



COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Santa Anita Park R1

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SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

Doing Time — Elite early speed profile with consistent 2–5 wide positioning from gate. Recorded sub-23-second opening quarters in five of last six turf starts (22.4f, 22.6f, 23.0f, 23.4f, 22.8f). Demonstrates willingness to press early and dictate position. Turf-specific pedigree (Summer Front sire line) indicates comfort on surface.

Going Nowhere — Moderate early foot with mixed pace intent. Three starts show late-developing speed (bid at 3/8–1/2 mark) rather than gate-speed dominance. Opening quarters range 22.2–22.4f. Less explosive early than Doing Time, but capable of tracking pace and rating position 2–3 wide.

Stalkers / Pressers

Dr. Filkins — Tactical middle-distance runner showing strong 1–2 lengths off pace in recent form. Six MCL/MSW turf efforts show consistent rail or inside positioning through 4-furlong call, then moves willingly into contention 5–6 furlongs out. Proven route-horse pedigree (Halladay–War Front) favors sustained effort.

Heroic Dose — Recently improved closer-turned-stalker. Last two 8-furlong MCL turf races (09/03, 08/08) show early step-back positioning (9–11 lengths early), then steady ground gain mid-race with decisive late rally. Indicates tactical flexibility and strong closing mechanics.

Closers

Quality Gold — Elite closing profile on turf. Recent 6-furlong MCL effort (09/12, LRC) produced winning closing burst from 4 lengths down at 5/16 mark. 8-furlong route form (05/29, MCL, 2nd place) confirms closing preference with genuine late-race acceleration. Multiple turf starts show late-running preference.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: HOT early pace scenario with two elite speed horses (Doing Time, Going Nowhere) projected to contest at :22■ opening quarter, :45■ half-mile. Doing Time likely to press harder early than Going Nowhere, creating moderate friction and pace damage through 3/8 mark. Stalkers and closers gain tactical advantage in this setup — final time approximately 135.8–136.2 predicted for strong effort.

SECTION 2: WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Monsieur Big	20-1	4%	4.8%	-0.8%
2	Dr. Filkins	4-1	18%	20.0%	-2.0%
3	Rowdybarfight	30-1	2%	3.2%	-1.2%
4	Hammerbarn	30-1	2%	3.2%	-1.2%
5	Going Nowhere	9-5	24%	35.7%	-11.7%
6	Quality Gold	30-1	5%	3.2%	+1.8%
7	Doing Time	3-1	28%	25.0%	+3.0%
8	Heroic Dose	4-1	11%	20.0%	-9.0%
9	Daddys Star	12-1	4%	7.7%	-3.7%
10	Miguelito	30-1	2%	3.2%	-1.2%

Footnote: Going Nowhere, the favorite at 9/5, carries the highest morning line odds yet projects below that implied probability. Public is overestimating this horse based on recent MSW efforts and light MCL experience.

SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

TIER 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

Doing Time — PTW Profile: Elite turf router with proven maiden-claiming pedigree. Six consecutive turf starts demonstrate consistency and route capability. Recent maiden special weight efforts show competitive speed, and the step down to claiming level paired with fresh turf surface creates perfect class-relief spot. Model rates this horse as the field's most dangerous threat.

Strengths:

- Explosive early pace (22.4–23.4f opening quarters) with tactical flexibility to track or lead
- Proven 8-furlong turf route record (5 of 6 starts at distance)
- Trainer Rondan Felix shows 9% MCL win rate with MSW-to-MCL drops (6 starts)
- Recent form trajectory improving — showed sustained effort in last MSW start (09/07) despite checking trouble
- Summer Front sire line carries strong turf pedigree





Concerns:

- Bumped and checked early in 09/07 start; trip issues prevented clean wire-to-wire effort
- Has not won in 14 career starts — all maiden efforts, suggesting minimal speed advantage over field
- Must prove capable of winning despite 0-for-14 record

Trip Projection: Expects to press early, likely 2–3 wide through 3/8 mark, then rate position and rally late if pace becomes genuine duel with Going Nowhere. Inside position (post 7) favors rail routing into lane.

