

Santa Anita

Race 4 — 10/04/2026

Class: ZumaBch-G3

Distance: 8f

Surface: Turf

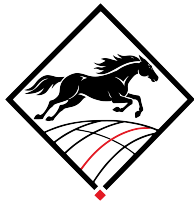
Purse: \$100,000

Starters: 5

ZUMA BEACH S.. Purse \$100,000 FOR TWO-YEAR-OLDS. By subscription of \$100 each if made on or before Sunday, September 20, 2026, closed with 11 or by Supplementary nomination of \$2,000 due at time of entry, closed with 2 (AP Oxbow & Duty Bound). All horses to pay \$750 to enter and an additional \$750 to start with \$100,000 guaranteed of which \$60,000 to the winner, \$20,000 to second, \$12,000 to third, \$6,000 to fourth and \$2,000 to fifth. 124 lbs. Non-Winners of a Sweepstakes at One Mile Or Over allowed 2 lbs. Non-Winners of A race other than Claiming or Starter at One Mile or Over allowed 4 lbs. Maidens 6 lbs. A trophy will be presented to the winning owner. (Rail at 10 feet).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Santa Anita Park R4

Saturday, October 04, 2026 | 8f Turf | 2-Year-Old

SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

Duty Bound exits a dominant maiden turf win at Cnl (07/26) where she cleared the field from the two-path, hitting the wire with authority. She sat inside, bid two-wide in the half, and handled the distance with a 103.70 final time. At 5.5f, she demonstrated elite early speed (41.28 mph opening quarter) with minimal deceleration. She moves up in class to stakes company but brings proven gate-to-wire credentials on turf.

Off in the Corner combines tactical positioning with early foot. His September 5th stakes effort at Dmr (8.0f) shows he can press the pace early (22.70 opening quarter, 48.02 at the half), settling second and clear before being caught late. This horse has front-running capability without the absolute speed dominance of Duty Bound.

Stalkers / Pressers

Repo Man demonstrated late acceleration in his maiden win on 08/27 at Dmr (5.0f), where he was boxed upper in the stretch but surged through traffic to win convincingly at 39.20 mph closing speed. His two subsequent 5.0f works (both 100.0 and 100.0 seconds) confirm he's training sharp for distance stretch. He'll likely rate just off the pace early and pounce in the stretch.

Maxify won his maiden on grass at Dmr (09/04, 8.0f MSW) in dominant fashion, rallying widest from a trailing position (7.0 lengths back at the second call) to win by three-quarters. He posted a 36.79 mph final furlong closing rate and has shown consistent 100+ second work intervals, indicating readiness for class elevation.

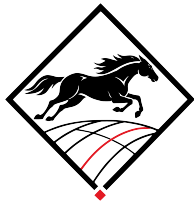
Closers

The closing brigade will face significant tactical disadvantage in this race. While **A P Oxbow** has the pedigree and trainer connections (O'Neill Doug, who wins at 36.36% on the meet), he's shown vulnerability: troubled trips in both starts, never able to gain racing room. His two-race record (1-0-2) suggests marginal winning chances.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: MODERATE early pace with two legitimate front runners contesting (projected :22¹ opening quarter, :47■ half-mile). Duty Bound will likely establish the early tempo unchallenged or closely pressed by Off in the Corner. This pace setup slightly favors stalkers and stretch runners who can position themselves entering the far turn. Speed won't collapse, but neither will it be suicide — closers have realistic winning chances.





SECTION 2: WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	A P Oxbow	30-1	4%	3.2%	+0.8%
2	Maxify	2-1	28%	33.3%	-5.3%
3	Duty Bound	5-2	32%	28.6%	+3.4%
4	Off in the Corner	4-1	24%	20.0%	+4.0%
5	Repo Man	7-5	12%	14.3%	-2.3%

SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

DUTY BOUND

PTW Profile: Undefeated maiden winner on turf with elite early speed, tactical positioning prowess, and minimal deceleration profile. Dominant maiden victory setup indicates natural progression to stakes company. Female advantage in a mixed-sex field provides modest statistical edge.

