SECTION 1 — PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

Turf Star (#1) — The model identifies this Calumet Farm colt as a pace-pressing type with blinkers on for the first time. Has stalked and pressed in his career starts on turf. Projects to attempt early position from the rail under Velazquez.

Baytown Dreamer (#3) — Has shown front-running ability in multiple starts including wiring his maiden. Projects as a co-pace type that will look to establish position early from post 3.

Medici (#6) — Has led or pressed in the majority of his turf starts. Projects as a pace-presser looking to stalk the front runners from a close position.

Stalkers / Pressers

Chaos Agent (#8) — Won his lone start with a wide pressing move from mid-pack. Model projects him settling 3rd-5th early before making his sustained run on the far turn.

Stark Contrast (#11) — Consistent stalking profile across his turf career. Model projects him in a patient tracking position 3-5 lengths off the pace through the first turn.

Stop the Car (#12) — Has pressed and stalked in his limited career. Model projects him tracking mid-field early.

Two Out Hero (#4) — Has shown a pressing style on both turf and synthetic. Model projects him settling just off the front runners, 2-4 lengths back.

Closers

Fulleffort (#2) — Deep closer profile across all six career starts. Has come from well off the pace in every start. Model projects him last or near-last early, timing a sustained synthetic run for the stretch.

Golden Tempo (#5) — NOTE: This is Argos (#10) — Argos has shown a mid-pack to closing profile on turf with a wide rally style. Blinkers on for the first time. Model projects him settling mid-field to rear early.

Black Hornet (#5) — Two consecutive turf route wins at Fair Grounds with a patient mid-pack style. Model projects him settling 5th-7th early before making his run.

Brave Force (#9) — Has come from well off the pace in his Turfway wins. Model projects him last or near-last early.

Maximus Prime (#7) — Consistent deep closer profile at Turfway. Model projects him settling at the rear of the field early.

Pace Scenario Projection

The model projects a MODERATE-to-CONTESTED early pace scenario. Turf Star, Baytown Dreamer, and Medici all project as early pace types — the critical variable is whether any of them establish a comfortable lead or whether a three-way pace duel develops through the first turn on the synthetic surface. The 1⅛ mile synthetic distance is a first for every horse in this field — stamina and surface questions exist throughout. A wide-open pace scenario sets up best for the horses with the strongest sustained velocity profiles. Cox is running two horses in this race — Fulleffort and Argos — creating a tactical stable dynamic worth monitoring.

SECTION 2 — WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX

Horse	ML	Model Win %	Model Top-3 %	Value Rating
#11 Stark Contrast	5-2	22%	55%	FAIR
#2 Fulleffort	7-2	18%	52%	VALUE
#10 Argos	6-1	14%	44%	VALUE
#5 Black Hornet	12-1	11%	38%	VALUE
#8 Chaos Agent	10-1	10%	34%	VALUE

Horse	ML	Model Win %	Model Top-3 %	Value Rating
#6 Medici	6-1	9%	32%	MARGINAL
#1 Turf Star	10-1	6%	24%	MARGINAL
#4 Two Out Hero	8-1	4%	18%	NEGATIVE
#9 Brave Force	30-1	3%	14%	MARGINAL
#3 Baytown Dreamer	30-1	1%	8%	NEGATIVE
#7 Maximus Prime	20-1	1%	8%	NEGATIVE
#12 Stop the Car	20-1	1%	6%	NEGATIVE

SECTION 3 — CONTENDER ANALYSIS

#11 Stark Contrast ★★★★

Strengths:

- Three turf wins from five career starts — consistent winning record
- Won the Eddie Logan Stakes at Santa Anita in January — most recent graded conditions win
- Second in the BC Juvenile Turf at Del Mar — proven against elite 2-year-old company
- Model projects a STRONG Sustained Speed Rating from his stalking position
- McCarthy/Kimura combination has been together throughout this horse's career — familiarity and trust
- Working sharply at Santa Anita heading into this start

Concerns:

- First career synthetic start — turf form does not always translate directly to Turfway's synthetic surface
- First start at Turfway Park — no synthetic experience whatsoever
- 5-2 morning line offers limited overlay given the surface switch uncertainty
- McCarthy running at only 6% on the synthetic — the model's primary concern for this horse

Race Shape Fit: Workable if the turf stalking profile translates to synthetic. The model projects a clean trip from post 11 as the primary variable.

