

**SANTA ANITA PARK - February 15, 2020 - Race 8**

STAKES Santa Monica S. Grade 2 - Thoroughbred

FOR FILLIES AND MARES FOUR-YEAR-OLDS AND UPWARD. By subscription of \$100 each to accompany the nomination, closed with 13 On Thursday February 6, 2020. 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 II Stake since August 15, 2019 allowed 2 lbs. Non winners of a Graded Stake since February 15, 2019 allowed 4 lbs. A trophy will be presented to the winning owner. Seven Furlongs On The Dirt **Track Record:** (Twirling Candy - 1:19.70 - December 26, 2010)



**Purse:** \$200,000 Guaranteed

**Available Money:** \$200,000

**Value of Race:** \$200,000 1st \$120,000, 2nd \$40,000, 3rd \$24,000, 4th \$12,000, 5th \$4,000

**Weather:** Clear **Track:** Fast

**Off at:** 4:08 **Start:** Good for all

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
28Dec19 <sup>7</sup> SA <sup>1</sup>	4	Hard Not to Love (Smith, Mike) 	124	L	4	5	5	4 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	1 <sup>3 1/2</sup>	0.60*	5wd,3wd,ridden out
12Jan20 <sup>8</sup> SA <sup>1</sup>	5	Mother Mother (Prat, Flavien) 	120	L	5	3	3 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	1.50	4wd to turn,2nd best
11Jan20 <sup>8</sup> SA <sup>3</sup>	2	Zusha (Pereira, Tiago) 	120	L	2	4	4 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>Head</sup>	4 <sup>12</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup>	28.70	came out str,gained 3d
12Jan20 <sup>8</sup> SA <sup>2</sup>	3	Lady Ninja (Cedillo, Abel) 	122	L	3	1	1 <sup>Head</sup>	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	3 <sup>2</sup>	4 <sup>44</sup>	7.10	dueled btwn,rail,wkend
31Jan20 <sup>3</sup> SA <sup>3</sup>	1	Road Rager (Gryder, Aaron) 	120	L b	1	2	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	5	5	5	57.00	steadied 3/8,eased str

**Fractional Times:** 23.04 45.81 1:10.07

**Final Time:** 1:22.19

**Split Times:** (22:77) (24:26) (12:12)

**Run-Up:** 28 feet

**Winner:** Hard Not to Love, Bay Filly, by Hard Spun out of Loving Vindication, by Vindication. Foaled May 11, 2016 in ON.

**Breeder:** Anderson Farms Ont. Inc..

**Winning Owner:** Mercedes Stables LLC, West Point Thoroughbreds, Dilworth, Scott, Ingordo, Dorothy, Ingordo, David and Mooney, F. Steve

**Total WPS Pool:** \$278,304

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
4	Hard Not to Love	3.20	2.10	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	4-5	2.10	102,486
5	Mother Mother		2.20	2.10	\$0.50 Trifecta	4-5-2	3.50	95,480
2	Zusha			2.80	\$2.00 Daily Double	2-4	21.40	28,689
					\$0.50 Pick 3	1-2-4 (3 correct)	22.90	45,562

**Past Performance Running Line Preview**


Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
4	Hard Not to Love	5	5 <sup>1 3/4</sup>	4 <sup>3/4</sup>	1 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	1 <sup>3 1/2</sup>
5	Mother Mother	3	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	2 <sup>3 1/2</sup>
2	Zusha	4	4 <sup>3/4</sup>	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	4 <sup>3 1/2</sup>	3 <sup>5</sup>
3	Lady Ninja	1	1 <sup>Head</sup>	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	3 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	4 <sup>6</sup>
1	Road Rager	2	2 <sup>Head</sup>	5 <sup>1 3/4</sup>	5 <sup>15 1/2</sup>	5 <sup>50</sup>

**Trainers:** 4 - Shirreffs, John; 5 - Baffert, Bob; 2 - Mandella, Gary; 3 - Baltas, Richard; 1 - Koriner, Brian

**Owners:** 4 - Mercedes Stables LLC, West Point Thoroughbreds, Dilworth, Scott, Ingordo, Dorothy, Ingordo, David and Mooney, F. Steve; 5 - Gainesway Stable (Antony Beck), Old Bones Racing Stable, LLC, Hall, Barry, Lipman, Barry and Mathiesen, Mark; 2 -Rafael Steinbruch; 3 - Gainesway Stable (Antony Beck) and Rosen, Andrew; 1 - Jay Em Ess Stable;

**Footnotes**

HARD NOT TO LOVE stalked off the rail then five wide leaving the backstretch, went up four wide on the turn, bid three deep into the stretch to gain the lead, inched away in midstretch and won clear under a steady hand ride and good handling late. MOTHER MOTHER pressed the pace outside then four wide, battled alongside a rival on the turn then between horses leaving the turn and into the stretch and was second best. ZUSHA stalked early then bid between horses to press the pace, tracked the leaders inside on the turn, came out into the stretch and gained the show. LADY NINJA had good early speed and dueled between horses then inside on the turn and into the stretch and weakened some in the final furlong to be outfinished for third. ROAD RAGER went up inside to press the pace, steadied in tight into the turn to drop back and gave way then was eased in the stretch.

 Denotes a Keeneland Sales Graduate