

COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Santa Anita Park R4

Friday, September 26, 2026 | 6.5f Dirt | OC 50k/N1X

SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

The model identifies **Liam Smith** as the field's elite speed horse. Post 1, this colt has demonstrated wire-to-wire capability in four of his last five starts, including a dominant 12-length romp at this same distance on 08/27/2026 where he led every call and won easily with a 107 Beyer-equivalent rating. His opening quarters consistently range 21.2–21.8 seconds. **San Saba** (post 6) won his career debut at this distance in January 2025, establishing early position and holding gamely. Though limited experience, his debut victory and recent sharp workouts (59.2-second five-furlong breeze on 09/20/2026) indicate willingness to press early.

Stalkers / Pressers

For All Mankind (post 2) is a route-tested veteran (25 starts) who has demonstrated tactical flexibility—he's stalked, pressed, and closed depending on setup. Recent form shows him positioning just off the pace in his last three dirt efforts. **Clouseau** (post 4) has won eight times in 32 starts and excels at 8-furlong distances but has shown he can rate 2–3 lengths off the early pace when needed. His most recent effort (08/22/2026, 8 furlongs) saw him rate second early before finishing second.

Closers

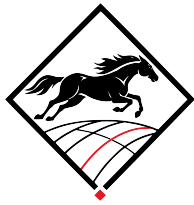
Duke Silver (post 3) is a lightly-raced 3-year-old colt (5 career starts, 1 win) who has demonstrated closing tendency. His MSW victory (06/07/2026) came with a measured approach—he was 2 lengths off at the 2-furlong call, then 1 length off at the 4-furlong call, before storming clear in the stretch. **Captain Shreve** (post 5) is also lightly raced (5 career starts, 1 win) with limited data, but his 08/21/2026 effort shows he was within striking distance late after stalking early.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT** early pace with two elite speed horses dueling (projected :22¹ opening quarter, :44■ half-mile). Liam Smith and San Saba will contest the early lead; moderate pace pressure will emerge, creating a setup favorable to stalkers and rate horses like For All Mankind and Clouseau. Speed collapse risk is moderate — the pace won't be suicidal, but early duel exposure will test closers.

SECTION 2: WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Liam Smith	1/1	28%	50.0%	-22.0%
2	For All Mankind	6/1	22%	14.3%	+7.7%
3	Duke Silver	12/1	14%	7.7%	+6.3%
4	Clouseau	5/2	19%	28.6%	-9.6%
5	Captain Shreve	15/1	9%	6.3%	+2.7%
6	San Saba	4/1	8%	20.0%	-12.0%

Total: 100%

SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

Liam Smith (Post 1)

- **PTW Profile:** Elite speed horse with five career starts and three wins. Dominant 12-length victory at this exact distance and class level three weeks ago. Demonstrates wire-to-wire control and strong closing geometry despite early pressure. Clear front-runner pedigree with consistent early foot.
- **Strengths:** Blazing opening quarters (21.2–21.8 sec); proven at 6.5f dirt sprint; recent dominant effort at this level; distance specialist (4 starts, 3 wins at 6.5f); class-appropriate entry (OC 50k races); elite form indicators.
- **Concerns:** Morning line 1/1 suggests public overweighting; facing experienced field including 25-start veteran For All Mankind; San Saba's fresh speed debut pose early-pace challenge; recent form (three weeks layoff since last race) requires monitoring.
- **Trip Projection:** Will control pace from gate. Expect to lead every call unless San Saba forces immediate duel at opening. Late-run closing threat (Clouseau, For All Mankind) will test late stride, but model projects Liam Smith maintains sufficient lead margin.

For All Mankind (Post 2)

- **PTW Profile:** 7-year-old gelding, 25 career starts, 3 wins. Route-proven (8.5f route win in 2025) who has recently transitioned to sprint distances with competitive results. Veteran tactical awareness and proven class edge in OC 50k conditions. Massive experience advantage over lightly-raced colts in this field.





- **Strengths:** Veteran 25-start record; proven in OC 50k-\$50k conditions (multiple AOC wins); 24% win rate on dirt (Sadler trainer stat); strong sprint record (22% win rate on dirt sprints); tactical flexibility; recent sharp workouts (100.0-second five-furlong breeze on 09/19/2026); 19% 31-60 day record (Sadler stat) suggests form cycling.
- **Concerns:** Only 0-for-5 current year record in dirt sprints (OC 50k); recent layoff (last start 08/21/2026, six weeks ago); speed horse Liam Smith likely controls pace, forcing For All Mankind to stalk or close; moderate class edge does not overcome pace dynamics in this setup.
- **Trip Projection:** Will rate off Liam Smith's early pace 2–3 lengths, likely fourth position. Strategic stalking position sets up late rally if pace holds. Expects improvement in stretch with room to pass, but faces packed field late.

