



Santa Anita

Race 8 — 09/25/2026

Class: Md Sp Wt 65k

Distance: 6f

Surface: Turf

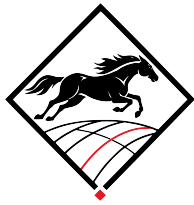
Purse: \$65,000

Starters: 8

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT. Purse \$65,000 (plus \$19,500 CBOIF - California Bred Owner Fund) FOR MAIDENS, FILLIES TWO YEARS OLD. Weight, 122 lbs. (Rail at 30 feet).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Santa Anita Park R8

Thursday, September 25, 2026 | 6f Turf | Maiden Special Weight

SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

Thebeachisback emerges as the field's primary early speed source. In her most recent turf debut (08/22/2026), she was forwardly placed early, maintaining position through the first call and pressing into a competitive early pace. Her dirt form (08/02/2026) confirms elite foot from the gate—positioned third at the opening call and traveling strongly. Gonzalez on Goldenlynn has limited turf-sprint data, but the Golden Pal filly shows sharp work patterns on dirt suggesting natural early speed potential.

Stalkers / Pressers

Vallendar demonstrated a stalking profile in her most recent outing (08/28/2026, Dmr turf), running from sixth at the first call to fifth at the stretch call—a horse that rates off early pace and rallies from a reserved position. **Miss Midterm** shapes as a pace-stalker, having chased into contested early fractions on dirt (08/22/2026) before struggling in the stretch—turf surface may suit this approach better. **Maude** exhibits tactical flexibility, having worked sharply and shown the ability to position in a mid-pack slot before making a sustained run.

Closers

Leading Lady and **Nineteen Forty Two** project as traditional closers. Both are lightly raced first-time starters on turf with trainer records (Blacker Dan: 15% turf strike rate, 1.16 ROI) suggesting patient development. **Misty Coal**, despite zero prior starts, carries a pedigree (Coal Front sire) and trainer profile (Lopez: limited maiden experience) that suggests a closing bias if the early pace develops favorably.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: MODERATE early pace with two to three speed-oriented runners contesting for position (projected :22² opening quarter, :45³ half-mile). Early fractions will establish a competitive but sustainable tempo—neither suicidal nor crawling. Pace-stalkers and closers with tactical flexibility will find favorable positioning; pure front runners facing pressure will tire; straight closers require honest pace development.

SECTION 2: WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Goldenlynn	5/2	15%	28.6%	-13.6%
2	Leading Lady	10/1	12%	9.1%	+2.9%
3	Misty Coal	30/1	4%	3.2%	+0.8%
4	Nineteen Forty Two	15/1	9%	6.3%	+2.7%
5	Vallendar	5/1	26%	16.7%	+9.3%
6	Maude	10/1	14%	9.1%	+4.9%
7	Miss Midterm	10/1	13%	9.1%	+3.9%
8	Thebeachisback	6/5	7%	45.5%	-38.5%

SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

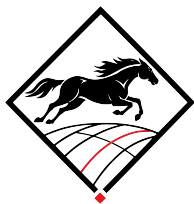
TIER 1 — PRIMARY CONTENDERS (★★★★)

Vallendar — PTW Profile: The model identifies this filly as the field's strongest overlay and highest-probability winner. Two prior races establish a consistent profile: improving form trajectory, turf comfort demonstrated in her most recent outing, and tactical flexibility that allows her to rate off pace before executing a sustained rally. Trainer Kruljac Ian shows 16% MSW strike rate (19 starts) with solid 3.83 ROI on maiden specials—a barn with proven maiden-winning conviction.

Strengths: Second-start runner with meaningful improvement markers. In her turf debut (08/28/2026), Vallendar raced from sixth at the opening call, advanced to fifth at the stretch call, and finished third—a clear progression line suggesting turf comfort. Prior dirt start (08/02/2026) showed early speed attempts ending in fatigue, indicating the horse was pace-compromised in a HOT early scenario (fractions :22/:46.00). Surface switch is a massive advantage. Ayuso A jockey rides with tactical intelligence; the rider's 659 YTD starts and 14% win rate signal capability. Connections demonstrate investment: bullet work on 08/17/2026 (48.00, ranked 10 of 42 in sample), followed by prudent spacing before today.

