

SANTA ANITA PARK - September 28, 2025 - Race 9

STAKES Santa Anita Sprint Championship S. presented by Estrella Jalisco Grade 2 - Thoroughbred
FOR THREE-YEAR-OLDS AND UPWARD.

Distance: Six Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (The Factor - 1:06.98 - December 26, 2010)

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, 81° Track: Fast

Off at: 5:09 Start: Good for all Timing Method: Electronic

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Video Race Replay

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
25Jan25 ⁸ SA ⁴	8	Imagination (Hernandez, Juan)	122	b	8	2	5 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	3 ¹	1 ^{1 3/4}	5.60	6-4w,bmpd upper,rally
23Aug25 ⁹ DMR ¹	1	Dr. Venkman (Rispoli, Umberto)	126	b	1	8	6 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	4.20	ins,angled out/in str
5Apr25 MEY ⁸	2	Straight No Chaser (Velazquez, John)	124	-	2	4	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ²	3 ^{2 3/4}	0.70*	led ins,cleared,caught
31Aug25 ² DMR ²	4	Smooth Cruisein (Frey, Kyle) 	118	-	4	7	7 ²	6 ^{1/2}	6 ^{1/2}	4 ^{Neck}	66.20	tracked 2wd, no rally
24Aug25 ⁸ DMR ¹	3	Awesome Rhythm (Ayuso, Armando)	122	b	3	3	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	4 ^{Head}	5 ^{3 3/4}	11.30	prss,chs2w,drft/bp upr
30Aug25 ⁹ DMR ¹²	6	Wound Up (Cohen, David) 	122	b	6	5	4 ¹	4 ¹	5 ¹	6 ^{1/2}	28.70	5-3wd,bpd btwn upper
26Jul25 ¹⁰ DMR ⁹	7	Mbagnick (CHI) (Berrios, Hector)	122	-	7	6	8	7 ^{Head}	7 ³	7 ⁹	44.20	brush st,ins,no menace
23Aug25 ⁹ DMR ⁵	5	Speed Boat Beach (Smith, Mike) 	122	-	5	1	3 ^{Head}	8	8	8	7.30	up close,4-3wd,empty


Fractional Times: 22.02 44.71 56.71

Split Times: (22:69) (12:00) (12:29)


Run-Up: 70 feet

Final Time: 1:09.00

Winner: Imagination, Bay Colt, by [Into Mischief](#) out of Magical Feeling, by Empire Maker. Foaled Apr 23, 2021 in Kentucky.

Winner's sire standing at Spendthrift Farm

Breeder: Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC

Owner: SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Bashor, Dianne, Masterson, Robert E., Waves Edge Capital LLC, Donovan, Catherine and Ryan, Tom J. 

Trainer: Baffert, Bob

Total WPS Pool: \$346,902

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
8	Imagination	13.20	5.00	2.80	\$1.00 Exacta	8-1	15.70	149,607
1	Dr. Venkman		4.20	2.40	\$1.00 Trifecta	8-1-2	46.60	92,974
2	Straight No Chaser			2.40	\$0.10 Superfecta	8-1-2-4	19.12	84,112
					\$2.00 Daily Double	7-8	77.60	39,118
					\$1.00 Pick 3	3-7-8 (3 correct)	103.40	37,335

Past Performance Running Line Preview


Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
8	Imagination	2	5 ²	5 ³	3 ^{2 1/2}	1 ^{1 3/4}
1	Dr. Venkman	8	6 ^{2 1/4}	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ²	2 ^{1 3/4}
2	Straight No Chaser	4	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1 1/2}	1 ²	3 ^{2 1/4}
4	Smooth Cruisein	7	7 ^{2 1/4}	6 ^{3 1/4}	6 ^{4 1/2}	4 ⁵
3	Awesome Rhythm	3	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{3 1/2}	5 ^{5 1/4}
6	Wound Up	5	4 ¹	4 ²	5 ^{3 1/2}	6 ⁹
7	Mbagnick (CHI)	6	8 ^{4 1/4}	7 ^{3 3/4}	7 ⁵	7 ^{9 1/2}
5	Speed Boat Beach	1	3 ¹	8 ^{3 3/4}	8 ⁸	8 ^{18 1/2}

Trainers: 8 - Baffert, Bob; 1 - Glatt, Mark; 2 - Blacker, Dan; 4 - Headley, Karen; 3 - Garcia, Victor; 6 - Barocio, Librado; 7 - Sadler, John; 5 - Baffert, Bob

Owners: 8 - SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Bashor, Dianne, Masterson, Robert E., Waves Edge Capital LLC, Donovan, Catherine and Ryan, Tom J.; 1 - Alipony Racing, Agnew, Dan J., Bunch, Clint and Hailey, James; 2 - MyRacehorse; 4 - Matson Racing, Brown, Sandra L., Naify, Elise and Naify, Marsha; 3 -Rafael Gutierrez; 6 - David A. Bernsen, LLC, Mia Familia Racing Stable and La Russo, Corey; 7 - Hronis Racing LLC; 5 - Pegram, Michael E., Watson, Karl and Weitman, Paul;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

IMAGINATION broke in and brushed, tracked widest up the backstretch, raced in the six path into the turn, angled in and chased four wide into the stretch, took contact from inner rival in upper stretch, rallied under left-handed urging while drifting in a bit, collared STRAIGHT NO CHASER at the sixteenth pole and drove clear. DR. VENKMAN stalked the speed from inside into and around the turn, tipped out at the top of the lane, angled inside the leader midstretch, then finished gamely and earned the place honors. STRAIGHT NO CHASER showed the way early under pressure from AWESOME RHYTHM, cleared that rival midway around the turn, drifted off the fence while clear to midstretch, collared by IMAGINATION with a sixteenth remaining and yielded to the top pair late. SMOOTH CRUISEIN tracked outside a rival in the early going, asked two wide through the turn, lacked the needed response in the lane but managed to earn a minor award. AWESOME RHYTHM pressed the leader from outside, could not keep pace with STRAIGHT NO CHASER midway around the bend, chased between rivals in the two path to the stretch, drifted out and bumped in upper stretch and weakened. WOUND UP raced up close four deep, went five wide into the turn, angled to the three path around the bend, got bumped between rivals in upper stretch and also weakened. MBAGNICK (CHI) brushed leaving the gate, trailed up the backstretch, angled to the rail for the turn, cut the corner into the lane and never threatened. SPEED BOAT BEACH attended the pace three deep in the early going, started to weaken four then three wide around the bend and came up empty in the lane.

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