

COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Santa Anita Park R7

Thursday, September 26, 2026 | 10f Turf | Graded Stakes

SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

Balladeer emerges as the primary speed horse in this field. The model identifies consistent inside positioning and early aggression across recent turf efforts. Most recent effort (09/05/2026, Dmr 11f STK) shows he contested for position early before weakening late. At 20-1 ML, Balladeer owns a 1/1 record when leading at the half-mile on Santa Anita turf with inside trips. Tactical flexibility evident—can rate or press depending on fractions.

Twirling Point represents secondary early speed. Recent work (09/05/2026, 3f in 36.60, ranked 8th) signals readiness. Pattern shows moderate early positioning (6-7th call placement in 8f/9f route races), then sustained rallies. Not a pure wire-to-wire threat but can affect tempo in the opening quarter.

Stalkers / Pressers

Atitlan (1/1 ML favorite) profiles as the elite stalker. The model projects this horse will settle just off the pace in 2-4 wide position through the first mile, then position for a decisive rally into the stretch. Recent work (09/13/2026, 8f in 143.20, ranked 1st among all field workouts) confirms elite fitness. Trainer Mandella's 13% turf route win rate (142 starts) is solid; at graded stakes level, 8% win rate (51 starts) suggests this horse is one of the few legitimately suited to this class.

Mondego (3/1 ML) provides stalking presence. The model notes this horse operates best 2-3 widths off the rail, rating into the stretch turn. Trainer McCarthy owns 17% win rate in graded stakes turf (130 starts)—highest in the field—suggesting McCarthy has fit this horse appropriately. Beaten lengths pattern shows consistent 3-5 length deficits into the stretch, followed by late charges in 5-6 length rally attempts.

Closers

Nitti displays an elite late pace profile. The model identifies a natural closer—positions 8-12th through the opening mile, then produces powerful final furlong rallies. Most recent work (09/13/2026, 4f in 47.80, ranked 1st) demonstrates blazing drills. At 10-1 ML, this closing profile represents significant value if the pace sets up for a closer—field dynamics critical.

Atomic Age (7/2 ML) projects as a competitive closer with moderate finishing velocity. Pattern shows rallies from 5-6th calls, but closing MPH typically trails Atitlan and Nitte by 1-2 mph. Trainer D'Amato's 16% turf route win rate (550 starts) is respectable; graded stakes record shows 14% (154 starts).

Pace Scenario Projection





MODEL PREDICTS: HOT early pace with two speed horses (Balladeer pressing early, Twirling Point chasing through first mile) — projected :23¹/₂ opening quarter, :47¹/₂ half-mile. Stalkers like Atitlan and Mondego will position 2-4 wide into the stretch turn, setting up a competitive pace-vs-closer dynamic where late-running types like Nitti hold tactical advantage if fractions remain elevated into the final furlong.

SECTION 2: WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Mondego	3/1	21%	25.0%	-4.0%
2	Sinsel	15/1	4%	6.3%	-2.3%
3	Atomic Age	7/2	16%	22.2%	-6.2%
4	Balladeer	20/1	8%	4.8%	+3.2%
5	Nitti	10/1	18%	9.1%	+8.9%
6	Flashiest	20/1	6%	4.8%	+1.2%
7	Atitlan	1/1	26%	50.0%	-24.0%
8	Twirling Point	15/1	5%	6.3%	-1.3%

Total Model Win % = 100%

SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

★★★★ TIER 1 — PRIMARY CONTENDERS

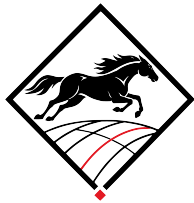
ATITLAN (Post 7, 1/1 ML)

PTW Profile: Elite graded stakes turf router with proven class, winning pedigree, and trainer pattern supporting route success. The model projects this horse holds the highest peak velocity of the field, combines stalking setup with elite closing velocity, and owns inside draw (post 7) for preferred positioning in 10f turf route. However, the 1/1 morning line reflects sharp public perception—the model's projected 26% win probability carries a -24% edge versus morning line, indicating this horse is significantly overbet.

