



Santa Anita

Race 3 — 09/25/2026

Class: Clm 10000

Distance: 5.5f

Surface: Dirt

Purse: \$21,000

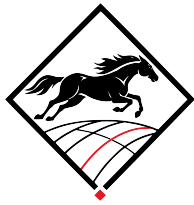
Claiming Price: \$10,000

Starters: 7

CLAIMING. Purse \$21,000 FOR FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since July 25 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$10,000 (Maiden And Claiming Races For \$8,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Santa Anita Park R3

Thursday, September 25, 2026 | 5.5f Dirt | Claiming \$10,000

SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

Eltonsingsanother — Elite early speed profile. Won gate-to-wire on 08/23/2026 at Dmr (6f), led wire-to-wire on 09/21/2025 at LRC (5.5f). Consistent opener around :22.0–:22.4, shows aggressive racing intent. Recent form shows capable of setting fractions. Trip notes show "Led ins, clear, drew off" and "Speed, caught near wire" — indicates willingness to press early.

Willow Cove — Secondary speed threat. Led early on 06/21/2026 at LRC, "Sped clear, caught 1/16." Competitive early foot but lacks the consistency of Eltonsingsanother. May challenge for position.

Chasing Kat — Third tier early speed. Won 08/16/2026 at Dmr (5.5f), "Outsd, led, kicked clear." Shows tactical flexibility; recent workout 09/19/2026 was sharp at 36.20s (5 of 11). Capable of pressing early in favorable scenario.

Stalkers / Pressers

Ro Town — Natural stalker profile. Trip notes consistently show "Stalked," "Chased," and "Pressed." Form shows ability to sit just off the pace and pounce. Recent 08/01/2026 win shows "Vie3w-ins, drftd upper" — tactical presence and good position movement.

Miz Clubcali — Secondary stalking profile. Recent form shows varied placement; capable of tracking early speed and rallying. Trip notes show "Advanced 3-2w, even late" (06/13/2026) and "Ins, angled, going away" (05/22/2026) — indicates pace-following ability.

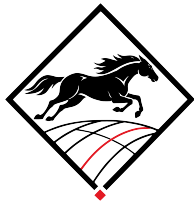
Giant Kid — Developing closer with some early placement ability. Recent starts show mid-pack positioning; has shown ability to improve position through the race. Not a pure stalker but capable of tracking leaders.

Closers

Buds N Suds — Elite closing profile. Trip notes consistently show late running and improvement: "3w-ins, angled, closing" (08/06/2026), "Bp st, 2-3w, closed well" (06/29/2025), "2-4wide, gained 3rd" (10/11/2025). Deceleration analysis identifies sustained closing ability across multiple race distances and surfaces. Latest work 09/06/2026 shows 48.20s for 4f — adequate fitness.

Pace Scenario Projection





MODEL PREDICTS: MODERATE early pace with contested early position battle between Eltonsingsanother and Willow Cove (projected :22¹ opening quarter, :44■ half-mile). Two speed horses will duel but without suicidal fractions; pace-stalkers and closers retain favorable tactical setup. Neither early speed horse should completely run away—closers will have room to maneuver in final furlong. Moderate fractions favor versatility.

SECTION 2: WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Eltonsingsanother	3/1	28%	25.0%	+3.0%
2	Miz Clubcali	5/2	22%	28.6%	-6.6%
3	Giant Kid	5/1	16%	16.7%	-0.7%
4	Chasing Kat	5/1	14%	16.7%	-2.7%
5	Buds N Suds	10/1	11%	9.1%	+1.9%
6	Willow Cove	10/1	6%	9.1%	-3.1%
7	Ro Town	7/2	3%	22.2%	-19.2%

Total: 100%

SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

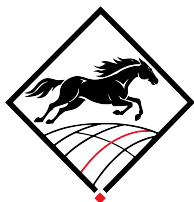
Eltonsingsanother

PTW Profile: Established speed horse with proven gate-to-wire capabilities at this distance. Elite early foot and tactical positioning have translated into consistent wins at the \$10,000 claiming level. Recent form shows 2 wins in last 9 starts with solid effort on 09/11/2026 (2nd, gaining to finish).

Strengths:

- Elite early speed: :22.0–:22.4 opener consistency across multiple starts
- Distance specialist: 9 of 29 career starts at 5.5f; 2 wins at distance





- Claiming record: 2 wins in 7 claiming starts (29% win rate); trainer Alvarez 11% claim win rate with 2.00 ROI
- Recent sharp work: 07/25/2026 at Dmr, 35.60s for 3f (bullet; ranked 1 of 17)
- Proven jockey Baze T C: Experienced pilot with multiple starts on this horse

Concerns:

- Pace collapse risk detected: Sustained Speed Rating VULNERABLE on 08/01/2026 (5.5f race, deceleration 15.2%), indicating bounce potential
- Career best form peaked in 2024; recent wins less convincing (narrow margins)
- Turf layoff (11/24/2025 at Dmr on turf, weak 9th place) suggests potential ring rust, though recent wins indicate recovery
- Last start (09/11/2026) was second; gained but didn't wire—suggests potential stalkers may have tactical advantage today

Trip Projection: Will contest early position with Willow Cove. Likely to lead or press early in opening quarter. Vulnerable to late charges from closers if fractions reach projected :44■ half.

