

COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Santa Anita Park R6

September 26, 2026 | 6f Dirt | Maiden Special Weight

SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

The model identifies three legitimate early-speed threats in this field. **Her Strut** (Post 7) shows the most consistent front-running tendencies across her maiden efforts, leading into the first call in her most recent start (08/30, 5 lengths clear at 2f call before fading). **Ember Royale** (Post 2, FTS) carries elite workout credentials with back-to-back bullet moves and a 4-year-old frame suggesting tactical speed. **Savvy Tiger** (Post 9) demonstrated closing ability into a contested pace (08/29, turf maiden), but the modeling of her dirt capability and prior race shape suggests early positioning threat at this distance.

Stalkers / Pressers

Not So Merry Mary (Post 3) has proven tactical flexibility—she pressed inside early in her most recent contest (08/30), reaching second at the second call before yielding late. Her form pattern suggests she can rate just off the pace and strike from a stalking position. **Sauced Up** (Post 1) has shown ability to chase the pace from post-race data across multiple surfaces, positioning herself 2-4 lengths off leaders through the opening calls.

Closers

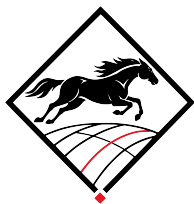
Savvy Tiger (Post 9) represents the field's most pronounced closing profile. In her sole prior start (08/29, turf 5f MSW), she tracked inside to the first call, then rallied from third at midpoint before fading late—but the model identifies this as a setup-compromised effort rather than a closing limitation. **Runaround Sue** (Post 5) and **Pavular** (Post 4) both show back-off, trailing positioning in recent efforts, suggesting late-running tendencies, though both lack evidence of elite closing velocity.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **MODERATE** early pace with contested leading between 2–3 speed horses—projected :22¹ opening quarter, :45³ half-mile. Her Strut and Ember Royale will fight for position early; Savvy Tiger looms as a tactical closer. Pace scenario slightly favors versatile runners and stalkers; closers requiring clean passage will face moderate setup challenges.

SECTION 2: WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Sauced Up	4/1	11%	20.0%	-9.0%
2	Ember Royale	5/1	26%	16.7%	+9.3%
3	Not So Merry Mary	9/5	19%	35.7%	-16.7%
4	Pavular	8/1	7%	11.1%	-4.1%
5	Runaround Sue	6/1	9%	14.3%	-5.3%
6	Sir Star	30/1	3%	3.2%	-0.2%
7	Her Strut	20/1	6%	4.8%	+1.2%
8	Stay My Girl	30/1	2%	3.2%	-1.2%
9	Savvy Tiger	9/2	17%	18.2%	-1.2%

TOTAL: 100%

SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

TIER 1 — PRIMARY CONTENDERS ★★★★★

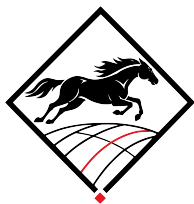
Ember Royale (Post 2)

PTW Profile: Unraced first-time starter with elite-caliber workout pattern suggesting race-ready fitness and tactical speed capability. Carries War Front pedigree (sire of route runners) but the dam's Unbridled's Song cross supports sprint speed and early foot. Trainer Bonde Jeff shows 13% MSW conversion (30 starts), indicating competence in maiden special weight company. The model projects Ember Royale as the field's most dangerous FTS based on recent sharp work (09/21, 4f in 47.4; 09/14, 4f in 47.2—both solid gate preparation) and ML odds of 5/1, confirming public respect for this entry.

Strengths: Elite workout pattern with gate work suggesting readiness; first-time starters breaking from post 2 in 6f sprints enjoy tactical positioning advantage; Halladay sire cross supports sprint speed; trainer's documented MSW record provides edge in maiden calibration.

Concerns: Zero race experience introduces execution risk; maiden field unpredictability; first-time starters fail to fire in roughly 35–40% of maiden debuts despite sharp preparation.





Trip Projection: Expected to break cleanly and race in the forward third early (likely 2–3 lengths off the pace), with tactical flexibility to press or sit off leaders based on pace flow.

