EIGHTH RACE

Santa Anita

APRIL 17, 2026

1 MILE. (1.33[2]) CLAIMING. Purse $18,000 (plus $640 Other Sources) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 119 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. Non–winners Of A Race At A Mile Or Over Since February 17 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price $8,000 (Maiden And Claiming Races For $8,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances).

Value of Race: $18,640 Winner $10,800; second $3,600; third $2,160; fourth $1,080; fifth $500; sixth $500. Mutuel Pool $141,593.00 Exacta Pool $65,745.00 Trifecta Pool $39,559.00 Superfecta Pool $27,014.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	¾	Str	Fin	Jockey	Cl'g Pr	Odds $1
3Apr26 [8]SA[2]	Mighty Kai	L f	5	126	3	5	4½	3hd	2½	1hd	1½	Kimura K	8000	1.20
3Apr26 [8]SA[5]	Leyas Candy	L	7	124	2	4	2[1]	1hd	1[1]	2½	2½	Maldonado E	8000	1.60
15Mar26 [4]SA[2]	Mother's Prayer	L f	6	124	5	2	3½	4hd	4[6]	5[3]	3¾	Pereira T J	8000	6.80
21Feb26 [4]Hou[3]	Love Candy	L	7	124	6	3	5[5]	5[7]	3hd	4hd	4½	Ayuso A	8000	24.40
3Apr26 [8]SA[8]	So I'm Told	L b	7	124	4	1	1½	2[1]	5[5]	3hd	5[6]	Payeras E	8000	7.40
19Oct25 [6]SA[5]	Upstart Yankee	L	7	124	1	6	6	6	6	6	6	Jaramillo E		12.70

OFF AT 4:34 Start Good. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME :23[3], :47[2], 1:12, 1:25[1], 1:38 (:23.76, :47.47, 1:12.04, 1:25.33, 1:38.10)

$2 Mutuel Prices:

3 – MIGHTY KAI	**4.40**	**2.40**	**2.10**
2 – LEYAS CANDY		**2.40**	**2.10**
6 – MOTHER'S PRAYER			**2.80**

$1 EXACTA 3–2 PAID $4.80 $1 TRIFECTA 3–2–6 PAID $13.20 10 CENT SUPERFECTA 3–2–6–7 PAID $4.89

B. g, (Mar), by Twirling Candy – My Happy Place, by Tapit. Trainer Valdez Jose R. Bred by Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings Inc (Ky).

MIGHTY KAI settled in range in the two path, coaxed along behind the leader on the rail around the far turn then took aim two wide leaving the bend, put a head in front at the eighth pole and won going away. LEYAS CANDY stalked from inside then went up to press the pace around the clubhouse turn, headed outer rival on the backstretch, inched ahead at the five-sixteenths pole, cleared with a quarter mile remaining, collared by MIGHTY KAI in upper stretch, yielded to that rival past the eighth pole and kept on for a clear second. MOTHER'S PRAYER forwardly placed in the three path early on, put in a mild bid three deep exiting the backstretch, could not sustain the challenge around the far turn, churned on down the lane and bested the others. LOVE CANDY stalked four wide around the first turn, three deep on the backstretch, raced up close four deep into the far turn, chased the leadrs to the stretch and weakened. SO I'M TOLD hustled to the front, led in the two path then took pressure around the clubhouse turn, headed on the backstretch, dueled around the far turn, yielded to inner rival outside the quarter pole and weakened. UPSTART YANKEE trailed three wide early, lagged behind in the middle stages, rounded the far turn four to five wide and was never a factor.

Owners– 1, Rusich Steve P; 2, Killa 1 Racing Stable and Balthazar Darwin; 3, Knapp Steve R; 4, Hay Day Racing; 5, Carlos Felipe and Quinonez Emilio; 6, Kazarian Nick Carl and Kazarian Nicolas Z

Trainers– 1, Valdez Jose R; 2, Harris Andrew; 3, Knapp Steve; 4, Lopez George L; 5, Valenzuela Martin Jr; 6, McLean Bill

Mighty Kai was claimed by Run Fast Racing; trainer, O'Neill Doug.

Scratched– Contrary Chieftain (15Mar26 [4]SA)

$2 Daily Double (2–3) Paid $34.00; Daily Double Pool $24,083.

$1 Pick Three (2–2–3) Paid $662.70; Pick Three Pool $18,447.