

SANTA ANITA PARK - October 4, 2025 - Race 9

STAKES Oak Leaf S. presented by Oak Tree Racing Association Grade 2 - Thoroughbred
FOR FILLIES, TWO YEARS OLD.

Distance: One And One Sixteenth Miles On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Efervescente (ARG) - 1:39.18 - January 6, 1993)

Purse: \$200,000 Guaranteed



Plus: \$500 Other Sources

Available Money: \$200,500

Value of Race: \$200,500 1st \$120,000, 2nd \$40,000, 3rd \$24,000, 4th \$12,000, 5th \$4,000, 6th \$500

Weather: Clear, 80° Track: Fast

Off at: 5:09 Start: Good for all Timing Method: Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
6Sep25 ⁶ DMR ²	6	Explora (Hernandez, Juan)	122	--	6	2	³ Head	³ Head	2 ¹	1 ² 1/2	1 ⁴ 1/4	0.40*	3deep,bid2w1/4,cleared
6Sep25 ⁶ DMR ³	3	La Wally (Fresu, Antonio)	122	--	3	4	5 ⁶	5 ⁷	5 ⁵	2 ^{Head}	2 ¹ 1/4	3.60	tracked2-3w,best rest
6Sep25 ⁷ DMR ⁵	2	La Ville Lumiere (Kimura, Kazushi) 	122	b	2	5	4 ^{1/2}	4 ¹	3 ^{1/2}	3 ¹ 1/2	3 ⁸ 1/4	31.70	ins-2w,outkickd for2nd
30Aug25 ⁴ DMR ²	1	Banzai Betty (Rispoli, Umberto)	122	--	1	6	6	6	6	5 ²⁰	4 ⁴ 1/4	22.80	passed tired rivals
6Sep25 ⁶ DMR ⁴	4	Himika (Smith, Mike) 	122	--	4	1	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ^{1/2}	1 ¹	4 ⁴ 1/2	5 ⁹⁸	4.70	ins,cleared3/8,folded
30Aug25 ⁴ DMR ¹	5	Heaven's Bolt (Berrios, Hector)	122	b	5	3	2 ¹	2 ^{1/2}	4 ^{1/2}	6	6	33.40	stalk,duel2w,easd,walk

Fractional Times: 23.14 46.98 1:11.56 1:37.39 Final Time: 1:44.13

Split Times: (23:84) (24:58) (25:83) (6:74)

Run-Up: 90 feet

Winner: Explora, Dark Bay or Brown Filly, by Blame out of Collections Choice, by Bernardini. Foaled Apr 08, 2023 in Kentucky.

Breeder: Mesingw Farm, LLC

Owner: Pegram, Michael E., Watson, Karl and Weitman, Paul

Trainer: Baffert, Bob

Total WPS Pool: \$397,204

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
6	Explora	2.80	2.20	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	6-3	4.30	123,115
3	La Wally		3.20	2.60	\$1.00 Trifecta	6-3-2	37.30	67,028
2	La Ville Lumiere			5.40	\$0.10 Superfecta	6-3-2-1	12.72	50,585
					\$2.00 Daily Double	5-6	36.40	56,840
					\$1.00 Pick 3	3-5-6 (3 correct)	79.30	33,201

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
6	Explora	2	3 ² 1/2	3 ¹	2 ¹	1 ² 1/2	1 ⁴ 1/4
3	La Wally	4	5 ³	5 ²	5 ³	2 ² 1/2	2 ⁴ 1/4
2	La Ville Lumiere	5	4 ² 1/2	4 ¹	3 ²	3 ² 1/2	3 ⁵ 1/2
1	Banzai Betty	6	6 ⁹	6 ⁹	6 ⁸	5 ⁸ 1/2	4 ¹³ 3/4
4	Himika	1	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ^{1/2}	1 ¹	4 ⁴	5 ¹⁸
5	Heaven's Bolt	3	2 ¹ 1/2	2 ^{1/2}	4 ² 1/2	6 ²⁸ 1/2	6 ¹¹⁶

Trainers: 6 - Baffert, Bob; 3 - Glatt, Mark; 2 - McCarthy, Michael; 1 - Papaprodromou, George; 4 - Baffert, Bob; 5 - Baltas, Richard

Owners: 6 - Pegram, Michael E., Watson, Karl and Weitman, Paul; 3 - Muir Hut Stables LLC; 2 - Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Sabby Racing LLC and Reimer, Ken T.; 1 -Kristine M. Chandler; 4 - Baoma Corp; 5 - Panic Stable LLC;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

EXPLORA chased three deep to the five-sixteenths pole, confronted HIMIKA with a quarter mile remaining, put that rival away at the top of the stretch and drew off under left-handed urging and steady handling in the final furlong. LA WALLY tracked two wide around the first turn, tipped to the three path and came under a ride on the far turn, could not threaten the winner in the stretch run but was able to outkick LA VILLE LUMIERRE for the place honors. LA VILLE LUMIERE stalked from along the rail, was ridden along through the far turn, chased two wide into lane, failed to produce a bid and lost the duel for second. BANZAI BETTY lagged behind to the far turn, had one rival beat coming into the stretch and passed another tired rival in the lane to earn a minor award. HIMIKA fought for the lead inside HEAVEN'S BOLT into the first turn, took control around the bend, pressured again by that rival up the backstretch, cleared with three furlongs remaining, challenged by EXPLORA at the quarter pole, lost command late on the bend and retreated. HEAVEN'S BOLT showed early speed outside HIMIKA then took a stalking position in the two path on the clubhouse turn, moved up to challenge from outside in the middle stages, lost touch with HIMIKA at the three-eighths pole, tired on the far turn, was eased and guided out wide, then eventually crossed the finish line and walked off.

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