

SANTA ANITA PARK - March 7, 2026 - Race 9

STAKES Frank E. Kilroe Mile S. Grade 2 - Thoroughbred

FOR FOUR-YEAR-OLDS AND UPWARD. By subscription of \$100 each if made on or before Sunday, February 22, 2026, closed 17 with 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. 124 lbs.

Non-Winners of a Grade I or Grade II Stake at One Mile or Over since September 7, 2025 allowed 2 lbs. Non-Winners of a Graded Stake at One Mile or over since March 7, 2025 allowed 4 lbs. A trophy will be presented to the winning owner.

Distance: One Mile On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Vyjack - 1:31.69 - October 8, 2016)

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, 74° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 4:13 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic



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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
27Sep25 ⁴ SA ⁶	7	Final Boss (Hernandez, Juan)	120	b	7	3	3 ¹	3 ^{1 1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	31.70	ins,bid btwn1/8,gamely
7Feb26 ⁵ SA ¹	3	El Potente (Berrios, Hector)	122	--	3	4	4 ¹	4 ¹	4 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1 1/4}	1.90*	ins-2w,2-3w,outkicked
24Jan26 ¹² GP ³	2	Almendares (GB) (Gaffalione, Tyler)	120	--	2	7	8	8	7 ¹	7 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1 1/4}	3.10	svd ground, gained 3rd
7Feb26 ⁵ SA ²	4	Gas Me Up (Demuro, Mirco)	122	--	4	8	6 ²	6 ¹	6 ¹	6 ^{1/2}	4 ^{Nose}	4.40	2-3w,2w,angled,mildly
28Jun25 ¹⁰ CD ⁴	1	Mi Hermano Ramon (Fresu, Antonio)	120	b	1	6	5 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	5 ^{1/2}	5 ^{Head}	5 ^{3/4}	4.70	lack room/stdy past1/8
24Jan26 ¹² GP ⁹	5	Cabo Spirit (Smith, Mike)	122	b	5	1	2 ²	2 ^{2 1/2}	2 ²	4 ^{1 1/2}	6 ^{1 1/2}	11.90	closest,bid1/8,flatten
24Jan26 ¹² GP ⁴	8	Astronomer (Geroux, Florent)	120	b	8	5	7 ^{1/2}	7 ^{1/2}	8	8	7 ^{1 3/4}	11.60	reserved2wd,angled str
24Jan26 ³ GP ¹	6	Mi Bago (Jaramillo, Emisael)	120	b	6	2	1 ¹	1 ^{3 1/2}	1 ^{3 1/2}	1 ^{Head}	8	16.70	opened up, caved

Fractional Times: 22.88 45.95 1:08.66 1:21.01

Final Time: 1:32.94 **Time from Gate:** 1:36.55

Split Times: (23:07) (22:71) (12:35) (11:93)

Run-Up: 115 feet

Winner: Final Boss, Chestnut Horse, by American Pharoah out of Screaming Skylar, by Smart Strike. Foaled Apr 16, 2021 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Rockingham Ranch

Owner: By Talla Racing, LLC and West Point Thoroughbreds

Trainer: Sadler, John

Total WPS Pool: \$590,918

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
7	Final Boss	65.40	20.60	8.60	\$1.00 Exacta	7-3	133.80	293,163
3	El Potente		3.20	2.40	\$1.00 Trifecta	7-3-2	557.20	124,516
2	Almendares (GB)			2.80	\$0.10 Superfecta	7-3-2-4	138.42	90,895
					\$1.00 Pick 3	1-5-7 (3 correct)	454.40	81,645
					\$2.00 Daily Double	5-7	536.20	90,933

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
7	Final Boss	3	3 ³	3 ⁶	3 ^{5 1/2}	3 ^{Head}	1 ^{1/2}
3	El Potente	4	4 ⁴	4 ^{7 1/2}	4 ⁶	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{1/2}
2	Almendares (GB)	7	8 ^{7 1/2}	8 ¹⁰	7 ⁹	7 ^{2 3/4}	3 ^{1 3/4}
4	Gas Me Up	8	6 ⁵	6 ^{8 1/2}	6 ⁸	6 ^{2 1/4}	4 ³
1	Mi Hermano Ramon	6	5 ⁵	5 ^{8 1/2}	5 ^{7 1/2}	5 ^{2 1/4}	5 ³
5	Cabo Spirit	1	2 ¹	2 ^{3 1/2}	2 ^{3 1/2}	4 ^{3/4}	6 ^{3 3/4}
8	Astronomer	5	7 ⁷	7 ^{9 1/2}	8 ¹⁰	8 ^{3 1/4}	7 ^{5 1/4}
6	Mi Bago	2	1 ¹	1 ^{3 1/2}	1 ^{3 1/2}	1 ^{Head}	8 ⁷

Trainers: 7 - Sadler, John; 3 - Blacker, Dan; 2 - D'Amato, Philip; 4 - Eurton, Peter; 1 - Glatt, Mark; 5 - Papaprodromou, George; 8 - Callaghan, Simon; 6 - Casse, Mark

Owners: 7 - By Talla Racing, LLC and West Point Thoroughbreds; 3 - My Way Racing LLC; 2 - CYBT, McLean Racing Stables, Gevertz, Saul, Nentwig, Michael and Pagano, Ray; 4 - Exline-Border Racing LLC, Jawl, Michael, Kennedy, Aaron and Zwiesler, Tom; 1 - Rancho Temescal Thoroughbred Partners and Red Baron's Barn LLC; 5 - Kretz Racing LLC; 8 - Bamford, Alice and Tabor, Michael B.; 6 -Gary Barber;

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FINAL BOSS followed in range on the inside, dropped off the pace on the backstretch, ridden along the fence on the far turn, rallied between rivals into the final furlong, dueled inside EL POTENTE late and gamely prevailed. EL POTENTE settled next to the rail then quickly moved to the two path early on the clubhouse turn, continued in the two path towards the rear leaving the backstretch, picked up stride around the far turn, spun three wide into the lane, bid four deep at the eighth pole, battled outside FINAL BOSS in the late stages and came up just short in the end. ALMENDARES (GB) raced inside a rival at the back through the early going, had one beat still running along the fence into the lane, moved off the fence a bit midstretch while closing and was along for third. GAS ME UP laid off the pace outside a rival then three deep on the clubhouse turn, navigated the second bend in the two path, angled out in upper stretch and put in a mild rally but needed to find more late. MI HERMANO RAMON allowed to settle on the inside, raced well off the pace to the far turn, came under a ride while continuing to save ground, chased a bit off the rail into the lane, closed in but ran into traffic and had to steady past the eighth pole, altered to a clear path and kept on to the wire but missed out on a minor award. CABO SPIRIT away quickest and showed early foot inside MI BAGO before taking a stalking position on the inside, fell out of range of the leader on the backstretch but remained closest in pursuit, chased two wide through the far turn, bid between rivals with a furlong remaining but flattened out in the late stages. ASTRONOMER reserved outside a rival at the back of the pack in the opening stages, trailed two wide into the lane, angled out in the lane and was never a factor. MI BAGO showed speed outside CABO SPIRIT then cleared that rival and crossed over into the first turn, opened up on the backstretch, remained well clear through the far turn, grew weary in upper stretch and was reeled in by rivals, clung to a narrow lead at the eighth pole and caved when overtaken.

