

FOURTH RACE
Santa Anita
JANUARY 18, 2025

6 FURLONGS. (1.064) DON VALPREDO CALIFORNIA CUP SPRINT S. Purse \$125,000 FOR GOLDEN STATE SERIES ELIGIBLE CALIFORNIA BRED OR CALIFORNIA SIRED FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. By subscription of \$100 each if made on or before Thursday, January 2, 2025, closed with 11 or by Supplementary nomination of \$25,000 due at time of entry for Non Golden State Series eligible horses or \$2,500 for Golden State Series eligible horses, closed with 1 (Haywood). All horses to pay \$937 to enter and an additional \$937 to start with \$125,000 Guaranteed of which \$75,000 to the winner, \$25,000 to second, \$15,000 to third, \$7,500 to fourth and \$2,500 to fifth. 124 lbs. Non-Winners of a Sweepstakes allowed 2 lbs. Non-Winners of two races other than Maiden, Claiming or Starter allowed 4 lbs. A trophy will be presented to the winning owner.

Value of Race: \$122,500 Winner \$75,000; second \$25,000; third \$15,000; fourth \$7,500. Mutuel Pool \$266,141.00 Exacta Pool \$37,627.00 Trifecta Pool \$33,038.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A. Wt	PP	St	¼	½	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds \$1
9Nov24 8Dmr1	Big City Lights	b 6	124	3	3	2½	1½	14	17¾	Prat F	0.10
9Nov24 7PIn1	Clovis connection	5	124	1	1	4	35	2½	24½	Antongrgi III W	4.90
16Nov24 8Dmr1	Smiling Beast	b 5	120	2	4	1½	22	37½	320	Ayuso A	10.10
19Oct24 3SA1	Haywood	4	120	4	2	31	4	4	4	Maldonado E	26.30

OFF AT 1:01 Start Good. Won ridden out. Track fast.

TIME :22, :444, :57, 1:092 (:22.13, :44.94, :57.15, 1:09.46)

\$2 Mutuel Prices:

4 – BIG CITY LIGHTS _____	2.20	2.10	—
1 – CLOVIS CONNECTION _____		2.40	—
3 – SMILING BEAST _____		—	—

\$1 EXACTA 4-1 PAID \$2.00 \$1 TRIFECTA 4-1-3 PAID \$2.80

Dk. b or br. h, (Jan), by Mr. Big – Champagne Exchange, by Exchange Rate. Trainer Mandella Richard. Bred by Bar C Racing Stables Inc (Cal).

BIG CITY LIGHTS pressed the pace between rivals, headed SMILING BEAST at the five-sixteenths pole, took over with a quarter mile remaining, put SMILING BEAST away late on the bend, drew off under hand urging and was ridden out through deep stretch. CLOVIS CONNECTION away quickest then took a stalking position from inside, asked around the turn while tipping to the three path, could not make any headway on the winner in the stretch run but kept on for a clear second. SMILING BEAST set the pace under pressure from a pair of rivals to the outside early, carried a short lead over BIG CITY LIGHTS into the turn, lost command approaching the quarter pole, chased the new leader into the stretch and faded down the lane. HAYWOOD pressed three deep early, lost touch with the top pair three wide into the turn, dropped back while moving to the four path then angled back in a few paths late on the bend and was not persevered with in the late stages.

Owners– 1, Peoples William R; 2, Hedrick Judy and Hedrick William L; 3, Brown Edward Rusty J Klein Alan P and Lebherz Philip; 4, R3 Racing LLC

Trainers– 1, Mandella Richard; 2, Wright Blaine; 3, Koriner Brian; 4, O' Neill Doug

Scratched– Geezer (13Dec24 5LRC3)

\$1 Pick Three (8-2-4) Paid \$2.20 ; Pick Three Pool \$19,710 .
\$2 Daily Double (2-4) Paid \$3.40 ; Daily Double Pool \$17,232 .