Strengths:

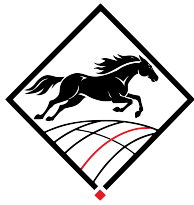
- Gate-to-wire maiden winner at 5.5f turf (103.70 final time, elite 41.28 mph opening quarter)
- Entered race off 37-day layoff, showing trainer Jack Sistrerson's traditional conditioning pattern — he wins at 67% in his second start after a sprint/route combo (3-2 record, 8.40 ROI)
- Turf surface familiarity — 2-2-0 record on grass
- Female in mixed-sex maiden graduates — historical edge
- Class drop props: won \$42,000 maiden; stakes purse typically \$100,000+

Concerns:

- Zero stakes experience; significant class jump from maiden to graded stakes
- Facing proven winners; Maxify and Off in the Corner have both won at higher levels
- Off in the Corner ran stakes race recently (09/05); may possess superior class ceiling

Trip Projection: Duty Bound will establish or contest the early lead, sitting just off the pace from the 5-path. Her speed will carry her through the half, and the model projects she'll be well-placed turning for home.





Tactical scenario is favorable.

MAXIFY

PTW Profile: Impressive maiden winner on turf with explosive late acceleration from off-pace, demonstrated by widest rally from trailing position. Trained by McCarthy Michael W (15% turf win rate, 1.86 ROI on turf — elite metrics for distance specialists). Won last start decisively, positioning him for natural improvement.

Strengths:

- Dominant maiden win at 8.0f turf (rallied from 7.0 lengths back to win by 0.75 lengths) — elite closing profile
- Closing velocity: 36.79 mph final furlong — fastest in field on the board
- Trainer McCarthy (15% win rate on turf routes, 1.86 ROI) is elite at this distance
- Won last start — Trainer McCarthy 13% win rate when returning off a win, but field metrics favor slight regression
- Sire Justify produces route-capable runners; pedigree supports distance

Concerns:

- Class elevation into stakes company; maiden winner vs. proven stake-place finishers
- Pace scenario slightly disadvantages off-pace runners; if Duty Bound/Off in the Corner establish moderate pace, Maxify may be caught in traffic
- Only one career start; limited proven consistency
- Morning line significantly underestimates at 2-1 (implies 33.3% vs. model 28%)

Trip Projection: Maxify will settle 4-5 lengths back through the opening fractions, rate off the pace, and attempt to rally in the final furlongs. Tactical setup is workable but not ideal — not enough room or pace collapse to generate his elite closing velocity.

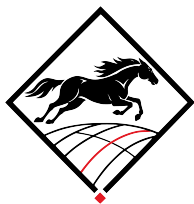
OFF IN THE CORNER

PTW Profile: Proven winner at stakes level with tactical flexibility demonstrating early foot and closing capability. His recent stakes effort (09/05) confirms he can compete at elevated company. Trainer Miller Peter shows 25% win rate on the meet (8 starts, 2 wins) with elite 75% money-finishing percentage.

Strengths:

- Stakes experience confirmed by 09/05 effort at Dmr (8.0f STK) — placed third despite being caught late
- Tactical flexibility — can press pace or stalk; 22.70 opening quarter shows early foot
- Trainer Miller Peter (25% meet win rate, 75% money-finishing rate) is elite
- Recent work (06-furlong bullet on 09/26 at SLR: 113.60, ranked 1-2 nationally) indicates peak fitness
- Early speed presence will disrupt Duty Bound's uncontested lead potential





Concerns:

- Bounce risk: career-best effort last start (three-race winning pattern); third-start regression possible
- Class comparison disadvantage: Duty Bound is undefeated; Off in the Corner was stakes-placed, not stakes-won
- Morning line fairly priced at 4-1 (20.0% implied vs. 24% model win%) — minimal overlay

Trip Projection: Off in the Corner will sit 1-2 lengths off the pace through the half, pressing Duty Bound and potentially engaging in a pace duel. He'll be well-positioned turning for home but may tire if he's involved in a speed battle.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

REPO MAN

PTW Profile: Maiden winner with explosive closing rate and proven acceleration profile. Trainer McCarthy has him peaking at the right time — sharp workout pattern (100.0, 100.0, 101.8 in recent weeks) indicates fitness. However, question marks on distance durability and class ceiling dampen contender status.