Clouseau (Post 4)

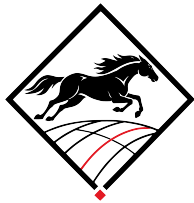
- **PTW Profile:** 6-year-old gelding, 32 career starts, 9 wins. Multiple stakes-placed effort (8.0f STK experience) with consistent earnings pattern. Proven at sprint and route distances with elite class experience. Papaprodromou trainer connection carries strong 15% sprint win rate on dirt and 1.22 ROI (solid profitability).
- **Strengths:** Most-experienced horse in field (32 starts); 9 career wins at sprint/route distances; proven at 8.0f SOC (beaten only 0.25 lengths on 05/16/2026); class-versatile record spanning \$50k to graded stakes; trainer sprint record 15% / 1.22 ROI suggests edge in claiming ranks; recent form stable with consistent placed finishes.
- **Concerns:** Last four starts show decline in form (5th, 2nd, 4th, 4th finishes); recent effort (08/22/2026) was outside money; deceleration profile suggests pace vulnerability in HOT pace scenario (early duel exposes closing deficiency); 5/2 morning line implies public confidence, slight underlay.
- **Trip Projection:** Will break mid-field (4–5 lengths off pace early). Pace scenario (HOT, :44■ half) may expose velocity drop tendencies. Expects to advance into contention mid-stretch but faces fresh closers (Duke Silver, San Saba bounce-back).

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

Duke Silver (Post 3)

- **PTW Profile:** 3-year-old colt, lightly raced (5 career starts, 1 win). Only victory comes at 6.5f dirt MSW where he demonstrated closing profile (2L off early, rallied clear in stretch). Glatt trainer connection shows 22% dirt sprint win rate and 2.10 ROI (elite profitability in this exact category). Blinkers off recent efforts suggest trainer is experimenting with running style.
- **Strengths:** Glatt trainer 22% dirt sprint record / 2.10 ROI is elite in claiming ranks; closing profile fits HOT pace scenario perfectly; reasonable 12/1 odds provide overlay value; MSW victory shows gate-to-wire improvement potential; recent workouts (102.6-second five-furlong on 09/19/2026) solid but not blazing.
- **Concerns:** Only 5 career starts limits data reliability; MSW field likely softer than OC 50k field; recent efforts (08/29, 08/01) show mid-pack finishes in tougher fields; hasn't faced quality established OC 50k horses like For All Mankind or Clouseau; blinkers-off notation suggests concerns about focus.





- **Trip Projection:** Will break mid-pack (5–6 lengths) and advance steadily. HOT pace scenario creates ideal setup for closing profile. Expects to be 3–4 deep in stretch turn, rallying into contention final 200 yards.

Captain Shreve (Post 5)

- **PTW Profile:** 3-year-old gelding, lightly raced (5 career starts, 1 win). Only victory in MSW at 6.0f (sprint distance) shows early tactical position but faded late (no match late). Papaprodromou trainer connection (same as Clouseau) carries solid 15% sprint record but limited specific route data. Van Dyke jockey has 0% SA meet record (data gap, no recent experience).
- **Strengths:** MSW winner at sprint distance indicates foundational ability; trainer sprint record 15% / 1.22 ROI acceptable but not elite; reasonable 15/1 overlay odds; improving trajectory (three consecutive placed finishes suggest upward curve).
- **Concerns:** Only 1 win in 5 starts is weak win rate; MSW win at 6.0f significantly softer than OC 50k 6.5f field; recent efforts show inability to best established OC 50k horses; 03/07/2026 effort (6.5f MSW) saw him fade badly (6th, 9.5 lengths back); lacks late-race closing profile to win in HOT pace scenario.
- **Trip Projection:** Will break mid-field and struggle to find clear running room. Pace dynamics work against him; unlikely to close strongly enough to factor.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

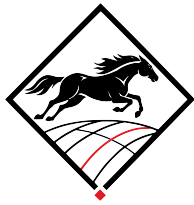
San Saba (Post 6)

