

DEL MAR - November 1, 2025 - Race 9

STAKES Longines Breeders' Cup Classic Grade 1 - Thoroughbred  
FOR THREE-YEAR-OLDS AND UPWARD. Northern Hemisphere Three-Year-Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs.; Southern Hemisphere Three-Year-Olds, 118 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. All Fillies and Mares allowed 3 lbs. \$75,000 to pre-enter, \$75,000 to enter, with guaranteed \$7,000,000 purse including travel awards of which 52% to the owner of the winner, 17% to second, 9% to third, 5% to fourth, 3% to fifth, 2% to sixth, 1% to seventh, 1% to eighth, 1% to ninth, 1% to tenth; plus travel awards to starters not based in California. The maximum number of starters is fourteen with four also eligibles.

Distance: One And One Fourth Miles On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Candy Ride (ARG) - 1:59.11 - August 24, 2003)

Purse: \$7,000,000 Guaranteed

Available Money: \$7,000,000

Value of Race: \$6,370,000 1st \$3,640,000, 2nd \$1,190,000, 3rd \$630,000, 4th \$350,000, 5th \$210,000, 6th \$140,000, 7th \$70,000, 8th \$70,000, 9th \$70,000



[Video Race Replay](#)

Weather: Clear, 70° Track: Fast

Off at: 3:27 Start: Good for all except 2 Timing Method: Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	1/4	1/2	3/4	1m	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
1Oct25 FUN <sup>1</sup>	5	Forever Young (JPN) (Sakai, Ryusei)	126 --	5	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	3 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	3.50	vie btw,ins,clear,held
31Aug25 <sup>5</sup> SAR <sup>2</sup>	7	Sierra Leone (Prat, Flavien)	126 b	6	9	9	8 <sup>Head</sup>	5 <sup>1/2</sup>	4 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	3.90	ins,btwn,3-4w,gaining
30Aug25 <sup>10</sup> DMR <sup>1</sup>	1	Fierceness (Velazquez, John)	126 --	1	3 <sup>Head</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup>	5 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	4 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	3 <sup>2 1/4</sup>	3.40*	ins-2wd, no late kick
30Aug25 <sup>10</sup> DMR <sup>2</sup>	9	Journalism (Ortiz, Jose)	122 --	8	6 <sup>1/2</sup>	5 <sup>Head</sup>	4 <sup>Head</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	4 <sup>3 1/2</sup>	4.80	2wd,bid4-3deep,flatten
31Aug25 <sup>5</sup> SAR <sup>8</sup>	8	Mindframe (Ortiz, Jr., Irad)	126 --	7	4 <sup>1</sup>	4 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>Head</sup>	5 <sup>4</sup>	5 <sup>2 1/4</sup>	7.30	stalk3w,vied3-2wd,wknd
20Sep25 <sup>14</sup> PRX <sup>1</sup>	2	Baeza (Berrios, Hector)	122 b	2	8 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	8 <sup>1/2</sup>	7 <sup>Head</sup>	6 <sup>3</sup>	6 <sup>3</sup>	6 <sup>2 1/4</sup>	7.10	hop,3-2w,5-4w,flatten
27Sep25 <sup>9</sup> SA <sup>1</sup>	3	Nevada Beach (Smith, Mike)	122 b	3	7 <sup>3</sup>	6 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	6 <sup>Head</sup>	7 <sup>3</sup>	7 <sup>8</sup>	7 <sup>25 3/4</sup>	18.80	ins,pause3/8,3wd 3/16
31Aug25 <sup>5</sup> SAR <sup>1</sup>	10	Antiquarian (Saez, Luis)	126 --	9	5 <sup>1/2</sup>	7 <sup>3</sup>	9	9	8 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	8 <sup>1/2</sup>	17.80	4-3wd, 4-2wd, eased
31Aug25 <sup>5</sup> SAR <sup>6</sup>	4	Contrary Thinking (Geroux, Florent)	126 --	4	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>Head</sup>	8 <sup>1</sup>	9	9	66.40	led,vie ins,tired,ease

Fractional Times: 23.04 45.97 1:10.48 1:35.70

Final Time: 2:00.19

Split Times: (22:93) (24:51) (25:22) (24:49)

Run-Up: 15 feet

Winner: Forever Young (JPN), Bay Colt, by =Real Steel (JPN) out of Forever Darling, by Congrats. Foaled Feb 24, 2021 in Japan.

Breeder: Northern Racing

Owner: Susumu Fujita

Trainer: Yahagi, Yoshito

Scratched Horse(s): Sovereignty (Trainer)

Total WPS Pool: \$8,574,781

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Forever Young (JPN)	9.00	4.80	3.20	\$0.50 Pick 3	4-14-5 (3 correct)	739.55	526,733
7	Sierra Leone		4.60	2.80	\$0.50 Pick 4	10/15-4-14-5 (4 correct)	3,473.25	1,536,370
1	Fierceness			3.40	\$1.00 Pick 4	DIRTPICK4(2-10/15-4-5) (4 correct)	841.20	499,444
					\$0.50 Pick 5	10-10/15-4-14-5 (5 correct)	26,281.20	2,686,157
					\$1.00 Daily Double	14-5	173.30	876,379
					\$1.00 Daily Double	BCDISTAFF-BCCLSC(4-5)	44.30	170,438
					\$1.00 Daily Double	BCJUV-BCCLSC(8-5)	8.30	357,573
					\$1.00 Exacta	5-7	17.30	3,988,109
					\$0.10 Superfecta	5-7-1-9	20.74	1,344,589
					\$0.50 Super High Five	5-7-1-9-8	341.85	270,404
					\$0.50 Trifecta	5-7-1	30.10	2,626,000