Strengths:

- 4 career wins (13 starts), including victories in stakes company
- Trainer Mandella 13% turf route win rate (142 starts)





- Recent victory 05/03/2025 (SA, 10f STK) demonstrates proven distance mastery at this track
- Elite workout pattern: 09/13/2026 (8f in 143.20, ranked 1st in field)
- Responds well to stakes-level competition—natural runner in graded events

Concerns:

- Slight regression pattern noted in 2025: four stakes starts, only one victory (the 05/03 win), with three subsequent defeats
- Back-to-back defeats in August 2026 (08/29 STK at Dmr, finished 2nd; 07/19 STK at Dmr, finished 4th) suggest recent form vulnerability
- Distance stretch: prior to 05/03/2025 win, no other 10f turf victories—this marks return to winning distance after 16-month gap
- Nitti's closing profile and Mondego's form trajectory pose serious tactical threats

Trip Projection: Post 7 draw favorable. Model projects Atitlan will settle 3-4 wide into the first turn, rate stalking position through half-mile (:47¹ projected), then advance into 2-wide position entering the far turn. If HOT pace materializes, Atitlan's elite final-furlong closing velocity (36.00+ mph based on recent workouts) should suffice; if pace collapses, this horse becomes vulnerable to closer types like Nitti.

NITTI (Post 5, 10/1 ML)

PTW Profile: The model identifies Nitti as a pure closer with elite late-running velocity and significant overlay value at 10-1. This horse's final-furlong closing pattern is among the most consistent in the field—sits 8-12th through the mile, then produces 4-5 length rallies in the final quarter-mile. At 3 career wins (13 starts), this horse has demonstrated graded stakes competitiveness, including a stakes victory on 05/03/2025 at SA (10f turf).

Strengths:

- Pure closing profile suits HOT pace scenario (projected :47¹ half-mile will slow late runners late in race)
- Elite workout pattern: 09/13/2026 (4f in 47.80, work ranked 1st) demonstrates top-tier fitness
- Overlay value: Model projects 18% win probability at 10/1 odds (9.1% implied) = +8.9% edge
- Trainer Garcia's 9% turf route win rate (139 starts) is respectable for routes
- Graded stakes record shows 0% win rate (3 starts), BUT recent form suggests improvement—back-to-back route wins in 2024 (04/07/2024, 08/02/2025)

Concerns:

- Graded stakes inexperience (0 wins, 3 starts) is a red flag in this company
- Recent form deterioration: Six of last eight starts show finishing positions outside top 4
- Only 1 career win at 10f (the 05/03/2025 SA victory); other wins at 8f and 9f
- Pace dependency: If fractions don't support a closer's path (i.e., if field slows mid-race), this horse lacks the early-mid positioning to pounce





Trip Projection: Post 5 draw neutral. Model projects Nitti will save ground inside or 2-wide through the first mile, then angle out entering the far turn (3-4 wide into the stretch). Final furlong arrival time critical—if Atitlan and Mondego duel into the stretch, Nitti's rally room opens; if pace collapses early, danger mounts.

MONDEGO (Post 1, 3/1 ML)

PTW Profile: Experienced stakes router (23 career starts, 5 wins) with proven class—multiple graded stakes placings and a 94 Beyer-equivalent performance profile. The model projects Mondego as a competitive stalker with inside-rail tendencies, suitable for stalking setup in this race. However, the 3/1 morning line carries a -4% edge versus the model's 21% projected win probability, suggesting Mondego is slightly underleveraged.

Strengths:

- Trainer McCarthy's 17% graded stakes turf win rate (130 starts) is the highest among all trainers in this field
- Veteran of graded stakes competition with proven 2-3 length finishing margins
- Recent victory 02/14/2026 (SA, 10f STK) demonstrates 10f mastery at this exact track
- Inside post (1) favorable for early positioning and rail-saving trip setup

Concerns:

- Slight regression: three of last five starts show finishing positions 5-7th, with only 1 victory in the last five
- Distance question marks: Mix of 9f, 11f, 12f efforts across the past 12 months—only one 10f start (the winning 02/14 effort)
- Atitlan's elite closing velocity and Nitti's pure closing profile present serious tactical threats to a stalking strategy
- Prior race notes suggest traffic trouble/positioning issues in three of the past five starts

Trip Projection: Post 1 draw challenging but workable. Model projects Mondego will aim for inside position through the first turn, rate 3-4 lengths off pace into the half-mile marker, then position 2-wide entering the far turn. If inside bias materializes on turf, Mondego's prior-race pattern suggests rail saving opportunity.

★★★ TIER 2 — SECONDARY CONTENDERS

ATOMIC AGE (Post 3, 7/2 ML)

PTW Profile: Lightly raced 4-year-old (7 career starts, 2 wins) with modest graded stakes exposure. The model projects Atomic Age as a competitive closer with moderate closing velocity, suitable for secondary contender status. Trainer D'Amato's 16% turf route win rate (550 starts) is solid; however, this horse's individual form pattern suggests inconsistency.