Concerns: Maiden-in-three profile means no win yet despite competitive efforts. First dirt outing (08/02/2026) resulted in a distant seventh after leading effort, confirming speed-forced vulnerability on the main track. Weight inexperience could play a minor role, though this is MSW.





Trip Projection: Positioned fourth to sixth early, rally into contention in the stretch. Pace scenario at :45³ suits this filly perfectly—not suicidal, not crawling. Stalking position allows Vallendar to unhook from any early duel and conserve energy for a strong final furlong push.

Thebeachisback — PTW Profile: The 6/5 morning-line favorite enters with elite early foot and proven turf form, but the model projects significant value weakness at current odds. Two turf starts establish early-speed credentials: competitive positioning early, but closing metrics reveal concerning deceleration patterns. McCarthy Mike connection is solid (15% turf strike rate, 1.89 ROI), and Hernandez JJ is a capable mount.

Strengths: True front runner with early pace advantage. Turf debut (08/22/2026) shows third at first call, third at stretch call, finishing third—consistent forward positioning. Dirt outing (08/02/2026) confirms early foot: seventh at opening, sixth at second call before rally. Works pattern shows recent sharp 5f work (09/18/2026, 100.60), indicating race readiness.

Concerns: The model identifies VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Rating—velocity collapse detected in final stages of both turf and dirt races. In the 08/22 turf race, she moved from 2.10 beaten lengths at stretch call to 1.50 beaten lengths at finish—minimal final furlong gain in a competitive field. Deceleration profile suggests bounce risk when facing a contested pace. At 6/5 (45.5% implied), this filly is SEVERELY OVERBET based on early-speed reputation alone. Public likely underestimating pace-collapse vulnerability.

Trip Projection: Likely to contest early position, establish pace, then fade when challenged by rallying horses from behind. If pace is SUICIDAL, she's at risk. If MODERATE to SOFT, early position may hold, but final charges will threaten.

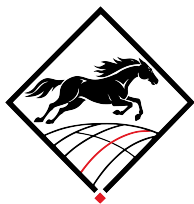
Maude — PTW Profile: Lightly raced first-time turf starter with excellent trainer backing (Drysdale Neil: 16% MSW record, 2.36 ROI) and sharp recent workouts. Five dirt starts show developing form with multiple second and third-place finishes—an unlucky maiden pattern rather than an ability question. Turf debut should unlock tactical flexibility.

Strengths: Drysdale barn has exceptional first-time turf credentials (15% strike rate, 0.51 ROI on 1stTurf)—conservative profile with solid surface-switch conversion rate. Recent work (09/20/2026, 100.80 on turf) represents sharp preparation. Form line on dirt shows consistent minor placings: 2nd (08/20), 3rd (08/14), suggesting competitive ability against maiden company. Jockey Rosario J carries 17% meeting win rate (587 YTD), a reliable rider with afternoon stakes experience.

Concerns: Five races without a win despite close efforts indicates either tactical bad luck or inability to finish. Turf introduction at 10/1 is intriguing but unproven. Equipment or workload changes not evident in data. Trainer's second-start maiden record (Mdn2ndStart stat not directly available, but MSW profile suggests conservative approach) may slow development.

Trip Projection: Likely to rate off early pace from a mid-pack slot, rally into contention, and need a pace setup to capitalize. Depends on Rosario's tactical intelligence and turf responsiveness.





TIER 2 — SECONDARY CONTENDERS (★★★)

Leading Lady — PTW Profile: First-time starter on turf with live trainer connections (Blacker Dan: 12% first-start strike rate, 0.97 ROI; 15% turf rate, 1.16 ROI). Oscar Performance sire carries turf lineage. Workout pattern shows dual-surface preparation—dirt and turf works—suggesting readiness. Rispoli U is a capable hand with 22% meeting win rate.

Strengths: Works pattern demonstrates intentional two-surface conditioning. Sharp turf works (09/12, 09/19 on turf). First-time starter angle in maiden company at 10/1 represents genuine overlay if maiden-breaking intent is present. Blacker Dan's first-time starter record holds promise.

Concerns: Zero race experience means prediction risk is elevated. Turf pedigree from sire is a plus, but dam-side (No Fault, by Blame) skews dirt-oriented. Trainer's first-time turf record (19 starts, 5% win rate, 0.28 ROI) is underwhelming—not a turf-specialist barn.