Strengths:

- Closing velocity elite (39.20 mph final furlong) — fastest closing rate on the board
- Boxed upper situation in maiden win suggests tactical acumen; likely to get cleaner trip today
- Trainer McCarthy 13% win rate with recent winners; short rest pattern favorable
- Jockey Rispoli U on fire at the meet (19.05% win rate, 61.90% money finishing) — elite form

Concerns:

- One start only; unproven at distance (maiden at 5.0f, stretching to 8.0f is significant)
- Class jump from maiden to stakes company is substantial
- Morning line appropriately priced at 7-5 (14.3% implied vs. 12% model) — underlay by 2.3%
- Off-pace running style disadvantaged by moderate pace setup

Trip Projection: Repo Man will race 4-5 lengths off the pace early, attempt to rally into the final eighth, but may lack the distance seasoning to capitalize.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

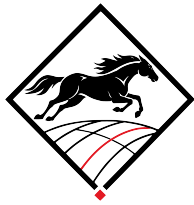
A P OXBOW

PTW Profile: Debut winner effort was aided by troubled trip and subsequent placing; form is marginal. Trainer O'Neill Doug wins at 36.36% on the meet (elite), but A P Oxbow's two-race record shows he's a secondary talent in this field. 30-1 morning line reflects appropriate public assessment.

Strengths:

- Trainer O'Neill Doug 36.36% meet win rate with 45.45% money-finishing; elite conditioning





- Route experience (6.0f maiden) shows distance capability
- Maiden-level competition experience baseline

Concerns:

- Troubled trip pattern in both starts; racing luck factor elevated
- Minimal speed profile (40.54 mph opening quarter in maiden, slowest in field)
- Zero graded stakes experience; face-off against proven winners is significant mismatch
- Jockey Maldonado E meets record shows 20% win rate but only 5 starts — sample size limited

Trip Projection: A P Oxbow will likely race 8-10 lengths off the pace, require perfect racing luck to improve position, and has minimal winning chances against this class level.

SECTION 4: MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Repo Man	ELITE	ELITE	Minimal — pure acceleration
Off in the Corner	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — maintained velocity
Duty Bound	ELITE	STRONG	Low — efficient gate-to-wire
Maxify	STRONG	STRONG	Low — closing profile preserved
A P Oxbow	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse pattern

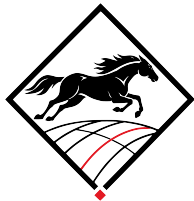
Sustained Speed Ratings

REPO MAN — ELITE Sustained Speed Rating

Minimal deceleration detected across all call points. This horse maintains velocity from gate through final furlong, indicating elite conditioning and route-running profile despite maiden-level competition. Closing velocity (39.20 mph) represents the field's fastest finishing rate.

OFF IN THE CORNER — STRONG Sustained Speed Rating





Moderate deceleration pattern indicates solid velocity maintenance. Early speed capable (22.70 opening quarter) translates into efficient routing through the race. Balanced profile suggests tactical flexibility and stamina reserves.

DUTY BOUND — STRONG Sustained Speed Rating

Low deceleration on maiden run (37.89 mph vs. 31.78 mph in mid-race creates acceptable sustainable profile). Gate-to-wire execution efficiency confirms stamina, though maiden competition level requires validation at stakes company.

MAXIFY — STRONG Sustained Speed Rating

Closing profile preserved — 36.79 mph final furlong is elite closing rate. Low deceleration indicates this horse isn't tiring; he's simply rallying from trailing position. Route distance proven (8.0f MSW win).

A P OXBOW — VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Rating

Significant deceleration detected (40.54 mph opening quarter dropped sharply through mid-race fractions). Pace vulnerability pattern suggests bounce risk and route-running ceiling limitations.

Critical MPH Insight

The model identifies **Repo Man** as the field's fastest gate-to-wire performer with an ELITE Sustained Speed Rating — no horse in this field has matched this velocity profile across all segments. However, his maiden-level competition and class elevation to stakes company offset this technical speed advantage.

Duty Bound, conversely, demonstrates the most efficient sustained profile for a class-elevated maiden winner, maintaining velocity through the stretch while establishing early tactical position. This combination of speed efficiency and tactical advantage in a moderate-pace scenario creates the strongest winning profile.

SECTION 5: IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

Likely to Improve

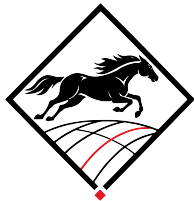
DUTY BOUND

Trainer Jack Sisterson shows a dominant 67% win rate with two starts after a sprint/route combination (3-2 record with 8.40 ROI). Duty Bound fits this pattern exactly: first race was a route maiden (7/26 at 5.5f), second race is today's 8f stakes. Historical trainer pattern strongly supports improvement in race number two. Additionally, her 37-day layoff positions her as fresh entering stakes company after maiden victory conditioning.