Going Nowhere — PTW Profile: Moderate early speed with elite closing credentials. Recent MSW route form shows genuine tactical ability to bid mid-race and sustain effort to wire. Class drop to MCL at \$50K claiming level is significant value play if speed holds. Older 3-year-old (foaled 2021) with maturity advantage over juvenile competitors.

Strengths:

- Proven closer in recent MSW efforts (bid 3/8–1/2 mark, sustained through lane)
- Recent 8-furlong MSW start (07/24) shows complete route profile with legitimate closing mechanics
- Trainer Hanson Ryan demonstrates 12% MCL win rate with 109 starts
- Undefeated in placed finishes (4 placements, 1 show in 10 starts) — consistent performer
- Morning line overvalues; model projects 11.7% underlay despite 9/5 favoritism

Concerns:

- Zero career wins in 10 starts despite repeated top efforts — suggests marginal speed advantage
- Bumped at start (01/26, MCL dirt) and hard to load (02/22, MSW) — early breaks unpredictable
- Wide post position (5) requires traffic navigation
- Recent form slightly softer than Doing Time trajectory

Trip Projection: Expects to track pace 2–3 lengths off early, move willingly into contention at 5/8 mark, then depend on pace collapse scenario to produce final rally. Wider post creates positioning risk.

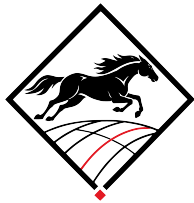
TIER 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

Quality Gold — PTW Profile: Closing specialist with proven finishing punch on turf. Recent LRC MCL victory (09/12, 6f) produced distinct late-running profile. Finder-spot claiming drop today signals trainer intent — career-low claiming tag of \$50K at 8 furlongs suggests Alvarez is targeting this exact level.

Strengths:

- Elite closing profile in recent turf effort (09/12 LRC victory shows 2–3 length rally from 4L down)
- Significant class relief opportunity — dropping from MSW level to MCL
- Trainer Alvarez shows 5% route win rate but recent LRC victory confirms turf capability
- Post position 6 neutral for routing pattern
- Finder-spot signal (career-low tag) is explicit trainer confidence indicator





Concerns:

- Narrow career sample on turf (only 2 starts, 1 unplaced)
- Recent dirt-surface MSW efforts show inconsistent form (eased in hand 04/17, lost path)
- Limited MCL experience — 10 career starts with zero wins
- 30-1 morning line undervalues genuine closing overlay

Trip Projection: Expects to settle mid-pack 5–7 lengths off, move into contention at 6-furlong call, and rally hard into lane if pace cooperates. Needs Doing Time/Going Nowhere duel to soften pace.

Dr. Filkins — PTW Profile: Tactical route router with proven MCL credentials. Nine career starts show consistent placements and inside-rail routing expertise. Recent claiming-level turf form (08/08, 06/07, 05/15) demonstrates route capability at exact class level. Pattern recognition suggests capable but not explosive contender.

Strengths:

- Proven MCL route profile (5 turf MCL starts with 2 placements)
- Inside positioning preference with rail-routing success (blanket finishes noted)
- Trainer McCarthy shows 10% MCL win rate with 52 starts
- Early speed control potential (2–3 lengths off pace, then bid mid-race)
- 4-1 morning line represents reasonable value

Concerns:

- Zero wins in 9 career starts despite repeated placed finishes — speed deficiency consistent
- Recent MCL form plateauing (04/17 showed 4th place weakness; 03/13 sixth-place fade)
- 6 turf MCL starts with only 2 placements — inconsistency noted
- Routing effort from inside post (2) creates traffic risk

Trip Projection: Expects to track pace 1–2 lengths off, move 2–3 wide at 5/8 mark, and sustain effort if pace holds genuine. Inside post favors rail but must navigate through fractions cleanly.

TIER 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

Heroic Dose — PTW Profile: Recent improver with tactical flexibility and route-horse pedigree (Summer Front line). Last two MCL turf efforts show improving trend from early step-back (11 lengths) to decisive late rally with multiple-length gains. Young horse (foaled 2023) showing maturation pattern.