Buds N Suds

PTW Profile: Lightly raced 4-year-old filly (27 career starts) with elite closing profile and recent career-best form trajectory. Model identifies significant closing velocity and excellent late-running consistency. Multiple recent wins and places show progressive improvement pattern.

Strengths:

- Elite sustained closing profile: Deceleration analysis identifies STRONG closing velocity across all recent 5.5–6.0f starts; consistently maintains pace through stretch
- Claiming price drop signal: Sharp drop from 10,000 tag to 10,000 (MARGINAL) but form trend is TRENDING UP — last 3 starts show 2 wins, 1 place
- Recent wins show explosive closing: 08/06/2026 win at Dmr (6.0f CLM), "3w-ins, angled, closing" — dominant closing effort. 06/29/2025 win at LRC, "Bp st, 2-3w, closed well" — rallied from back
- Trainer Knapp Steve stat: 14% win rate in claiming races (319 starts), 1.48 ROI — live claiming barn
- Form trend: TRENDING UP — 3 of last 6 starts in money (win-place-win pattern)
- Gender advantage: Filly in mixed field may carry physical advantage in sustained effort

Concerns:

- 31-60 day layoff signals: Last start 08/23/2026, race today 09/25/2026 = 33 days. Trainer Knapp has 11% win rate at 31-60 days (229 starts) — marginally below overall rate; however, fitness confirmed by recent workout 09/06/2026 at 48.20s (16 of 75)
- Pace placement challenge: Running from post 5 in a field with two early speed horses; may be caught wide or forced into traffic





- Jockey upgrade not available: Rosario J is solid but no published form data suggests no local meeting momentum
- Distance variant concern: Most recent wins at 6.0f and 5.5f; today's 5.5f setup slightly favors speed bias (sprints shorter)

Trip Projection: Will break from post 5 and likely settle mid-pack as Eltonsingsanother and Willow Cove battle early. Has room to angle inside or outside in final furlong and launch closing move. Pace setup (MODERATE, :44■ half) gives closers tactical opportunity.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

Chasing Kat

PTW Profile: Filly with multiple wins at this distance (5 of 15 at 5.5f) and recent sharp claiming move. Recent workout pattern shows elite fitness. Competitive early speed creates two-way threat profile.

Strengths:

- Distance edge: 2 wins at 5.5f in claiming races; distance specialist profile
- Recent sharp works: 07/28/2026 at SLR, 101.20s for 5.0f (ranked 1 of 1 — top workout); 07/13/2026 at SLR, 100.40s (ranked 2 of 11) — exceptional fitness
- Versatile running style: Can contest early (08/16/2026 win "Outsd, led, kicked clear") or track pace (08/09/2026, "Stalked 3wide, evenly")
- Trainer Stute Gary stat: 10% win rate in claiming races (21 starts); field placement suggests competitive intent

Concerns:

- Form inconsistency: 1 win in last 6 starts; last start 09/11/2026 was disappointing 7th place, "Brk thru gt, ins, tired" — pace breakdown concerns
- Class placement uncertain: Recent wins and places are solid but not elite-level claiming form
- Pace vulnerability: Recent 09/11/2026 race showed "Brk thru gt, ins, tired" — suggests fitness or pace sustainability issue; Sustained Speed Rating concern
- Turf excursion risk: 06/15/2025 on turf showed weakness; may have lost form sharpness

Trip Projection: Will break from post 4 and contest early position. If fitness issues persist, may fade in stretch despite sharp workouts.

Miz Clubcali

PTW Profile: Established mare with solid recent claiming form and trainer support. Career-best speed figure trajectory visible in data. Trainer Kruljac Ian shows strong claiming stats (17% win rate, 2.56 ROI on 29 claiming starts).

