

**SANTA ANITA PARK - February 13, 2021 - 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 Thursday February 4, 2021 with 20 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, 2020 allowed 2 lbs. Non winners of a Graded Stake since February 15, 2020 allowed 4 lbs. A trophy will be presented to the winning owner.

Seven Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Twirling Candy - 1:19.70 - December 26, 2010)

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




**Plus:** \$2,000 Other Sources

**Available Money:** \$202,000

**Value of Race:** \$202,000 1st \$120,000, 2nd \$40,000, 3rd \$24,000, 4th \$12,000, 5th \$4,000, 6th \$500, 7th \$500, 8th \$500, 9th \$500

**Weather:** Cloudy **Track:** Fast

**Off at:** 4:21 **Start:** Good for all except 7,8 **Timer:** Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
26Dec20 <sup>8</sup> SA <sup>3</sup>	1	Merneith (Maldonado, Edwin)	120	--	1	2	2 <sup>Head</sup>	1 <sup>Head</sup>	1 <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>2</sup> 1/4	9.20	duel inside, cleared
26Dec20 <sup>8</sup> SA <sup>2</sup>	6	Golden Principal (Smith, Mike) 	120	f	5	3	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	2 <sup>2</sup> 1/4	5.40	duel outside, 2nd best
10Jan21 <sup>8</sup> SA <sup>1</sup>	5	Qahira (Rosario, Joel)	120	b	4	4	4 <sup>Head</sup>	5 <sup>Head</sup>	4 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	3 <sup>1</sup> 1/4	3.30	bumped 1/2, gained 3rd
10Jan21 <sup>8</sup> SA <sup>3</sup>	11	Biddy Duke (Rispoli, Umberto) 	122	--	9	1	3 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	4 <sup>1</sup> 3/4	21.60	early spd 3dp, flattnd
10Jan21 <sup>8</sup> SA <sup>2</sup>	8	Amuse (Van Dyke, Drayden)	120	--	7	6	7 <sup>1/2</sup>	4 <sup>Head</sup>	5 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	5 <sup>1</sup> 1/4	14.30	bpd st, 3dp, 4wd, wknd
9Jan21 <sup>8</sup> SA <sup>6</sup>	9	Proud Emma (Franco, Giovanni) 	122	--	8	8	8 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	7 <sup>Head</sup>	6 <sup>1</sup>	6 <sup>Nose</sup>	27.60	5wide turn, no response
9Jan21 <sup>8</sup> SA <sup>3</sup>	4	Hard Not to Love (Hernandez, Juan) 	120	--	3	9	9	9	9	7 <sup>4</sup> 1/2	2.00*	steadied early, 3-4wd
26Dec20 <sup>8</sup> SA <sup>1</sup>	3	Fair Maiden (Gonzalez, Ricardo)	124	b	2	7	5 <sup>1/2</sup>	6 <sup>1</sup>	7 <sup>1/2</sup>	8 <sup>1/2</sup>	4.90	drifted out, bumped 1/2
26Dec20 <sup>8</sup> SA <sup>5</sup>	7	Secret Keeper (Cedillo, Abel)	120	--	6	5	6 <sup>Head</sup>	8 <sup>3</sup> 1/2	8 <sup>1</sup>	9	15.50	brk out, bpd, 3-2wd, wknd

**Fractional Times:** 22.64 45.34 1:09.61

**Final Time:** 1:22.28

**Split Times:** (22:70) (24:27) (12:67)

**Run-Up:** 28 feet

**Winner:** Merneith, Bay Filly, by American Pharoah out of Flattermewithroses, by Flatter. Foaled Feb 15, 2017 in Kentucky.