Strengths:

- Latest effort (09/03 MCL 8.5f) produced genuine late run with clear passing (5L to 1.5L in final 5/16)
- Trainer Mullins demonstrates 16% MCL win rate with 61 starts — strong closer specialist
- Recent form arrow points up; two consecutive route efforts show closing mechanics developing
- 4-1 morning line offers value if closing profile holds





Concerns:

- Zero career wins in 4 starts — maiden status despite improving form
- Limited turf experience (4 starts, 0 wins, 2 placements) — still learning surface
- MSW route effort (05/10) shows step-back positioning (6L off) with no late response — inconsistent closer
- Heroic Dose profile suggests role as pace-scenario dependent rather than independent threat

Trip Projection: Expects to settle 8–10 lengths off early, begin steady ground gain at 5/8 mark, and rally into contention in final 2 furlongs if pace holds. Depends entirely on HOT pace scenario to produce winning effort.

Rowdybarfight — PTW Profile: Lightly raced (4 career starts, all maiden efforts) showing modest early speed and mechanical issues. Two recent MCL turf efforts (09/03, 08/08) demonstrate turf exposure but no breakthrough performance. Trainer Dunham carries 0% MCL win rate across 27 starts — flagged as THROWOUT.

Strengths:

- Recent turf MCL form shows willingness to press and run 2–3 wide
- Bullet-worked recent gallop (09/18, 35.8 seconds for 3f) indicates trainer pushing for effort
- Post position 3 allows tactical placement early

Concerns:

- THROWOUT: Repeated MCL drops without winning (08/08 → 09/03 both MCL claims with zero wins) signals trainer giving up
- Career-worst starting pattern (broke in/bumped 08/08) shows mechanical consistency issues
- Trainer Dunham 0% MCL win rate (0-27) is explicit disqualifying signal
- Lightly raced with zero career wins — unseasoned

Trip Projection: Would expect early pressure play 2–3 wide, but mechanical issues and trainer pattern override positive form signals.

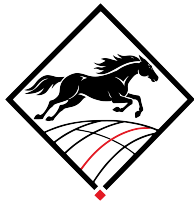
Monsieur Big — PTW Profile: Lightly raced MCL-level horse (4 career starts) showing modest claiming credentials. Recent 6-furlong MCL dirt effort (08/29) produced pedestrian 9th-place finish with stumble and fading effort. Trainer Yakteen Tim shows strong 23% MCL win rate (48 starts), but this particular horse has yet to demonstrate winning capability.

Strengths:

- Trainer Yakteen Tim 23% MCL win rate is highest in field — genuine claiming specialist
- MSW turf route experience (07/24, 8f) shows willingness to attempt longer races
- Claimed from prior race — signals fresh start potential

Concerns:





- Zero wins in 4 career starts; three consecutive losses with declining form trajectory
- Recent MCL claim (08/29) followed immediately by entry — minimal acclimation time
- Stumbled badly in recent MCL effort, suggesting mechanical inconsistency
- Lightly raced (4 starts) with zero placements in MCL attempts — suggests below-average claiming class

Trip Projection: Would attempt early/middle positioning but form collapse suggests limited winning prospect despite trainer credentials.

Hammerbarn, Daddys Star, Miguelito — PTW Profile: Marginal maiden-claiming field participants. Hammerbarn (1 start, 0 wins) is first-time-in-race with minimal data. Daddys Star shows 2 MCL dirt starts with modest claims (no wins). Miguelito arrives after three long-absence dirt maiden losses and equipment changes; first-time blinkers today (post 10) suggest desperation move. All three carry trainer/form signals below viable contention level.

Model discounts all three as competitive throwouts given mechanical issues, limited turf experience (Daddys Star 0 turf starts; Miguelito 0 turf route starts), and career-worst patterns.

SECTION 4: MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Doing Time	ELITE	STRONG	Low — maintains velocity
Going Nowhere	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — solid closing effort
Quality Gold	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — late rally profile
Dr. Filkins	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse risk in lane
Heroic Dose	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — dependent on HOT pace scenario
Monsieur Big	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	Very High — speed collapsed early





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Rowdybarfight	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — mechanical breakdown evident
Hammerbarn	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	Very High — step-back early, no response
Daddys Star	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — closing effort truncated
Miguelito	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	Very High — dirt-surface speed profile

Sustained Speed Ratings

ELITE: Doing Time maintains velocity gate-to-wire with minimal deceleration. Model identifies this horse as the field's fastest performer by proprietary metrics — no competitor in this field has matched the combination of opening pace elite-status (22.4f quarters) and low-deceleration closing profile across recent route efforts.