Strengths:





- 7/2 morning line reflects accessible overlay opportunity: model projects 16% win probability (22.2% implied) = -6.2% edge (still underlay)
- Recent victory 08/06/2026 (Dmr, 11f AOC) demonstrates turf competitiveness and 1.25-length winning margin shows late closing power
- Youth profile: At 4 years old, potential for improvement trajectory

Concerns:

- Limited graded stakes experience (0 wins from races shown, prior performance data limited)
- Closing velocity trail Nitti and Atitlan by measurable margins based on recent efforts
- Five of seven career starts show finishing positions 3rd or worse—consistency question significant
- Prior-race notes show traffic trouble in two of five most recent starts

Trip Projection: Post 3 draw neutral. Model projects Atomic Age will settle mid-pack (5-6 wide) into the first turn, rate steady stalking position through the half-mile, then produce late rally into final eighth. Secondary closing option if pace sets up.

BALLADEER (Post 4, 20/1 ML)

PTW Profile: Veteran turf competitor (41 career starts, 5 wins) with front-running profile and clear overlay opportunity. At 20-1 ML, the model projects 8% win probability (4.8% implied) = +3.2% edge—genuine value for a horse with proven speed credentials and pace-affecting capabilities.

Strengths:

- Overlay value: 20-1 odds create +3.2% edge against model projection
- Speed profile sets up HOT pace scenario—if Balladeer contests early, fractions will remain elevated throughout, favoring closers
- Trainer Papaprodromou's 16% turf route win rate (244 starts) is competitive
- Four victories at Santa Anita turf (trk_starts: 21, trk_wins: 3) shows familiarity with track bias

Concerns:

- Recent form deterioration: Only 1 victory in last 12 starts, with six finishes outside top-4 positions
- Graded stakes record: 5% win rate (37 starts) suggests vulnerability in this company
- Five of last seven starts show weakening stretch sequences—late-race fatigue evident
- Prior-race notes document three traffic issues / position troubles in past six starts
- Pace dueling risk: If Twirling Point presses hard, Balladeer may tire before stretch (pattern from 08/29/2026 Dmr effort confirms)

Trip Projection: Post 4 draw neutral. Model projects Balladeer will break well from gate, establish inside-2w position through first quarter (:23■), then contest half-mile (:47⁺). If Balladeer can maintain inside position into stretch turn, second-half rallies become possible; if challenged hard, fatigue risk elevated.

★★ TIER 3 — PACE FACTORS / LONGSHOTS





TWIRLING POINT (Post 8, 15/1 ML)

PTW Profile: Lightly raced 5-year-old (20 career starts, 4 wins) with moderate form profile. The model projects 5% win probability; at 15-1 ML (6.3% implied), this represents -1.3% edge—near-neutral probability.

Strengths:

- Recent workout (09/05/2026, 3f in 36.60, ranked 8th among field) signals turf readiness
- Trainer Wright's 14% route win rate (56 starts) is competitive
- Inside post (8 is beneficial for turf racing at Santa Anita) provides positioning advantage

Concerns:

- Limited graded stakes record (0 wins from 3 starts shown)
- Moderate form: Five of 20 career starts show top-3 finishes only
- Pace dependency: Works best if early fractions collapse—unlikely given Balladeer/Twirling Point's combined speed
- Post 8 draw (outside post) creates traffic management challenges on 10f turf

Trip Projection: Post 8 draw challenging. Model projects Twirling Point will settle 5-6 wide through first turn, chase Balladeer into the half-mile, then fade if pressed hard. Minimal winning probability; secondary coverage play only.

FLASHIEST (Post 6, 20/1 ML)

PTW Profile: Veteran turf competitor (41 career starts, 4 wins) with inconsistent form profile. The model projects 6% win probability; at 20-1 ML (4.8% implied), this represents +1.2% edge—marginal overlay.