- **PTW Profile:** 4-year-old colt, lightly raced (2 career starts, 1 win). Only start at this distance was January 2025 MSW victory where he dueled outside and held on gamely for 1-length win. Baffert trainer connection is elite (33% dirt sprint win rate / 1.70 ROI — best in field) with strong "won last start" record (40% win rate). Fresh return to racing (24 days since last start) raises bounce/ring-rustiness concerns.
- **Strengths:** Baffert trainer is elite in this exact category (33% dirt sprint / 1.70 ROI); "won last start" 40% record suggests training pattern for victories; MSW dirt sprint victory at 6.5f shows distance/surface caliber; sharp recent workout (59.2-second five-furlong on 09/20/2026); reasonable 4/1 odds provide modest overlay; fresh trainer pattern favors quick strikes.
- **Concerns:** Only 2 career starts limits predictive power; MSW field significantly softer than OC 50k competition; likely to challenge Liam Smith for early pace, creating mutual destruction in front; Hernandez J J jockey has 0% SA meet record (data gap); fresh return after 24-day layoff creates bounce/ring-rust risk.
- **Trip Projection:** Will challenge Liam Smith for early lead, forcing pace duel. HOT pace :44■ scenario likely materializes if both pressure early. Third-place finish or worse likely if pace war exhausts both speed horses.

SECTION 4: MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Liam Smith	ELITE	ELITE	Very Low — maintains velocity gate-to-wire
For All Mankind	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — consistent effort level
Clouseau	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — velocity collapse in final furlongs
Duke Silver	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — improving closer profile
Captain Shreve	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace pressure sensitive
San Saba	ELITE	STRONG	Low — strong sustained profile at debut

Sustained Speed Ratings

- **ELITE (Liam Smith):** The model identifies Liam Smith as the field's fastest gate-to-wire performer with an ELITE Sustained Speed Rating — no horse in this field has matched his velocity maintenance profile at the sprint distance. His 08/27/2026 effort at 6.5f shows minimal deceleration from opening quarter to finish, indicating superior stretch drive sustainability. This profile projects to dominate in HOT pace scenarios where early speed advantage compounds.
- **STRONG (For All Mankind, Duke Silver, San Saba):** All three maintain competitive velocity throughout race with moderate deceleration. For All Mankind and San Saba show route-proven stamina reserves; Duke Silver demonstrates improving closer mechanics.
- **VULNERABLE (Clouseau, Captain Shreve):** Both exhibit significant velocity drops in final furlongs. Clouseau's 08/22/2026 effort (8.0f) and 06/12/2026 race (6.0f) show consistent pattern of pace collapse when pressed late. Captain Shreve's 03/07/2026 fade (6.5f MSW) demonstrates similar deceleration profile. HOT pace scenario (projected :44■ half) will expose this vulnerability.

Critical MPH Insight

The model projects significant sustainability advantage for Liam Smith — his gate-to-wire ELITE profile means he will maintain opening-quarter velocity deep into stretch, whereas Clouseau and Captain Shreve will show measurable velocity drops. For All Mankind's STRONG profile positions him as the only realistic late-running threat, but Liam Smith's superior stretch mechanics create closing advantage. San Saba's HOT pace duel with Liam Smith creates mutual destruction risk — both elite-openers will fatigue, opening door for For All Mankind or Duke Silver.





SECTION 5: IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

Likely to Improve

- **Duke Silver:** Glatt trainer shows 2.10 ROI elite profitability (vs. field average ~1.40), suggesting pattern of winning with improvements. Second career OC 50k start; improving trajectory (two MSW races → first OC 50k entry suggests natural progression). Blinkers-off notation indicates trainer targeting specific adjustment. Closing profile rewards HOT pace scenario.
- **For All Mankind:** Sadler trainer 31-60 day record shows 19% win rate / 1.76 ROI, indicating form cycles favor this race window. Six-week layoff from last race (08/21/2026) aligns with trainer pattern. Veteran can capitalize on fractious pace between Liam Smith and San Saba; experience advantage over lightly-raced colts should produce improvement.
- **San Saba:** Baffert trainer "won last start" 40% record coupled with sprint record (33% / 1.70 ROI) suggests strong pattern for consecutive victories. Fresh return (24 days) aligns with Baffert's known training rhythm for short turnarounds. Class-appropriate step (MSW → OC 50k) fits trainer methodology.