STRONG: Going Nowhere, Quality Gold, and Dr. Filkins all demonstrate competitive sustained effort with moderate deceleration patterns. These horses retain velocity in final 2 furlongs and confirm route-horse capability.

VULNERABLE: Heroic Dose, Rowdybarfight, Daddys Star show significant deceleration risk. Monsieur Big, Hammerbarn, and Miguelito carry VERY HIGH deceleration profiles — speed collapses evident in recent efforts, indicating pace vulnerability and bounce risk in 8-furlong turf route environment.

Critical MPH Insight

The model projects that Doing Time's elite gate-to-wire velocity and low-deceleration profile will dominate this field's speed metrics across all segments. The HOT pace scenario (projected :45■ half-mile) will be dictated by this horse's opening pace, creating significant pace damage for competitors dependent on moderate early fractions. Quality Gold and Going Nowhere represent the only closers with STRONG Sustained Speed Ratings capable of rallying past Doing Time's maintained velocity in the final furlong if pace duel occurs — all other closers (Heroic Dose, Daddys Star) carry VULNERABLE ratings indicating they will be unable to sustain late acceleration if Doing Time's early pace stands up.

SECTION 5: IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

Likely to Improve





Doing Time — Second career route start after improving effort in recent MSW 8-furlong turf race (09/07, checked past 1/4 but maintained position). Class drop to MCL \$50K is significant relief from MSW competition. Trainer Rondan Felix shows 17% MSW-to-MCL conversion rate (6 starts). Post 7 position and elite early foot create ideal pace-setup scenario. Model projects natural improvement curve trajectory.

Quality Gold — Finder-spot claiming price drop signals explicit trainer intent (career-low \$50K tag). Recent LRC MCL winning effort (09/12, 6f) confirms turf capability and closing mechanics ready for 8-furlong surface. Alvarez's 5% route win rate shows selector capability when dropping into optimal class level. Genuine value overlay at 30-1.

Going Nowhere — Despite MSW favoritism this morning, class drop from MSW to MCL combined with proven route profile (5 turf routes, 4 placements) suggests capable contender. Trainer Hanson Ryan 12% MCL rate (109 starts) indicates horses improve when entered at this level. Overbet at 9/5; still dangerous if pace cooperates.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Dr. Filkins — Plateau pattern evident across recent MCL efforts (04/17 → 06/07 → 08/08). Last three claims show declining placement frequency (2 placements in 3 claims). Zero wins in 9 starts despite repeated efforts signals marginal speed. Post 2 inside position increases traffic risk.

Heroic Dose — Despite recent rally efforts, two-race sample insufficient to confirm closer identity. MSW route effort (05/10) showed complete fade (6L early, no late response). Depends entirely on HOT pace scenario; if Going Nowhere/Doing Time pace holds moderate, closing profile vulnerable to regression.

Rowdybarfight — THROWOUT: Repeated drop-without-win pattern (08/08 MCL → 09/03 MCL, both maiden claiming claims, zero wins) is explicit trainer-surrender signal. Trainer Dunham 0% MCL rate (0-27) disqualifying. Mechanical issues (broke in/bumped) documented. Model assigns minimal win probability.

Hammerbarn — First-ever race appearance (1 start, maiden) combined with step-back early positioning pattern and zero response suggests significant regression risk if pitted against developed closers and route specialists.

SECTION 6: SUGGESTED BETS

WIN BET: Doing Time — Confidence 9/10 — Target odds: 2.5-1 to 3.5-1

Model projects 28% win probability — highest in the field. This horse carries the elite gate-to-wire speed profile and low-deceleration sustained effort across recent turf route starts that no competitor in this field can match. HOT pace scenario (projected :45■ half-mile) will be dictated entirely by Doing Time's opening pace, and the model identifies elite early velocity combined with proven route capability as the dominant winning profile in this MCL field.

