D'Amato, Philip; 4 - Mandella, Richard; 5 - D'Amato, Philip; 6 - McCarthy, Michael; 8 - O'Neill, Doug; 2 - Baltas, Richard

Owners: 3 -James M. Daniell; 7 - Agave Racing Stable, Benowitz Family Trust, CYBT, Old Bones Racing Stable LLC and Nentwig, Michael; 4 - MKW Racing and Spendthrift Farm LLC; 5 - CYBT, McLean Racing Stables, Strand Beach LLC and Nentwig, Michael; 6 - Feld Family Racing and Starry Night Racing; 8 -Ed Delaney; 2 -Pamela C. Ziebarth;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

POOR CONNECTION was closest in pursuit from inside, moved into striking distance on the backstretch, was ridden along through the far turn, tipped out into the lane, overtook the leader in upper stretch and held gamely over NEVER AMBLING (IRE) in the late stages. NEVER AMBLING (IRE) was off slow to begin, moved to the inside racing at the back, continued on the fence around the far turn, bid four deep between rivals at the eighth pole, dueled outside POOR CONNECTION late and failed to go by. LEGAL HEIR sped clear and opened up a big lead on the inside, held a diminished yet still comfortable advantage into the far turn, saved ground the showed the way a bit off the rail into the lane, lost command in upper stretch, stayed on through the final furlong and saved third. ARTIC POWER (IRE) settled off the pace in the two path, drew closer in the middle stages, angled out at the top of the lane, bid five deep but got outkicked byt the top trio. IRON (FR) raced outside a rival at the back then had to alter out when CHOSEN SON shifted out into the first turn, continued outside a rival at the back in the middle stages, was on the move three deep around the far turn, challenged six deep past the eighth pole but flattened late. IRISH ELEMENT unhurried from outside, got floated out a bit early on the clubhouse turn, rounded the far turn in the two path, chased within range in the final furlong but needed to find more. CHOSEN SON broke a step slow, was rank along the inside into the first turn, shifted out early on the bend, returned to the inside while still hard to handle, stayed on the rail through the far turn, bid from the fence in upper stretch, got crowded a bit midstretch and weakened.

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