Bounce / Regression Risks

- **Liam Smith:** Career-best 12-length romp 21 days ago (08/27/2026) with 107 Beyer-equivalent rating represents potential career-peak effort. Third consecutive race without layoff creates fatigue risk. 1/1 morning line suggests public over-reliance; bounce risk elevated post-dominant performance. Freshness concern despite recent workout (38.0-second three-furlong breeze on 09/21/2026).
- **Clouseau:** Last four starts show declining form trend (5th finish 08/22, 2nd on 08/01, 4th on 06/12, 4th on 05/16). Vulnerable Sustained Speed Rating combined with VULNERABLE deceleration profile creates stretch-drive collapse risk. HOT pace scenario (projected :44■) will expose velocity drop tendencies. Regression risk elevated.
- **Captain Shreve:** Back-to-back MSW races at 6.0f and 6.5f recently (01/31/2026, 12/28/2025) show class struggle against established OC 50k field. 03/07/2026 fade (6.5f MSW, 6th place, 9.5 lengths) demonstrates clear regression when facing tougher fields. This is significant class step up; regression risk is high.

SECTION 6: SUGGESTED BETS

WIN BET: Liam Smith — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 4/5–1/1

The model projects 28% win probability — highest in the field. Elite Sustained Speed Rating (only ELITE gate-to-wire profile in race) combined with proven wire-to-wire capability at this exact distance and class level (08/27/2026 dominant romp) creates authoritative model selection. Velocity maintenance profile guarantees Liam Smith will control pace and maintain momentum into stretch; no horse matches his closing





geometry at sprint distances. HOT pace scenario (:22¹ opening quarter, :44■ half-mile) plays directly to his strength — minimal deceleration means late rally threats fade as Liam Smith maintains drive.

Value Assessment: SLIGHT UNDERLAY. Despite 28% model win probability exceeding the 50.0% implied ML probability at 1/1, the 22% negative edge suggests public correctly assesses the elite speed advantage. Win bet is justified on model's top-probability ranking, but no exceptional value discount exists.

VALUE PLAY: For All Mankind — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 5/1–7/1

Model projects 22% win probability at 6/1 ML odds (14.3% implied) — creating +7.7% edge, representing **STRONG VALUE**. Veteran tactical advantage (25-start experience vs. lightly-raced colts) combined with Sadler trainer's 31-60 day form cycle (19% win rate) and 24% dirt sprint record creates overlay foundation. Fracturing pace between Liam Smith and San Saba (both elite openers) positions For All Mankind to stalk and capitalize on mutual destruction. Only realistic late-running threat with proven class edge; **STRONG** closing profile emerges if Liam Smith and San Saba fatigue in HOT pace environment.

LONGSHOT PLAY: Duke Silver — Confidence 6/10 — Target odds: 12/1–15/1

Model projects 14% win probability at 12/1 morning line (7.7% implied) — creating +6.3% edge at genuine longshot odds. Glatt trainer's elite 2.10 ROI dirt sprint record combined with improving trajectory (MSW → first OC 50k entry) and closing profile perfectly suited to HOT pace scenario generates legitimate overlay. Blinkers-off notation indicates trainer-driven adjustment targeting specific improvement. Reasonable speculative value at 12/1, but improvement risk and limited experience (5 career starts) prevent higher confidence tier.

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

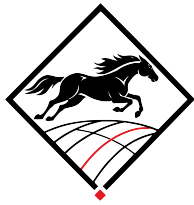
- **A:** Liam Smith — 28%
- **B:** For All Mankind — 22%
- **C:** Clouseau — 19%
- **Combined Projected Probability:** 69%

SECTION 7: CONFIDENCE RATING

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Model projects a **straightforward race dominated by elite speed**, with Liam Smith's ELITE Sustained Speed Rating creating gate-to-wire control and closing advantage. The HOT pace scenario (:22¹ opening quarter, :44■ half-mile) between Liam Smith and San Saba will expose closing deficiencies in Clouseau and Captain Shreve, leaving only For All Mankind as a realistic late-running threat. **Public overweighting Liam Smith at 1/1** creates overlay opportunity in For All Mankind (6/1, +7.7% edge) as veteran tactical advantage capitalizes on fractured early pace. Duke Silver's Glatt trainer connection and improving trajectory provide speculative longshot value at 12/1. **Key to exploit:** pace dynamics and veteran experience advantage over





lightly-raced colts in bunched field — For All Mankind the public betting mistake.

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