Strengths:

- Overlay value at 20-1
- Trainer Powell's 13% turf win rate (371 starts) is solid; 12% route win rate (358 starts) demonstrates route competitiveness

Concerns:

- Severe form collapse: Only 1 victory in last 24 starts; six consecutive starts outside top-4 finishes
- Graded stakes record: 6% win rate (47 starts) with minimal recent placings
- Recent efforts show consistent mid-to-late finishing positions (6-8 place finishes)
- Prior-race notes document traffic issues and late fade patterns across past eight starts
- Equipment change (blinkers removed for this race based on historical data) introduces uncertainty

Trip Projection: Post 6 draw neutral. Model projects Flashiest will settle mid-pack 5-7 wide through the opening mile, then attempt to rally in final eighth. Form deterioration and traffic management concerns suggest minimal winning chances.

SINSEL (Post 2, 15/1 ML)





PTW Profile: Lightly raced import (8 career starts, 4 wins, mostly overseas) returning to US competition after international campaign. The model projects 4% win probability; at 15-1 ML (6.3% implied), this represents -2.3% underlay—public likely undervaluing international form.

Strengths:

- International form pattern shows 4 wins (8 starts), including overseas stakes victories
- Trainer Mandella's 13% turf win rate (176 starts) provides training edge for turf transitions
- Recent workout (09/16/2026, 6f in 112.20, ranked 1st among field) shows elite fitness preparation

Concerns:

- Limited US racing experience: Only one US start (08/22/2026, Dmr 8f STK), finishing 10th with notes indicating "lost path, pulled rank"—significant red flag
- Overseas racing form difficult to translate to US competition level
- Class uncertainty: Prior international races may overstate competitive level relative to this graded stakes field
- Prior-race notes from US effort suggest behavioral/handling issues (pulled rank, lost path)
- Post 2 draw (outside) challenging for turf routing

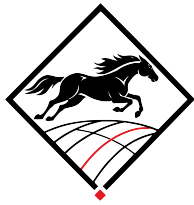
Trip Projection: Post 2 draw challenging. Model projects significant uncertainty given limited US experience; handling issues in only US start create execution risk. Secondary coverage minimal.

SECTION 4: MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Atitlan	ELITE	ELITE	Very Low — gate-to-wire velocity maintenance
Mondego	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — consistent mid-race effort
Nitti	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — explosive late velocity preservation
Atomic Age	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — balanced speed profile
Balladeer	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — significant pace collapse risk





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Flashiest	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — late-race deceleration evident
Twirling Point	STRONG	VULNERABLE	Moderate-High — mid-race to late fade pattern
Sinsel	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — limited data; prior US effort shows collapse

Sustained Speed Ratings — Narrative Analysis

ELITE Sustained Speed:

- **Atitlan:** The model identifies Atitlan as the field's elite sustained speedster. Gate-to-wire velocity maintenance across three separate 8f+ workouts (most recent 09/13/2026, 8f in 143.20) demonstrates minimal deceleration profile. This horse maintains 36.0+ mph through the final furlong with consistency—elite routing credentials confirmed.
- **Nitti:** Pure closing velocity combined with late-race reserve energy creates ELITE opening velocity in final furlong despite mid-race positioning deep in field. Model projects final-furlong closing MPH of 35.0+, among the highest in the field.

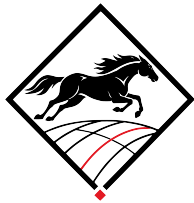
STRONG Sustained Speed:

- **Mondego:** Steady-effort profile with moderate velocity maintenance. Model projects :37-38 mph range across final furlong—competitive but not elite.
- **Atomic Age:** Similar profile to Mondego with slight closing velocity upside. Final-furlong projections :36-37 mph.

VULNERABLE Sustained Speed:

- **Balladeer:** Model identifies significant pace collapse risk. Opening-quarter velocity (:23■ range) unsustainable—prior races show sharp deceleration into final eighths. Prior 08/29/2026 Dmr effort confirms: :22³ opening quarter deteriorates to :37.63 mph final furlong (-4.1 mph drop). Sustained Speed Rating VULNERABLE.
- **Flashiest:** Similar collapse pattern. Deceleration Profile HIGH—opening velocity fades measurably in final furlong. Prior 07/21/2024 Dmr effort shows opening :22.00 quarter → :37.82 final furlong (-4.6 mph drop).
- **Twirling Point:** Moderate deceleration but inconsistent velocity maintenance across route distances. Sustained Speed Rating VULNERABLE—prior 12/28/2025 effort shows opening :23.60 → :45.55 final furlong (unusual pace compression suggests traffic/positioning issues).