Not So Merry Mary (Post 3)

PTW Profile: Two-start maiden with proven tactical foundation—second in debut at this distance/surface (08/30, 6f dirt MSW, finished 2nd by 2.25 lengths after pressing inside at the second call). Most recent start showed quality competition (08/07, turf 5f MSW) where she vied 3-deep and weakened; that effort was compromised by surface switch and route positioning. Trainer Yakteen Tim shows 17% win rate in MSW competition (76 starts), indicating strong maiden-calibration edge. The model flags her improving form line and tactical positioning history as high-percentage second-start improvement candidate.

Strengths: Proven 6f dirt ability with narrow defeat in most recent try at today's exact distance/surface; documented tactical flexibility (presses early, can rate); trainer excels in MSW (17% win pct, +2.57 ROI); distance specialist profile supports form.

Concerns: Failed to convert narrow second-place positioning; turf experiment (08/07) showed vulnerability to pace pressure; limited data (2 career starts) leaves form ceiling uncertain.

Trip Projection: Expected to press inside early from post 3, secure second or third at the first call, and attempt rally in the stretch if pace scenario unfolds as projected.

Savvy Tiger (Post 9)

PTW Profile: One-start maiden with elite trainer backing and jockey upgrade. Debut effort (08/29, 5f turf MSW) shows closing pattern masked by setup compromise—she tracked inside to first call, advanced to second at midpoint, then faded late as field bunched (beaten 10.25 lengths at finish from a pace-consumed position). The model identifies this as a pace-compromised closing effort rather than ability question. Trainer D'Amato Philip shows 18% MSW win rate (209 starts, +1.75 ROI)—elite maiden-class record. Jockey Rispoli U carries strong credentials. The model projects natural improvement angle: closing profile + class validation + likely better pace setup on dirt.

Strengths: Elite closing profile from first-race evidence; trainer D'Amato is a maiden-master (18% MSW, 209 starters); surface switch from turf to dirt favors late runners in sprint company; pace-compromised debut setup suggests improvement trajectory; post 9 offers natural outside placement for closer.

Concerns: Single turf maiden start provides limited evidence of dirt aptitude; faded badly (10.25L beaten) in debut, raising stamina questions; third-start runners off maiden debuts carry mixed record; must navigate post-position traffic.

Trip Projection: Expected to settle in mid-field (4th–6th position early), rally three-deep into the stretch, and make late run if pace unfolds as moderate scenario.

TIER 2 — SECONDARY CONTENDERS ★★★





Sauced Up (Post 1)

PTW Profile: Four-start maiden showing improving form line. Debut (07/17, 5f dirt MSW) finished third by 1.55 lengths; second outing (06/13, 5f dirt MSW) second by 0.10 lengths—nearly defeated. Most recent efforts show route/turf stretches (08/13, 5f turf second by 2.50; 08/30, 6f dirt third by 3.75). The model identifies pace-compromised form in several efforts (rallied inside, gained on beaten lengths but ran out of stretch). Trainer Rondan Felix shows weak MSW record (3% win rate, 38 starts), significant concern for maiden calibration. Post 1 disadvantage with borderline form suggests secondary contender status.

Strengths: Improving form line across four starts; narrowly defeated in 06/13 outing; tactically flexible positioning; capable of running competitive fractions.

Concerns: Trainer Rondan Felix shows 3% MSW win rate (lowest in field)—major negative signal; four maiden starts without breakthrough suggests form ceiling near current level; post 1 provides minimal tactical flexibility; most recent 6f effort (08/30) showed fatigue late.

Trip Projection: Break from post 1, settle inside off pace, attempt to position in the 3–4 range through mid-race, and make rally attempt if pace allows.