Projection: The model projects Stark Contrast as the co-favorite based on raw ability and recent form. The synthetic surface question is real and the 5-2 morning line does not adequately compensate for that uncertainty. Near-fair — no meaningful overlay identified.

#2 Fulleffort ★★★★

Strengths:

- Two consecutive second-place finishes at Turfway on synthetic — the most proven synthetic form in the field
- Cox running at an elite 39% at Turfway in his limited 2026 sample — the strongest trainer angle in this race
- Model projects an ELITE Sustained Speed Rating — the best closing velocity profile in the field
- Came within a neck of winning the John battaglia Memorial at Turfway last month
- Ortiz Jr. in the irons — significant jockey engagement for Cox's top synthetic horse

Concerns:

- Has not won at Turfway despite two strong efforts — the closing profile has produced places not wins
- Both Turfway starts produced second-place finishes — a horse that keeps getting beaten at this venue is a legitimate concern
- 7-2 morning line is at the lower end of value given the win question

Race Shape Fit: Ideal. The closing profile suits a contested pace scenario perfectly. The model projects Fulleffort finishing with the most sustained late velocity in the race — the question is whether he can get to the front in time.

Projection: The model projects Fulleffort as the top value selection. At 7-2 with an 18% win probability projection, the model identifies a positive expected value overlay. Cox at 39% at Turfway and Ortiz Jr. in the irons are the two strongest angles in the field. The two second-place finishes are a concern but the model projects a peak effort here as conditions align.

#10 Argos ★★★

Strengths:

- Won the Summer Stakes at Woodbine — graded stakes winner on turf
- Cox barn is 30% at Turfway this meet with blinker-on horses — blinkers on for the first time adds a significant positive angle
- Model projects a STRONG Sustained Speed Rating from a mid-pack position
- J/T stat of 30% at Turfway for the Cox/Machado combination is the best trainer-jockey combination stat at this venue in the field
- Cox running two horses in this race creates a tactical stable edge

Concerns:

- No synthetic experience — all five career starts on turf
- Last start at Gulfstream produced a flat fifth-place effort
- Wide rally style can be trip-dependent in larger fields
- 6-1 morning line is fair but not a standout overlay

Race Shape Fit: Workable. Mid-pack profile suits the projected pace. Blinkers sharpen the focus and Cox's pattern with blinker additions at Turfway is a compelling angle.

Projection: The model projects Argos as a live value play at 6-1. The Cox/blinker/Turfway combination of angles is the strongest multi-factor angle in the field. At 6-1 with a 14% win probability projection, the model identifies modest positive expected value.

#5 Black Hornet ★★★

Strengths:

- Two consecutive turf route wins at Fair Grounds — Black Gold Stakes and a maiden — arriving in career-best form
- Walsh/Cannon combination has been effective; Walsh at 25% J/T at Turfway this meet
- Model projects a STRONG Sustained Speed Rating from a mid-pack position

- Ascending profile — has improved in every recent start
- 12-1 morning line represents significant value if the turf form translates

Concerns:

- No synthetic experience — all wins have come on Fair Grounds turf
- Surface switch is the primary model concern; turf-to-synthetic is an unpredictable translation
- Walsh running at 0% in graded stakes at Turfway — the sample is small but notable

Race Shape Fit: Workable if the turf form translates. The mid-pack stalking profile suits the projected pace scenario.

Projection: The model projects Black Hornet as a value longshot at 12-1. The career form is compelling but the synthetic surface question prevents a higher confidence rating. Best used underneath in multi-race wagers at a price that offers genuine overlay.

#8 Chaos Agent ★★★

Strengths:

- Won his lone career start in dominant fashion — came from well off the pace with a wide move on synthetic at Gulfstream
- Carroll/Rosario combination is solid; Carroll running at 21% on synthetic
- Model projects a STRONG late velocity profile from a single data point
- 10-1 morning line represents value given the lone-start uncertainty

Concerns:

- One career start — the model's error range is the widest of any horse in this analysis
- Won at Gulfstream on synthetic but Turfway synthetic has different characteristics
- Carroll at 0% in graded stakes this meet — limited graded experience as a barn
- Projection from a single maiden win into Grade 3 company is inherently speculative

Race Shape Fit: The wide pressing move profile suits a contested pace. The model cannot project with confidence from one start.

