FIFTH RACE

Del Mar

AUGUST 16, 2026

6½ FURLONGS. (1.13³) RANCHO BERNARDO S. Grade III. Purse $100,000 FOR FILLIES AND MARES, THREE–YEAR–OLDS AND UPWARD. By subscription of $100 each, which shall accompany the nomination, Closed Thursday August 6, 2026 with 9 nominations or by supplementary nomination of $1,000 each by closing time of entries. $1,500 additional to start, with $100,000 Guaranteed, of which $60,000 to first, $20,000 to second, $12,000 to third, $6,000 to fourth and $2,000 to fifth. Three–year–olds 122 lbs.; Older 125 lbs. Non–winners of a graded stakes since November 2, 2025 allowed 3 lbs.; The Rancho Bernardo Stakes has been selected as a Breeders' Cup Dirt Dozen Bonus Series Race for the $1 million Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint on October 31, 2026 at Keeneland. The nominated winner of the Rancho Bernardo Stakes will receive a credit of of $15,000 toward entry fees into the 2026 Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint, 2nd place will receive $7,500 credit toward entry fees and 3rd place will receive $3,750 credit toward entry fees. A trophy will be presented to the winning owner.

Value of Race: $100,000 Winner $60,000; second $20,000; third $12,000; fourth $6,000; fifth $2,000. Mutuel Pool $531,675.00 Exacta Pool $157,284.00 Quinella Pool $6,601.00 Trifecta Pool $82,258.00 Superfecta Pool $49,343.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds $1
4Jly26 ⁸LRC¹	Sweet Azteca		6	125	5	2	2⁵	2⁷½	1¹½	1⁴¾	Hernandez J J	0.30
25May26 ⁴LS¹	Thermal		5	122	1	1	1½	1½	2⁶½	2³¼	Rosario J	2.00
11Jun26 ²SA⁴	Antifona-FR		5	122	3	3	4²½	3hd	3½	3nk	Fresu A	22.70
24Jly26 ³Dmr¹	Fire Ban	b	5	122	4	4	3¹	4⁴	4⁶	4⁷¼	Ayuso A	18.50
5Jly26 ²LRC¹	Catalina Cocktail	b	5	122	2	5	5	5	5	5	Jaramillo E	22.50

OFF AT 4:12 Start Good. Won handily. Track fast.

TIME :22², :44⁴, 1:09³, 1:16² (:22.49, :44.94, 1:09.64, 1:16.51)

$2 Mutuel Prices:

5 – SWEET AZTECA	**2.60**	**2.10**	**2.10**
1 – THERMAL		**2.40**	**2.10**
3 – ANTIFONA–FR			**3.00**

$1 EXACTA 5–1 PAID $1.90 $2 QUINELLA 1–5 PAID $2.80 50 CENT TRIFECTA 5–1–3 PAID $3.75 10 CENT SUPERFECTA 5–1–3–4 PAID $.99

Gr/ro. m, (Feb), by Sharp Azteca – So Sweetitiz , by Grand Slam . Trainer Baltas Richard. Bred by Pamela Cee Ziebarth (Ky).

SWEET AZTECA pressed THERMAL from outside, ridden along on the turn, gained the advantage late on the bend, put THERMAL away in upper stretch, drew away under hand urging past the eighth pole and coasted the last sixteenth. THERMAL jumped out to the front, showed the way under pressure from SWEET AZTECA to the outside, maintained a short lead to the quarter pole, lost the lead late on the turn, failed to kick on with SWEET AZTECA in upper stretch and stayed on to secure second. ANTIFONA (FR) broke through the gate but did not leave the stall, settled off the top pair on the inside, stayed on the fence to the stretch, failed to summon the needed rally but was able to hold third. FIRE BAN broke through the gate, was brought back around and reloaded, coaxed along early from off the pace, traveled in the three path on the turn and got outdueled for the show honors. CATALINA COCKTAIL lacked early speed, trailed three wide around the turn and never got involved.

Owners– 1, Ziebarth Pamela C; 2, By Talla Racing LLC and John W Sadler Racing Inc; 3, Wilson Holly and Wilson David; 4, Cahill James F; 5, Mindell Alan G

Trainers– 1, Baltas Richard; 2, Sadler John W; 3, Cerin Vladimir; 4, Koriner Brian; 5, Sadler John W

Scratched– Sweet Gal of Mine (02Aug26 ³Dmr²)

$2 Daily Double (8–5) Paid $17.00 ; Daily Double Pool $59,797 .

50 CENT Pick Three (8–8–5) Paid $276.30 ; Pick Three Pool $103,076 .

50 CENT Pick Four (5–8–8–5/6) Paid $2,522.20 ; Pick Four Pool $179,468 .

50 CENT Pick Five (4–5–8–8–5/6) 5 Correct Paid $5,323.90 ; Pick Five Pool $584,063 .