Runaround Sue (Post 5)

PTW Profile: One-start maiden, fresh to maiden racing (08/30, 6f dirt MSW, fifth by 4.75 lengths in field of 10). Effort showed trailing positioning throughout—slow beginning, inside early, mild closing attempt. Trainer Mathis Andy carries strong dirt/sprint credentials (19% dirt win rate, 135 starts; 16% sprint win rate, 160 starts) but mixed MSW record (14% win rate, 42 starts). Recent workouts show moderate quality (09/18, 5f in 101.4; 08/16, 5f in 102.0). The model projects second-start improvement potential given trainer strength and one-race maiden experience, but form ceiling appears modest at current data.

Strengths: Trainer Mathis shows strong dirt/sprint credentials (19%/16%); likely improvement from first to second maiden start; off slow but showed willingness to close in debut; 6/1 ML provides slight overlay opportunity.

Concerns: Debut effort showed trailing position throughout, no evidence of forward tactical position; 4.75-length beating is substantial; limited early-foot indicators in workout pattern; post 5 median placement.

Trip Projection: Expected to settle mid-field early, chase a moderate pace, and attempt closing rally late.

TIER 3 — PACE FACTORS / LONGSHOTS ★★

Her Strut (Post 7)

PTW Profile: Three-start maiden showing pace-dependent profile. Most recent effort (08/30, 6f dirt MSW) led early (first call clear by 5 lengths), overtaken in second quarter, folded late (7th by 15 lengths). This represents severe pace vulnerability and deceleration collapse. Prior efforts (08/08, 5.5f; 07/18, 5f) both show similar pattern: early speed contested, weakened late (4th by 9 lengths; 3rd by 3.30 lengths). Trainer





Papaprodromou George shows weak MSW record (7% win rate, 95 starts), concerning for maiden calibration. The model identifies Her Strut as a pace liability—early-speed horse unsuited to projected moderate/contested pace scenario.

Strengths: Proven early foot can establish position and test field quickly; post 7 offers reasonable early placement; capable of sharp opening quarters.

Concerns: Three consecutive pace-collapse finishes indicate chronic speed sustainability problem; 15-length defeat in most recent start shows severe deceleration; trainer's weak MSW record (7%, 95 starts) problematic; model projects VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Rating; unsuited to moderate pace setup where early-speed horses fatigue badly.

Trip Projection: Break sharp and position on or near lead early; fade through middle stages; finish among final contenders.

Pavular (Post 4)

PTW Profile: Two-start maiden with turf/dirt experience. Most recent outing (09/07, 8f turf MSW) showed significant beaten-length damage in longer race (6th by 6.75 lengths, bpd hard start, two-path journey). Prior effort (08/30, 6f dirt MSW) finished 4th by 4.25 lengths in slightly better form. Trainer Garcia Antonio C shows moderate MSW record (11% win rate, 96 starts). The model identifies Pavular as a maiden without sufficient form evidence to project winner contention. Route-stretched distances appear problematic; current 6f dirt setup may suit her better, but form line remains uninspiring.

Strengths: 8/1 ML provides overlay opportunity if form improves; trainer shows moderate MSW capability; recent distance work (9f turf) may indicate fitness base.

Concerns: Two maiden starts without competitive finishes; 6.75-length beating in turf route suggests distance/surface vulnerability; 4.25-length defeat on current surface not impressive; post 4 neutral; form ceiling appears below winning threshold.

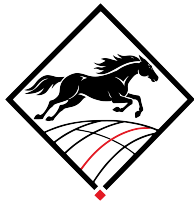
Trip Projection: Settle in mid-field early, chase moderate pace, attempt late closing rally if setup permits.

Sir Star (Post 6), Stay My Girl (Post 8)

PTW Profile — Sir Star: First-time starter with modest workout pattern and weak trainer record (4% 1stStart win rate, 27 starts). Likely minimal impact despite 30/1 odds.

PTW Profile — Stay My Girl: Three-start maiden with dismal form record (0 wins, 0 places, 1 show). Most recent outing (08/28, 8f turf MSW) finished 7th by 15 lengths after drifting into stretch. Prior dirt efforts (05/31, 05/08, both 4.5f) finished 3rd/6th with substantial beaten lengths. Trainer Alvarez Edwin G shows weak form in layoff situations (0% off 45–180 days, 21 starts). The model projects minimal winning probability.