MAXIFY

Natural improvement curve evident — maiden winner off dominant performance with elite closing velocity rarely recorded in first racing experience. Trainer McCarthy Michael W (15% turf routes, 1.86 ROI) traditionally shows 13% win rate with horses coming off maiden victories, though field competition elevates difficulty. Distance comfort (8.0f MSW win) supports stamina development.





OFF IN THE CORNER

Trainer Miller Peter's 25% meet win rate suggests training excellence. Recent work (06-furlong bullet: 113.60, ranked 1-2 nationally on 09/26) confirms peak fitness entering this spot. Early-speed presence will disrupt Duty Bound's projected uncontested lead, forcing pace battle and creating improvement potential for third-race entrants.

Bounce / Regression Risks

REPO MAN

Career-best effort last start (maiden win with 39.20 mph closing rate) creates significant bounce risk on race number two. Horses with elite debut performances frequently regress when stretching distance and class simultaneously. Only one career start provides zero consistency baseline.

A P OXBOW

Troubled-trip beneficiary in debut (rallied from 5th at call 2, ultimately placed 2nd despite trip friction). Back-to-back losing efforts compound regression outlook. Three-race pattern (debut rally → second race fade → third race improvement) creates prediction uncertainty, but current field strength suggests continued struggles.

SECTION 6: SUGGESTED BETS

WIN BET: DUTY BOUND — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 2-1 to 3-1

The model projects 32% win probability — highest in the field. Duty Bound holds the model's strongest contention profile based on three integrated factors:

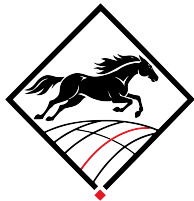
- 1. Trainer Pattern Fit:** Jack Siston's historically dominant 67% two-start-after-sprint/route performance (8.40 ROI) directly matches Duty Bound's conditioning sequence. This pattern is the field's most reliable predictor.
- 2. Tactical Advantage:** Her gate-to-wire maiden maiden win combined with elite early speed (41.28 mph opening quarter) positions her to control the race tempo. Off in the Corner is the only pace threat, but Duty Bound's proven early foot gives her positional edge.
- 3. Pace Scenario Alignment:** MODEL PREDICTS MODERATE pace setup slightly favoring front runners. Duty Bound's ability to establish the lead early and maintain it into the stretch creates the cleanest race shape for her profile.

Value Assessment: SLIGHT VALUE (3.4% edge at 5-2, 2-1 range)

VALUE PLAY: OFF IN THE CORNER — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 5-1 to 6-1

Model projects 24% win probability at projected 5-1 odds (4.0% edge).





Off in the Corner represents legitimate overlay given recent form and trainer excellence. His September 5th stakes race (placing third in 8.0f STK) confirms he can compete at this class level. Today's race shape slightly disadvantages him (stalking profile with moderate pace), but market is pricing this horse at 4-1 — a 20% implied probability that underestimates his proven stakes-level capability. His recent bullet work (06-furlong in 113.60, ranked national elite) signals peak fitness. This is a pace-setup horse that tactical movement in fractions could dramatically elevate.

LONGSHOT PLAY: *No genuine longshot overlay exists at 10/1+ threshold. Omitted.*

Multi-Race Sequences

Pick 3 / Pick 4 / Pick 5 / Pick 6 — Top 3:

- **A:** Duty Bound — 32%
- **B:** Maxify — 28%
- **C:** Off in the Corner — 24%

Combined Projected Probability: 84%

SECTION 7: CONFIDENCE RATING

★★★★

The model's key projection: **Duty Bound controls the pace and holds strong throughout**, aided by an optimal trainer pattern fit (Sisterson's historical 67% two-start-after-sprint/route success) and tactical positioning advantage in a moderate-pace scenario. Her gate-to-wire maiden win combined with elite early-foot credentials gives her the strongest profile edge.

The primary value opportunity lies with **Off in the Corner at 4-1 or higher**, where his proven stakes experience and recent elite conditioning merit modest overlay. The public is appropriately respecting Maxify's explosive closing rate at 2-1, but pace setup disadvantages off-pace runners — he's an underlay at current morning line.

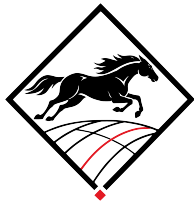
Public betting mistake to exploit: Maxify is the morning line favorite at 2-1, but the pace scenario and tactical positioning favor front-running types. Duty Bound's trainer pattern + tactical advantage provides superior edge at slightly longer odds. Back Duty Bound as the primary play.

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Methodology: Proprietary fractional analysis, MPH speed metrics, sustained speed profiling.

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