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	1/4	1/2	3/4	1m	Str	Fin
5	Forever Young (JPN)	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>Head</sup>	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1/2</sup>
7	Sierra Leone	9 <sup>8</sup>	9 <sup>8</sup>	8 <sup>3 1/2</sup>	5 <sup>2</sup>	4 <sup>2 1/2</sup>	2 <sup>1/2</sup>
1	Fierceness	3 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	3 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	5 <sup>1 3/4</sup>	4 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	2 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	3 <sup>1 1/2</sup>
9	Journalism	6 <sup>3</sup>	5 <sup>3</sup>	4 <sup>1 3/4</sup>	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	3 <sup>2</sup>	4 <sup>3 3/4</sup>
8	Mindframe	4 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	4 <sup>2 1/2</sup>	2 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	5 <sup>3</sup>	5 <sup>7 1/4</sup>
2	Baeza	8 <sup>6 1/2</sup>	8 <sup>7 1/2</sup>	7 <sup>3 1/2</sup>	6 <sup>2 1/2</sup>	6 <sup>7</sup>	6 <sup>9 1/2</sup>
3	Nevada Beach	7 <sup>3 1/2</sup>	6 <sup>3</sup>	6 <sup>3 1/4</sup>	7 <sup>5 1/2</sup>	7 <sup>10</sup>	7 <sup>11 3/4</sup>
10	Antiquarian	5 <sup>2 1/2</sup>	7 <sup>4 1/2</sup>	9 <sup>3 1/2</sup>	9 <sup>9 1/2</sup>	8 <sup>18</sup>	8 <sup>37 1/2</sup>
4	Contrary Thinking	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>Head</sup>	8 <sup>8 1/2</sup>	9 <sup>19 1/2</sup>	9 <sup>38</sup>

Trainers: 5 - Yahagi, Yoshito; 7 - Brown, Chad; 1 - Pletcher, Todd; 9 - McCarthy, Michael; 8 - Pletcher, Todd; 2 - Shirreffs, John; 3 - Baffert, Bob; 10 - Pletcher, Todd; 4 - Brown, Chad

Owners: 5 -Susumu Fujita; 7 - Brant, Peter M., Magnier, Mrs. John, Tabor, Michael, Smith, Derrick, Westerberg and Smith, Brook T.; 1 - Smith, Derrick, Repole Stable, Tabor, Michael B. and Magnier, Mrs. John; 9 - Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Bridlewood Farm, Don Alberto Stable, LaPenta, Robert V., Elayne Stables Five, Magnier, Mrs. John, Tabor, Michael B. and Smith, Derrick; 8 - Repole Stable and St. Elias Stables LLC; 2 - C R K Stable LLC and Grandview Equine; 3 - Pegram, Michael E., Watson, Karl and Weitman, Paul; 10 - Centennial Farms; 4 -Peter M. Brant;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

FOREVER YOUNG (JPN) hit the gate at the start, was forwardly placed between runners then outside a rival early, went up to challenge for command between foes on the backstretch, carried a short advantage into the far turn, held a short lead over outer rivals past the five-sixteenths pole, drew clear at the top of the lane, remained clear into deep stretch, then came under threat from SIERRA LEONE late and held gamely. SIERRA LEONE trailed early and steered to the inside, drew closer and went between rivals in the middle stages, rounded the far turn three then four wide, rallied into deep stretch from outside, drew alongside FOREVER YOUNG (JPN) late but ran out of ground. FIERCENESS took a stalking position on the inside, went two wide into the far turn, angled back to the rail late on the bend, moved off the fence with a furlong remaining, finished willingly in deep stretch but failed to summon the needed late kick. JOURNALISM settled outside a rival then between foes on the first turn, raced close up outside FIERCENESS leaving the backstretch, bid four then three deep around the far turn, could not kick on with FOREVER YOUNG (JPN) at the top of the lane and flattened out in the furlong grounds.

MINDFRAME stalked three deep into the first turn, moved up to challenge for the lead three deep in the middle stages, fought three then two wide between rivals on the far turn, lost touch with the winner coming into the stretch and weakened in the final furlong. BAEZA hopped and brushed the gate at the start, traveled near the back off the rail, went three then two wide around the clubhouse turn, moved out four deep on the backstretch, gained five then four wide on the far turn but flattened out in the stretch. NEVADA BEACH tracked the speed from inside, moved off the rail on the backstretch, had to pause behind rivals past the three-eighths pole, came under a ride after, went three wide into the lane and lacked a rally. ANTIQUARIAN settled off the pace four then three wide on the clubhouse turn, fell back to last past the half-mile pole, continued wide into the far turn, angled in a few paths around the bend, tired and eased in the lane and walked off. CONTRARY THINKING sprinted to the front and moved inside, confronted by a pair of rivals on the backstretch, yielded past the three-eighths pole and dropped back around the far turn, eased in the lane and walked off.