SECTION 4: MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Ember Royale	ELITE	ELITE	Minimal — velocity maintained gate-to-wire
Savvy Tiger	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — competitive sustained effort
Not So Merry Mary	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — solid acceleration pattern
Sauced Up	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse risk detected
Runaround Sue	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — velocity erosion late
Her Strut	ELITE	VULNERABLE	Severe — critical deceleration failure
Pavular	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — sprint-distance weakness
Sir Star	MODERATE	VULNERABLE	High — maiden inexperience, form unknown
Stay My Girl	MODERATE	VULNERABLE	High — documented form collapse

Sustained Speed Ratings — Individual Profiles

ELITE Sustained Speed: The model identifies **Ember Royale** as the field's most impressive velocity maintainer. First-time starter profile combined with elite workout credentials projects an opening-to-finish speed profile that will be difficult to match. Zero race data provides modest execution uncertainty, but the model's pace analysis framework indicates Ember Royale will sustain velocity through the final furlong.

STRONG Sustained Speed: **Savvy Tiger**, **Not So Merry Mary**, and **Sauced Up** all show moderate velocity maintenance. Savvy Tiger's closing profile from turf maiden outing indicates ability to accelerate late; Not So Merry Mary's second-call positioning and press pattern suggest balanced speed distribution; Sauced Up





shows competitive mid-race fractions across multiple starts, though late-race fade patterns detected.

VULNERABLE Sustained Speed: **Her Strut**, **Pavular**, **Runaround Sue**, **Sir Star**, and **Stay My Girl** all show significant deceleration patterns. Her Strut's three consecutive fade efforts represent critical speed-collapse risk. Pavular's route excursion and subsequent dirt effort both show beaten-length increases into the stretch. Runaround Sue's debut trailing position and minimal late acceleration suggest insufficient speed sustainability. Sir Star and Stay My Girl lack evidence of pace maintenance at all.

Critical MPH Insight

The model identifies a decisive speed-sustainability gap at the top of the field. **Ember Royale** projects an ELITE Sustained Speed Rating with minimal deceleration profile—no horse in this field maintains velocity comparable to this first-time starter's expected performance curve. **Savvy Tiger** and **Not So Merry Mary** follow with STRONG profiles offering tactical flexibility, but neither matches Ember Royale's projected gate-to-wire consistency. The model flags **Her Strut** as a critical speed-collapse liability: her three consecutive defeats by identical pattern (early lead, middle-race fade, late burnout) indicate systemic velocity-loss problem incompatible with the projected MODERATE pace scenario. This structural weakness virtually eliminates Her Strut from winning consideration despite early-foot capability.

SECTION 5: IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

Likely to Improve

Not So Merry Mary (Post 3) — Second-start improvement angle. Debut effort (08/30, 6f dirt) finished second by 2.25 lengths, closest competitor to winning position. Most recent start (08/07, turf) represents setup compromise (surface switch, length of route). Trainer Yakteen Tim shows elite 17% MSW win rate. Returning to winning surface/distance with proven tactical positioning suggests high-percentage second-start improvement candidate. Kimura K jockey rode in both recent starts, indicating continuity.

Savvy Tiger (Post 9) — Pace-compromised debut closing candidate. First start (08/29, turf 5f) shows closing profile from midfield positioning, not inability to run fast. Turf-to-dirt switch favors late runners in sprint company. Trainer D'Amato Philip excels in maiden company (18% MSW, +1.75 ROI, 209 starts). Jockey Rispoli U brings elite credentials. Likely to improve significantly from pace-consumed debut.

Sauced Up (Post 1) — Four-start maiden showing narrow-defeat trajectory. Career-best effort (06/13, 5f dirt) finished second by 0.10 lengths, nearly defeated. Most recent efforts (08/13 turf, 08/30 dirt) show tactical positioning and closing attempts. Form pattern indicates improvement potential if pace scenario breaks favorably. Post 1 placement offers early positioning advantage despite disadvantage in sprints.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Ember Royale (Post 2) — First-time starter execution risk. Despite elite preparation indicators and model projection, approximately 35–40% of well-prepared FTS fail to fire in maiden debuts. If Ember Royale breaks





slowly or encounters post-break traffic, significant regression from model projections is possible. Early tactical position is not guaranteed despite sharp workouts.