**Breeder:** China Horse Club.

**Winning Owner:** HRH Prince Sultan Bin Mishal Al Saud

**Scratched Horse(s):** Bohemian Bourbon (Trainer), Miss Stormy D (Trainer), Pharoah's Heart (Trainer)

**Total WPS Pool:** \$430,720

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool	Carryover
1	Merneith	20.40	9.20	5.80	\$1.00 Exacta	1-6	47.70	200,956	
6	Golden Principal		6.80	4.60	\$0.50 Trifecta	1-6-5	108.50	128,964	
5	Qahira			4.20	\$0.10 Superfecta	1-6-5-11	305.08	73,882	
					\$2.00 Daily Double	7-1	104.60	41,850	
					\$0.50 Pick 3	9-7-1 (3 correct)	153.70	65,101	
					\$1.00 X-5 Super High Five	1-6-5-11-8		4,283	3,269

**Past Performance Running Line Preview**

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
1	Merneith	2	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>Head</sup>	1 <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>2</sup> 1/4
6	Golden Principal	3	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup> 1/4
5	Qahira	4	4 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	5 <sup>1</sup> 3/4	4 <sup>4</sup>	3 <sup>4</sup> 1/2
11	Biddy Duke	1	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	3 <sup>3</sup> 1/2	4 <sup>5</sup> 3/4
8	Amuse	6	7 <sup>2</sup> 1/4	4 <sup>1</sup> 1/2	5 <sup>5</sup> 1/2	5 <sup>7</sup> 1/2
9	Proud Emma	8	8 <sup>2</sup> 3/4	7 <sup>2</sup> 3/4	6 <sup>7</sup>	6 <sup>8</sup> 3/4
4	Hard Not to Love	9	9 <sup>4</sup> 1/4	9 <sup>6</sup> 1/2	9 <sup>9</sup> 1/2	7 <sup>8</sup> 3/4
3	Fair Maiden	7	5 <sup>1</sup> 3/4	6 <sup>1</sup> 3/4	7 <sup>8</sup>	8 <sup>13</sup> 1/4
7	Secret Keeper	5	6 <sup>2</sup> 1/4	8 <sup>3</sup>	8 <sup>8</sup> 1/2	9 <sup>13</sup> 3/4

**Trainers:** 1 - Baffert, Bob; 6 - Baffert, Bob; 5 - Baffert, Bob; 11 - O'Neill, Doug; 8 - Mandella, Richard; 9 - Miller, Peter; 4 - Shirreffs, John; 3 - Harty, Eoin; 7 - Sise, Jr., Clifford

**Owners:** 1 - HRH Prince Sultan Bin Mishal Al Saud; 6 - Watson, Karl, Pegram, Michael E. and Weitman, Paul; 5 - Baoma Corporation; 11 - Joseph E. Besecker; 8 - Claiborne Farm, Bass II, Perry R., Bass, Ramona S. and Dilschneider, Adele B.; 9 - Gem, Inc. and Kagele, Tom; 4 - Mercedes Stables LLC, West Point Thoroughbreds, Dilworth, Scott, Ingordo, Dorothy, Ingordo, David and Mooney, F. Steve; 3 - Godolphin, LLC; 7 - Wygod, Pam and Martin;

**Footnotes**

MERNEITH duelled with GOLDEN PRINCIPAL up the backstretch and around the turn, kicked clear at the top of the lane and drew away under some right-handed urging and strong handling late. GOLDEN PRINCIPAL duelled outside of MERNEITH into and around the turn, could not keep pace entering the stretch but stayed on well to prove second best. QAHIRA chased between rivals then got bumped by inner rival near the half-mile pole, continued outside that rival and two wide into the stretch, then finished willingly to gain the show. BIDDY DUKE attended the pace three deep into and around the turn, chased the top pair three wide into the drive and flattened to a minor award. AMUSE bumped lightly leaving the gate, chased off the inside then three deep, went four wide into the lane and weakened. PROUD EMMA chased widest up the backstretch, went five wide around the turn and lacked a response when called upon. HARD NOT TO LOVE steadied off heels early, was coaxed through the turn, came four wide into the stretch, moved out further in the lane and never threatened. FAIR MAIDEN rated behind the leaders from inside, drifted out and bumped rival near the half-mile pole, saved ground through the turn and tired. SECRET KEEPER broke out and bumped rival, entered the turn three wide then moved down to the two path and weakened.