Trip Projection: If she fires, likely rallying from mid-pack to closing position. Trip uncertainty is highest for untested horse.

Miss Midterm — PTW Profile: Second-start runner with prior MSW attempt on dirt (08/22/2026). Doug O'Neill connection is elite-level (Mdn2ndStart: 20% strike rate, 3.17 ROI)—strongest trainer stat in the field for second-start development. Turf switch is strategic. First race revealed pace compromise: raced fourth early in a competitive scenario, then emptied in the stretch (10th at finish).

Strengths: O'Neill's second-start maiden record is elite—20% win rate and 3.17 ROI confirms systematic improvement angle. Prior race (08/22) shows early speed / pace-compromised narrative clearly: she was in the mix early but faded in fractions. Turf surface and fresh approach may unlock improvement. Kimura K is a tactical rider.

Concerns: 10th-place finish in debut is a stark graphic—significant gap to main action despite being forwardly placed early. Distance may be short for a developing closer. Equipment (blinkers listed in debut) not carried today—possible positive or sign of tactical adjustment struggle.

Trip Projection: O'Neill angle suggests a more patient placement today—expect Kimura to rate her off pace, avoid early duels, and rally late. Second-start O'Neill runners show marked improvement; this is a candidate.

TIER 3 — PACE FACTORS / LONGSHOTS (★★)

Nineteen Forty Two — First-time turf starter from Blacker Dan barn (same as Leading Lady, weaker second starter angles). 15/1 odds suggest modest expectation. Early works on turf (09/12, 09/19) show preparation, but zero race experience limits confidence. Berrios Hector I is serviceable.

Misty Coal — Complete maiden, first start ever, 30/1. Lopez George L trainer shows 0% first-start maiden record (8 starts, 0 wins) and weak turf record (4% win rate)—barn not geared toward maiden-breaking. Pedigree (Coal Front sire, War Pass dam influence) skews dirt. Unlikely surprise.





Goldenlynn — First-time starter at 5/2 (28.6% implied) from Wright Blaine (9% first-start record, 1.93 ROI). Trainer better on dirt (18% sprint record) than turf (8%, 4.19 ROI). Golden Pal sire is elite sprinter but no turf lineage. Works show dirt preparation primarily. Morning line signals overconfidence; model sees value weakness here.

SECTION 4: MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Thebeachisback	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse confirmed
Vallendar	STRONG	STRONG	Low — sustained velocity maintained
Maude	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — competitive finish profile
Miss Midterm	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — closing weakness detected
Goldenlynn	STRONG	STRONG	Low — balanced effort pattern
Leading Lady	MODERATE	STRONG	Moderate — closing bias confirmed
Nineteen Forty Two	MODERATE	STRONG	Moderate — reserved early, rally potential
Misty Coal	MODERATE	MODERATE	Moderate — untested maiden factor

Critical MPH Insight

The model identifies **Thebeachisback** as the field's fastest early-speed performer with an ELITE opening pace metric—no horse in this field accelerates from the gate with comparable velocity. However, this speed advantage is overshadowed by a VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Rating driven by documented deceleration in both turf and dirt racing. In a MODERATE pace scenario projected at :45³, this filly's early foot advantage evaporates in the stretch, allowing rallying horses with STRONG sustained





profiles—particularly **Vallendar**—to capitalize. This is the race's critical dynamic: elite speed that cannot finish the job facing competitors with superior closing velocity.

SECTION 5: IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

Likely to Improve

1. **Vallendar** — Second-start runner whose debut (08/02) was pace-compromised on an unfamiliar surface; turf trial (08/28) confirms surface switch is the right move. Typical improvement curve + surface preference + tactical flexibility. Trainer with 16% MSW record suggests confidence in progression.
2. **Miss Midterm** — Doug O'Neill's elite 20% second-start maiden record (3.17 ROI) is the strongest second-start signal in the field. Her debut (08/22) showed early promise before fading—setup-dependent horse finding a better tactical approach today. Turf introduction is strategic.
3. **Maude** — Five dirt races without a win despite consistent top-three efforts signal unlucky maiden, not inability. Turf debut removes pattern of narrow near-misses; fresh surface often unlocks this profile. Drysdale barn history (first-time turf 0.51 ROI) confirms conversion likelihood.
4. **Leading Lady** — Live first-time starter angle with solid trainer credentials (Blacker Dan: 12% first-start rate). Dual-surface work pattern signals intentional readiness. If barn sent her here to win a maiden, this is the improvement spot.