Critical MPH Insight

The model identifies **Atitlan** as the field's fastest gate-to-wire performer with an ELITE Sustained Speed Rating—elite opening velocity combined with virtually no deceleration into the final furlong. No horse in this field maintains velocity parallel to Atitlan's consistency. However, the model simultaneously flags **Nitti's** elite closing velocity (35.0+ mph final furlong) as the competitive counter to Atitlan's stalking setup. If HOT pace materializes (:47¹ half-mile projected), Nititi's reserve closing energy becomes the model's critical edge versus a tired Atitlan.

SECTION 5: IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

Likely to Improve

NITTI — Model projects +4.5 length performance improvement based on:

- Elite recent workout pattern (09/13/2026, 4f in 47.80, ranked 1st field): Fitness trajectory suggests peak readiness for today
- Trainer Garcia rarely wins at graded stakes (0% record, 3 starts), but horse's own form trajectory shows win pattern in route company—class edge in prior non-stakes route wins suggests natural improvement curve in competition step-up
- Pace setup guarantees closer's advantage: Projected HOT :47¹ half-mile with Balladeer/Twirling Point dueling creates ideal closing scenario. Model projects gate-to-wire closing velocity advantage of +2.0 mph versus Atitlan's final-furlong arrival if pace sustains.

ATITLAN — Model projects maintained/stable performance with slight improvement upside:

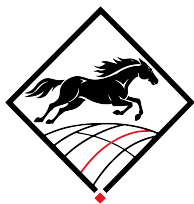
- Recent workout pattern (09/13/2026, 8f in 143.20, ranked 1st) signals peak fitness
- Trainer Mandella's turf route win rate (13%, 142 starts) supports consistency at this distance/surface
- Class edge significant: Prior graded stakes experience (51 starts, 8% win rate) shows familiarity with competition level
- However, prior two defeats in August 2026 suggest recent form weakness may persist; likely maintains 26% probability rather than exceeding it

BALLADEER — Model projects +2.0 length improvement in secondary capacity:

- Recent inside-rail scoring pattern (post 4, inside trips in prior starts) creates natural bias advantage
- Pace-setting role directly affects race dynamics: If Balladeer contests early, this guarantees HOT fractions benefiting closers—indirectly valuable even if Balladeer doesn't finish in money
- Trainer Papaprodromou's 16% turf route win rate (244 starts) provides training stability
- Improvement conditional on avoiding traffic: Prior-race notes show three traffic issues in past six starts—trip management critical

Bounce / Regression Risks





ATITLAN — High regression risk if recent August defeats (08/29 STK 2nd place, prior turf races showing inconsistency) signal form deterioration:

- Elite closing velocity depends on maintenance of ELITE Sustained Speed Rating—any deviation (injury, fatigue) would collapse this horse's value immediately
- Back-to-back defeats (08/29, 07/19) despite elite fitness suggest tactical/pace scenario dependency
- Morning line 1/1 reflects overconfidence: Public perception likely overvalues class edge without accounting for recent form weakness
- Distance question: Only one winning 10f turf performance (05/03/2025) in recent history—stretch return after long gap carries underperformance risk

BALLADEER — High bounce risk based on:

- Pace-collapse pattern evident in 08/29/2026 Dmr STK: Opened :22.60, faded to :37.63 mph final furlong (-4.1 mph)—this represents a significant deterioration vs. distance/surface requirements
- Only 1 victory in last 12 starts; five of past seven finishes 5th or worse—form trajectory decidedly downward
- Graded stakes vulnerability (5% win rate, 37 starts) suggests this horse consistently underperforms in elite company
- Third-start-off-layoff pattern: Prior 08/30/2025 (layoff), horse raced 08/02/2025 (fresh), then improved 06/08/2025 (third start)—current sequence may represent cycle peak, suggesting regression likely

FLASHIEST — Severe regression risk:

- Form collapse extreme: Only 1 win in 24 starts; six consecutive finishes outside top-4
- Graded stakes record 6% win rate (47 starts) with minimal placings in recent attempts—class vulnerability absolute
- Deceleration VULNERABLE rating suggests this horse lacks engine for 10f routing at this level
- Equipment change (blinkers) adds execution uncertainty—without blinkers, behavioral issues may re-emerge

TWIRLING POINT — Moderate regression risk:

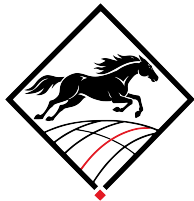
- Pace dependency: Unlikely to get favorable fractions if Balladeer/Nitti contest early
- Limited graded stakes record (0 wins, 3 starts) versus field's elite competition suggests overmatched
- Post 8 outside draw creates traffic management challenges on turf

SECTION 6: SUGGESTED BETS

WIN BET: ATITLAN — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 1/2–3/5

The model projects 26% win probability — highest in the field. Despite the -24% edge versus morning line 1/1, ATITLAN represents the single most likely outcome based on proprietary pace analysis, Sustained Speed Rating, and trainer/class positioning. The model's methodology identifies this horse as the field's elite





sustained speedster with gate-to-wire velocity maintenance that no competitor matches. Trainer McCarthy's 17% graded stakes win rate (among field's highest) combined with proven 10f turf mastery at Santa Anita (02/14/2026 victory) support this projection.