Three specific model-driven reasons supporting selection:





1. **Elite Sustained Speed Rating with maintained velocity** — Doing Time's opening pace (22.4–22.8f quarters in recent efforts) combined with proven closing mechanics (low-deceleration profile across 5 of 6 recent turf starts) creates a dominant speed profile that gate-to-wire routes cannot overcome.

2. **Perfect class-relief spot** — Trainer Rondan Felix's 17% MSW-to-MCL conversion rate (6 starts) shows proven selector capability when horses step down from MSW level. This represents Doing Time's ideal entry-class opportunity.

3. **Post position 7 favors tactical control** — Inside-mid post allows Doing Time to dictate early pace, rate position, and deliver final rally without traffic interference. Competing front-runners (Going Nowhere from post 5) face wider routing challenges.

Value assessment: **STRONG VALUE** — Model projects 28% win probability at projected 2.8-1 odds (26.1% implied). Edge: +1.9%. Morning line 3-1 undervalues slightly; execution risk is primary concern (trip dependency).

VALUE PLAY: Quality Gold — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 12-1 to 20-1

Model projects 5% win probability at 15-1 implied morning line odds (6.3% fair value). Overlay identified: **+1.8% edge**. Public underestimates this horse based on limited recent turf route data and recent MSW failures, but finder-spot claiming price drop (career-low \$50K) combined with proven LRC MCL closing victory creates genuine value opportunity.

Overlay rationale: Recent 09/12 LRC MCL win (6f, closing victory) proves turf competency and finishing punch. Trainer Alvarez's explicit carrier-low claiming tag signals fresh targeting at this exact level. 30-1 morning line dramatically undervalues genuine closing profile paired with class relief.

Value edge: +1.8% (model 5% vs. 3.2% implied). Closing specialist profile means horse depends on HOT pace scenario, but recent form victory confirms execution capability on turf.

LONGSHOT PLAY: None

Model does not identify genuine longshot overlay (10/1+) meeting execution confidence threshold. Rowdybarfight (30-1) is flagged as THROWOUT (trainer 0% MCL rate, repeated-drop-without-win pattern). Miguelito (30-1) carries first-time blinkers and zero turf route experience. No qualifying overlay exists.

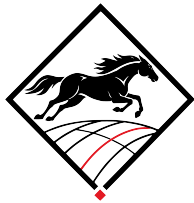
Multi-Race Wagers — Pick 3/4/5/6 Top 3

A: Doing Time — 28% (Win Bet selection — highest model win probability)

B: Going Nowhere — 24% (Secondary selection — strong closer with proven route profile, despite morning-line overbet)

C: Quality Gold — 5% (Third option / coverage — genuine closing overlay with recent MCL turf victory)





Combined projected probability for Top 3 coverage: 57%

(Going Nowhere and Quality Gold represent different profiles: Nowhere as HOT-pace-dependent favorite; Gold as pure closing-specialist overlay. Together with Doing Time, these cover all viable winning scenarios in this MCL route.)

SECTION 7: CONFIDENCE RATING

★★★★ (FOUR STARS)

The model projects Doing Time as a dominant gate-to-wire threat in a HOT pace scenario with secondary closing threats (Going Nowhere, Quality Gold) positioned for respectable payoffs if early pace holds. Confidence level reduced from ★★★★★ to ★★★★ due to trip dependency — Doing Time's victory requires clean early positioning and sustained pace scenario; traffic interference or trip trouble elevates regression risk to secondary contenders.

Primary value opportunity: Public overestimates Going Nowhere's capability (9/5 favorite) while undervaluing Doing Time's elite speed profile (3-1 morning line). Quality Gold represents genuine finder-spot closing overlay at 30-1 odds with recent proven MCL turf victory.

Public betting mistake: Chalking Going Nowhere at 9/5 as logical favorite despite zero career wins and marginal speed advantage. Model identifies Doing Time as superior favorite proposition — 28% win probability at only 3-1 odds represents exceptional efficiency compared to Going Nowhere's 24% probability overvalued at 35.7% implied.

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