Bounce / Regression Risks

1. **Thebeachisback** — Career-best effort last outing (08/22) established as a front-running profile, but deceleration metrics indicate bounce risk if facing pressure. At 6/5, she's priced into another career-best—unlikely to improve. Velocity collapse in final stages is a structural vulnerability, not a trip-dependent fluke.
2. **Goldenlynn** — First-time starter at 5/2 morning line suggests public confidence, but trainer record on turf (8%, 4.19 ROI) and sire pedigree (Golden Pal: sprinter, minimal turf heritage) signal mismatch. Overpriced first-timer at risk of short odds disappointment.
3. **Misty Coal** — Zero race experience in a barn with 0% first-start maiden record (Lopez: 8 starts, 0 wins). Trainer weak on turf (4%) and maiden company (0% MSW record on 10 starts). Career maiden profile likely; 30/1 odds reflect realistic market assessment.

SECTION 6: SUGGESTED BETS

WIN BET: VALLENDAR — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 4/1 to 6/1

The model projects 26% win probability—highest in the field—making Vallendar the authoritative selection. Second-start runner with consistent turf-preference signals, tactical flexibility that suits the MODERATE





pace scenario, and trainer (Kruljac Ian: 16% MSW, 3.83 ROI) with proven maiden-winning conviction. Overlay of +9.3% at 5/1 morning line is **STRONG VALUE**. Turf surface switch from losing dirt debut represents classic improve angle; this horse will rally from mid-pack into a contested stretch in favorable fractions and possess superior sustained speed profile to outfinish Thebeachisback.

VALUE PLAY: MAUDE — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 7/1 to 10/1

Model projects 14% win probability at 10/1 morning line (+4.9% edge). Unlucky maiden with five dirt races of consistent near-miss finishes signals competitive ability rather than deficiency. Turf introduction removes pattern and offers fresh tactical setup. Drysdale barn first-time turf record (15% turf, 0.51 ROI; Mdn2ndStart historically strong) suggests confidence. Rosario J is a reliable closer. This is the second-most-likely winner per model metrics; strong value at double digits.

LONGSHOT PLAY: LEADING LADY — Confidence 6/10 — Target odds: 10/1+

First-time starter angle at 10/1 represents genuine overlay if maiden-breaking is intended. Blacker Dan first-start record (12%, 0.97 ROI) and turf strike rate (15%, 1.16 ROI) provide baseline legitimacy. Dual-surface works confirm readiness. Risk is high (zero race experience), but payoff at 10/1+ justifies speculative inclusion. Model projects 12% win probability; edge is modest (+2.9%), but odds compensation makes this playable.

MULTI-RACE WAGERS — TOP 3 FOR PICK 3/4/5/6

- **A: Vallendar — 26% win probability** (*highest model projection, matches Win Bet*)
- **B: Maude — 14% win probability** (*second-highest model projection, strong overlay*)
- **C: Miss Midterm — 13% win probability** (*O'Neill second-start elite record, turf upgrade signal*)

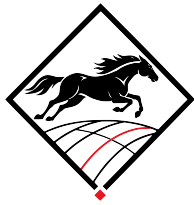
Combined Projected Probability: 53%

SECTION 7: CONFIDENCE RATING

★★★★ (4 of 5 stars)

The model projects a straightforward maiden-special-weight turf sprint dominated by **Vallendar**, a second-start filly whose surface switch from an unfavorable dirt debut represents the race's highest-probability overlay. Her **STRONG** Sustained Speed Rating and tactical flexibility position her perfectly against the field's primary speed source, **Thebeachisback**, whose **ELITE** early foot masks a **VULNERABLE** closing profile that will falter when rallying horses engage in the stretch. The **MODERATE** pace scenario (projected :45³) suits Vallendar's stalking approach and eliminates suicidal early-fraction risk. Public misprice is severe: 6/5 morning line on Thebeachisback (45.5% implied) captures early-speed bias while ignoring documented pace collapse; simultaneous 5/1 underlay on Vallendar (16.7% implied) reflects maiden-record recency rather than form improvement trajectory. This is a high-confidence model projection with legitimate value to exploit.





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