Projection: The model projects Chaos Agent as a live longshot at 10-1 with the widest uncertainty range in the field. Use lightly underneath in multi-race sequences. Do not single.

#6 Medici ★★

Projection: The model projects Medici as a marginal contender in this spot. Has shown pace-pressing ability on turf but has never won in stakes company — the Pasadena Stakes second last month was his career-best effort and came in a defeat. The synthetic surface is completely unknown for this horse and the Mandella barn shows no Turfway pattern. Near-fair at 6-1 but the model does not identify overlay. Use only underneath in multi-race wagers.

#1 Turf Star ★★

Projection: The model projects Turf Star as a fringe contender. Blinkers on is a positive angle for the Motion barn at 21% with first-time blinkers. However, all five career starts have been on turf — zero synthetic experience — and his recent form shows consecutive flat efforts to begin 2026. Use in deep longshot multi-race plays only.

#4 Two Out Hero — TOSS

Projection: The model projects Two Out Hero as a throwout in this field. Was pulled up effectively in the John Battaglia Memorial last month — stumbled at the start and tired badly in his synthetic debut. The Attard barn shows zero wins at Turfway. Do not use in any position.

#3 Baytown Dreamer — TOSS

Projection: The model projects Baytown Dreamer as the primary throwout. Was a distant last in the Southwest Stakes at Oaklawn in February, stopping badly in the stretch. The 30-1 morning line accurately reflects his limited prospects at this level. Do not use in any position.

#7 Maximus Prime — TOSS

Projection: The model projects Maximus Prime as a throwout. Has not won in eight career starts, zero graded stakes experience, and a trainer running at 0% in graded company. Do not use.

#12 Stop the Car — TOSS

Projection: The model projects Stop the Car as a throwout. Was a distant seventh in the Lecomte at Fair Grounds in January — the only start against this quality of company. Zero synthetic experience. Do not use.

#9 Brave Force — LONGSHOT NOTE

Projection: The model projects Brave Force as a 30-1 deep shot with a narrow but non-zero path. Won his maiden at Turfway on synthetic in February — the most recent synthetic Turfway win in the field. However, the opposition in that maiden was far below this grade and the Sisterson barn is 0% in graded stakes. Use only as a token exotic inclusion at this price if budget allows.

SECTION 4 — MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

Opening Velocity Projections (Q1 — First Quarter Mile)

Horse	Q1 Proj MPH	Role
#3 Baytown Dreamer	37.6 mph	Pace — VULNERABLE
#6 Medici	37.2 mph	Presser — STRONG

Horse	Q1 Proj MPH	Role
#1 Turf Star	36.9 mph	Presser — STRONG
#8 Chaos Agent	36.4 mph	Presser — STRONG
#12 Stop the Car	36.2 mph	Stalker — VULNERABLE
#11 Stark Contrast	36.0 mph	Stalker — STRONG
#4 Two Out Hero	35.8 mph	Stalker — VULNERABLE
#10 Argos	35.5 mph	Mid-Pack — STRONG
#5 Black Hornet	35.3 mph	Mid-Pack — STRONG
#9 Brave Force	35.1 mph	Closer — STRONG
#2 Fulleffort	34.8 mph	Closer — ELITE
#7 Maximus Prime	34.5 mph	Closer — VULNERABLE

Closing Velocity Projections (Q4 — Final Quarter Mile)

Horse	Q4 Proj MPH	Decel %	Sustained Speed Rating
#2 Fulleffort	36.4 mph	−1.1%	**ELITE**
#8 Chaos Agent	35.9 mph	−1.4%	**ELITE**
#10 Argos	35.6 mph	−0.3%	**STRONG**
#5 Black Hornet	35.3 mph	−0.0%	**STRONG**
#11 Stark Contrast	35.1 mph	−2.5%	**STRONG**
#9 Brave Force	34.8 mph	−0.9%	**STRONG**
#6 Medici	34.2 mph	−7.8%	**VULNERABLE**
#1 Turf Star	34.0 mph	−7.9%	**VULNERABLE**
#4 Two Out Hero	33.6 mph	−6.1%	**VULNERABLE**
#3 Baytown Dreamer	33.1 mph	−12.0%	**VULNERABLE**
#12 Stop the Car	32.8 mph	−9.4%	**VULNERABLE**
#7 Maximus Prime	32.4 mph	−6.1%	**VULNERABLE**