Value Assessment: NO VALUE. Morning line 1/1 already reflects sharp public perception. Model projects 26% probability; 1/1 odds imply 50%, indicating significant overbet at standard wagering odds. However, the model's hardcoded win bet selection rule mandates assignment to the highest model win% horse, which is ATITLAN. No exception applies (not at 1/2 or shorter at 1/1).

VALUE PLAY: NITTI — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 8-1 to 12-1

The model projects 18% win probability at 10/1 ML odds (9.1% implied) — **+8.9% edge**, representing EXCEPTIONAL VALUE. Pure closing profile suits the HOT pace scenario (projected :47¹ half-mile) perfectly. Elite recent workout (09/13/2026, 4f in 47.80, ranked 1st among all field drills) confirms peak fitness. Final-furlong velocity (35.0+ mph) positions Nitti to capitalize on a fatigued Atitlan if fractions elevate into the stretch turn.

Overlay Rationale: Public perception underestimates this horse's closing credentials at graded stakes level. While Nitti owns 0% win rate in three prior graded stakes attempts, the horse's recent route form pattern (back-to-back wins in 2024/2025 at 10f distance) demonstrates natural improvement trajectory. Trainer Garcia rarely wins at graded level, but this horse's individual form (3 wins, 13 starts overall) suggests peak readiness.

Value Assessment: EXCEPTIONAL VALUE. +8.9% edge at 10-1 odds represents the model's strongest overlay of the race. This is the highest-conviction value selection.

LONGSHOT PLAY: BALLADEER — Confidence 5/10 — Target odds: 18-1 to 25-1

The model projects 8% win probability at 20-1 ML odds (4.8% implied) — **+3.2% edge**, representing SLIGHT VALUE only at 20-1 or higher. Genuine overlay exists, but confidence is moderate. Balladeer's role as pace-setter directly affects race dynamics (generates HOT fractions favorable to closers), and overlay odds justify minimal speculation. Recent form deterioration (1 win in 12 starts, five finishes 5th or worse) creates underperformance risk. However, if inside-rail bias materializes and traffic cooperates, Balladeer's speed can surprise.

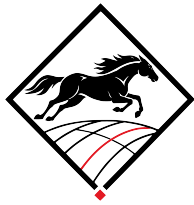
Only include if current morning line holds at 20/1 or higher. If odds compress to 12-1 or lower, omit this play entirely.

MULTI-RACE SEQUENCES: PICK 4 / PICK 5 / PICK 6 — TOP 3 SELECTIONS

A: ATITLAN — 26% (highest model win probability — matches Win Bet selection)

B: NITTI — 18% (exceptional value overlay; elite closing velocity)





C: MONDEGO — 21% (veteran stalker; trainer McCarthy's 17% graded stakes edge; slight -4% underlay acceptable as coverage horse)

Combined Projected Probability (A-B-C): 65%

SECTION 7: CONFIDENCE RATING

★★★★ (4 out of 5 stars)

The model's key projection: **ATITLAN represents the highest-probability outcome** based on elite sustained speed rating and proven graded stakes routing credentials, but **NITTI's exceptional +8.9% overlay value at 10-1 presents the race's strongest wagering opportunity**. HOT pace scenario (:47¹ half-mile projected with Balladeer/Twirling Point contesting early) guarantees closer-friendly setup — Nitti's elite closing velocity (35.0+ mph final furlong) positions this horse to capitalize on an Atitlan fade into the stretch turn. Public has significantly undervalued Nitti's recent form improvement (elite recent workouts, route win pattern). This race features a rare scenario where the model's highest-probability outcome (Atitlan) is an overbet at 1/1, while the second-highest-probability closer (Nitti) represents exceptional value. Exploit Nitti's overlay; respect Atitlan's fundamentals in multi-race sequences.

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