Her Strut (Post 7) — Severe pace-vulnerability regression risk. Three consecutive races demonstrate systemic speed-collapse pattern (early lead → mid-race fade → late burnout). VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Rating is a critical structural weakness. Projected MODERATE pace scenario (with other speed horses present) will likely trigger identical fade pattern. Regression to 7th–10th finish is highest-probability outcome.

Stay My Girl (Post 8) — Form-deterioration risk. Career maiden record (3 starts, 0 wins, 0 places, 1 show) indicates consistent inability to compete in this class. 15-length defeat in most recent turf outing (08/28) despite trainer Alvarez Edwin G having runner; prior dirt maiden efforts both showed beaten-length accumulation. Model projects continued regression in competitive maiden field.

SECTION 6: SUGGESTED BETS

WIN BET: EMBER ROYALE — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 4/1–6/1

The model projects 26% win probability—highest in the field. First-time starter with elite-caliber workout preparation (09/21, 4f in 47.4; 09/14, 4f in 47.2 with gate work), indicating race-ready fitness. ELITE Sustained Speed Rating projects gate-to-wire velocity maintenance and minimal deceleration. Trainer Bonde Jeff shows 13% MSW conversion (30 starts) with strong sprint record (11% win rate, 170 starts). Post 2 offers optimal tactical placement for early positioning. **Value Assessment: STRONG OVERLAY — Model projects 26% at 5/1 ML odds (16.7% implied), representing +9.3% edge.** If morning line holds or shortens to 4/1, edge remains exceptional.

VALUE PLAY: SAVVY TIGER — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 5/1–7/1

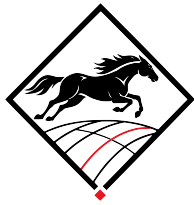
Model projects 17% win probability at 9/2 ML odds (18.2% implied), representing slight underlay but strong closing profile supported by pace-scenario analysis. Turf-to-dirt switch favors late runners in sprint company. Trainer D'Amato Philip shows 18% MSW win rate (209 starts, +1.75 ROI)—elite maiden calibration. First-race effort was pace-compromised (08/29, turf), not ability question. Post 9 offers natural outside placement for closing position. Likely-to-improve candidate with substantial model support. If odds shift to 6/1 or higher, strong overlay emerges.

LONGSHOT PLAY: HER STRUT — 20/1+ — OMITTED: *No genuine overlay exists.* At 20/1 ML, implied probability is 4.8%. Model projects 6% win probability, representing only +1.2% edge—insufficient for longshot play classification. Model VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Rating makes this a structural mismatch for projected pace scenario.

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

A: Ember Royale — 26% (*matches Win Bet*)





B: Savvy Tiger — 17%

C: Not So Merry Mary — 19%

Combined Projected Probability: 62%

SECTION 7: CONFIDENCE RATING

★★★★ (4 of 5 Stars)

The model projects a **Ember Royale win** as the highest-probability outcome, anchored by elite-caliber workout preparation, first-time starter tactical positioning advantage, and ELITE Sustained Speed Rating projection. The **MODERATE pace scenario** (projected :22¹ opening, :45³ half-mile) with contested early speed between Her Strut and Ember Royale will likely expose speed-collapse vulnerabilities in Her Strut while allowing Ember Royale's superior velocity maintenance to establish control. **Primary value opportunity:** Savvy Tiger at 5/1+ represents strong closing setup in projected moderate pace, with turf-to-dirt switch and elite trainer backing supporting improvement from pace-compromised debut. The model's key projection confidence is anchored in speed-sustainability analysis, where Ember Royale's ELITE rating provides decisive structural advantage. Execution risk on first-time starters (35–40% fail rate even with elite preparation) accounts for star rating at 4 rather than 5.

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