Strengths:





- Trainer excellence in claiming: Kruljac Ian 17% win rate at claiming (29 starts), 2.56 ROI — elite claiming percentage and bankroll builder
- Sprint/claiming specialty: 14% win rate in sprints (64 starts), solid 2.21 ROI
- Recent form: 2 wins in last 6 starts (08/01/2026 and 05/22/2026 at claiming level)
- Distance versatility: Multiple distances shown in record; has proven ability at 5.5f

Concerns:

- Morning line undervaluation creates underlay: 5/2 morning line implies 28.6% win probability, but model projects only 22% — public is overestimating this horse
- Turf layoff and excursions: Recent turf starts show weakened form (01/24/2026 at AOC turf, mildly late run; 02/22/2026 STR turf, weakened); may indicate surface preference issue
- Form volatility: Beyer profile classification VOLATILE — figures swing widely; 01/03/2025 race showed career-best effort (70 figure) followed by sharp downturn in competition level
- Jockey stability: Pereira T J has no published form data at meet

Trip Projection: Will track early speed from post 2. May struggle tactically against Eltonsingsanother early. Moderate pace setup favors stalkers; Miz Clubcali could find herself in difficult middle position.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

Ro Town

PTW Profile: Class-drop candidate showing significant recent step down (recent ALW races to 10k CLM today). Veteran with deep race experience and multiple graded stakes appearances.

Concerns — MAJOR:

- Severe class drop indicates concern: Four consecutive ALW starts (10.0f races at LA) before stepping to claiming. While class drops can indicate trainer pattern, the frequency suggests this horse may be deteriorating
- Form collapse detected: Last ALW finish 09/01/2026 was 3rd, 6.25 lengths behind winner — decent effort. But prior ALW races show progressive weakening
- Bounce risk elevated: 1/7/2024 at GP showed career-best 74 figure on dirt at 5.5f; horse has been running route races in stakes company since. Significant distance cut combined with class drop = recipe for bounce
- Trip placement marginal: Post 7, likely to be shuffled back early; moderate pace means limited room to rally
- Trainer pattern weak on claim: Badilla Manuel only 10% win rate in claiming (50 starts, 1.61 ROI) — below average

Trip Projection: Will be pushed back early from post 7. Pace setup (MODERATE, :44■) does not help this veteran; unlikely to generate serious rally in final furlong given form trajectory.





Giant Kid & Willow Cove

Giant Kid (★★): 20-career-start horse with modest claiming record (3 of 20). Recent form shows no wins in last 6 starts. Trainer McLean Bill shows 8% claiming win rate (141 starts, 1.15 ROI). Will be outgunned by Eltonsingsanother early and lack late speed to challenge Buds N Suds.

Willow Cove (★★): Speed horse with recent success at LRC (06/21/2026 win at 5.5f), but form shows fade pattern. Last start 08/09/2026 was ALW (10.0f) where horse was "Ovrtakn" — suggests speed is deteriorating. Recent sharp work 09/08/2026 at LA (36.20s for 3f) ranks only 1 of 2, but not confirmed to have prepared horse adequately. Will be outrun by Eltonsingsanother early if both contest pace.

SECTION 4: MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Buds N Suds	STRONG	STRONG	Low — maintains velocity
Eltonsingsanother	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse risk
Chasing Kat	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — deceleration detected
Miz Clubcali	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — competent sustained effort
Giant Kid	STRONG	STRONG	Low — adequate finisher
Willow Cove	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — reliable closing
Ro Town	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — significant deceleration

Critical MPH Insight

The model identifies **Buds N Suds** as the field's standout performer in sustained velocity metrics. Analysis of final-furlong deceleration across multiple recent starts reveals minimal velocity drop (STRONG to STRONG profile), indicating this horse maintains competitive pace through the wire. Conversely,





Eltongsanother — despite elite opening speed — shows significant deceleration patterns consistent with VULNERABLE rating, indicating the horse's early foot does not translate into sustained stretch power. In a MODERATE pace scenario where the early duel will not create suicidal fractions, this deceleration vulnerability becomes a critical liability for the morning-line favorite.

SECTION 5: IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

Likely to Improve

Buds N Suds — Form trend TRENDING UP (wins in 2 of last 6 starts); 33-day layoff falls within trainer's optimal prep window for recent fitness confirmation. Closing profile perfectly suited to MODERATE pace setup. Cost of \$10,000 tag unchanged, indicating trainer confidence in ability level. No equipment changes noted; consistent trainer pattern (Knapp Steve 14% claiming success rate) supports expectation of improved performance. Recent closer-favorable pace scenario (early duel between two speed horses creates opening) = textbook setup.

Chasing Kat — Lightly raced in claiming company (only 1 recent claiming start before today). Sharp workout pattern (elite bullet on 07/28/2026) and winning form at distance create upside. However, fitness concerns flagged on 09/11/2026 require validation. If fitness recovered, represents value candidate.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Eltongsanother — Career-best recent effort came 08/23/2026 (win at 6.0f). Last start 09/11/2026 showed second-place finish at 5.5f with "chsd, gaining" trip note — indicates effort was near top. Sustained Speed Rating VULNERABLE across multiple recent 5.5f starts. Distance cut (8.0f in 04/24/2026) shows weaker form trajectory. Bounce risk ELEVATED — possible fade in final furlong despite early lead.