Critical MPH Insight

The model's most significant finding is Fulleffort's ELITE Sustained Speed Rating (−1.1% deceleration) combined with Cox's elite 39% strike rate at Turfway — a horse projecting the best closing velocity in the field trained by the barn that wins at this venue at nearly double the field average is a structural edge the model cannot ignore. Chaos Agent's ELITE rating (−1.4%) is the secondary finding but

carries the caveat of a single career data point. Baytown Dreamer's −12.0% projected deceleration is the clearest VULNERABLE signal in the field and the primary driver of the toss recommendation. The three pace horses — Baytown Dreamer, Medici, and Turf Star — all project VULNERABLE deceleration profiles, creating the clearest closer-setup pace scenario in the day's stakes analysis.

SECTION 5 — IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

Likely to Improve

Fulleffort (#2) — The model projects a peak synthetic effort here. Two close second-place finishes at Turfway have established the synthetic form — the model projects this as the start where the closing velocity converts to a victory. Cox at 39% at this venue is the strongest improvement signal in the field.

Argos (#10) — Blinkers on for the first time with Cox at 27% for first-time blinker additions and 30% at Turfway. The combination of surface switch, blinker addition, and Cox's Turfway dominance creates a multi-factor improvement scenario.

Black Hornet (#5) — Has improved in every recent start — maiden win followed by a Black Gold Stakes win. The model projects continued improvement arc if the synthetic surface proves compatible with his turf form.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Stark Contrast (#11) — The synthetic surface switch is the primary regression flag. Has never run on synthetic — a horse with three turf wins projecting to a new surface for the first time in a Grade 3 is the definition of a regression risk regardless of raw ability.

Medici (#6) — Has led or pressed in his turf starts and projected a VULNERABLE deceleration at this synthetic distance. The pace-pressing profile at 1⅛ miles on synthetic against this field creates meaningful regression risk from his recent second-place turf effort.

SECTION 6 — SUGGESTED BETS

Win Bet: #2 Fulleffort Confidence: 7/10 The model projects 18% win probability against a 7-2 morning line (22.2% implied) — sitting at the value threshold with the strongest directional angles in the field. Cox at 39% at Turfway, Ortiz Jr. up, ELITE Sustained Speed Rating, and two proven synthetic efforts at this exact venue make this the model's primary win recommendation. Any board drift to 4-1 or better strengthens the case considerably.

Value Play: #10 Argos Confidence: 6.5/10 Model projects 14% win probability against a 6-1 morning line (14.3% implied) — a positive expected value overlay. The Cox/blinker/Turfway combination of angles is the strongest multi-factor play in the field. Cox running at 27% with first-time blinkers and 30% at this venue with Machado in the irons creates a genuine angle at a double-digit price.

Top 3 Multi-Race: A / B / C A — #11 Stark Contrast B — #2 Fulleffort C — #10 Argos Confidence: 6.5/10

Structure Daily Double (R12), Jackpot 8, and Bayou Bluegrass Pick 5 legs using this trio. Fulleffort as the single where the structure demands — he is the model's primary selection. Spread A and C to protect against the surface uncertainty producing a Stark Contrast win. Black Hornet (#5) can be added as a fourth option in larger tickets at 12-1 given the value. Do not use #3 Baytown Dreamer, #7 Maximus Prime, #12 Stop the Car, or #4 Two Out Hero in any keyed position.

SECTION 7 — CONFIDENCE RATING

Overall: 5.5 / 10 ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐½

This is the model's lowest confidence rating of the day's stakes card — and for a clear reason. Every horse in this 12-horse field is running 1⅛ miles on Turfway's synthetic surface for the first time. The model's velocity projections carry the widest error range of any race analyzed today. The primary finding — Fulleffort's ELITE closing profile combined with Cox's dominant Turfway statistics — is the most structurally sound recommendation the model can produce in this environment. The wild card is Chaos Agent, whose ELITE velocity projection off a single synthetic start could represent either a genuinely elite horse or a false data point. The surface uncertainty affecting the turf horses — particularly Stark

Contrast — introduces meaningful variance that the model cannot resolve from the past performance data alone. Approach this race with reduced unit sizing and maximum spread in multi-race structures.