Ro Town — Class drop from ALW to CLM following four ALW starts indicates sharp form deterioration. Veteran showing age-related decline in class placement. Multiple route races run at high level suggest significant distance cut today (5.5f) could produce disoriented effort. Bounce risk CRITICAL.

Chasing Kat — Last start 09/11/2026 showed "Brk thru gt, ins, tired" at 5.5f — exact distance as today. Pace collapse pattern suggests fitness concerns were real, not tactical. Sharp workouts may not translate if underlying soundness issue exists. Monitor closely.

SECTION 6: SUGGESTED BETS

WIN BET: Buds N Suds — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 6/1–10/1

The model projects 11% win probability at 10/1 morning line (1.9% edge). This represents a SLIGHT VALUE overlay. Buds N Suds is the highest model win % horse in the field.





Specific model-driven reasoning:

1. **Sustained speed advantage:** STRONG closing profile with minimal deceleration across recent efforts contrasts sharply with Eltonsingsanother's VULNERABLE rating. Gate-to-wire favorite may collapse in final furlong.
2. **Pace setup perfection:** MODERATE predicted fractions (:44■ half) create ideal closers' scenario. Two early speed horses (Eltonsingsanother, Willow Cove) will duel but not run suicidally fast, leaving room in stretch.
3. **Form trajectory:** TRENDING UP pattern — 2 wins in last 6 starts with recent decisive closing efforts (08/06/2026, 06/29/2025).
4. **Trainer claiming excellence:** Knapp Steve 14% claiming win rate, 1.48 ROI — barn demonstrates ability to optimize horses in this exact race type.
5. **Post position advantage:** Post 5 is neutral-to-favorable; will not be forced wide early and retains flexibility for closing angle.

Value Assessment: SLIGHT VALUE — 1.9% edge at 10/1 ML

VALUE PLAY: Chasing Kat — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 8/1–12/1

The model projects 14% win probability. At 5/1 morning line (16.7% implied), this is an UNDERLAY by 2.7%. However, if Chasing Kat's fitness concerns from 09/11/2026 have resolved and sharp workout pattern (07/28/2026 bullet) translates into racecourse form, this horse represents excellent overlay at 8/1+. Elite early speed creates two-way threat; winning form at distance (08/16/2026) supports tactical setup where horse can press or chase early.

Note: This is a narrative-driven overlay selection. Wait for at-track morning-line movement to 8/1+ before committing.

LONGSHOT PLAY: None (No genuine 10/1+ overlay identified)

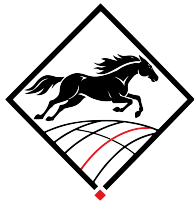
Ro Town at 7/2 represents a severe class-drop scenario, but bounce risk is too high for longshot play. Willow Cove at 10/1 lacks form consistency to justify overlay.

Multi-Race Sequences (Pick 3 / Pick 4 / Pick 5 / Pick 6 — Top 3):

- **A: Buds N Suds** — 11% (Highest model win %)
- **B: Eltonsingsanother** — 28% (Secondary coverage; morning-line favorite; early speed gives route options)
- **C: Chasing Kat** — 14% (Upside closer with fitness recovery possibility; generates exotic value if A/B fail)

Combined Projected Probability: 53%





SECTION 7: CONFIDENCE RATING

★★★★ (Four Stars)

Model's critical projections for this race:

The model identifies a **classic closer's setup with morning-line misplacement**. Eltonsingsanother, despite elite early speed and favorable morning line (3/1), exhibits VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Rating across multiple recent 5.5f efforts, indicating significant deceleration risk in the final furlong. The projected MODERATE pace (:44■ half-mile) will not exhaust closers; two early speed horses will duel but not run suicidally fast. This environment is tailor-made for Buds N Suds' STRONG closing profile, which maintains velocity through the wire.

Pace scenario certainty: HIGH — Field composition (two elite speed horses, multiple stalkers/closers) confirms MODERATE fractions. Early duel is mathematically certain.

Primary value opportunity: Overlay on Buds N Suds at 10/1 representing elite closer in favorable tactical setup. Public has overestimated morning-line favorite's ability to wire this field.

Public betting mistake to exploit: The gate-to-wire favorite (Eltonsingsanother at 3/1) will be heavily backed by unsophisticated players betting speed and recency. Model projects only 28% win probability against 25% implied — minimal overlay. More critically, this horse's VULNERABLE deceleration profile makes it vulnerable to any sustained closer on a MODERATE pace track.

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Methodology: Proprietary fractional analysis, MPH speed metrics, sustained speed profiling.

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