

Santa Anita

Race 5 — 10/04/2026

Class: Clm 10000

Distance: 8f

Surface: Dirt

Purse: \$21,000

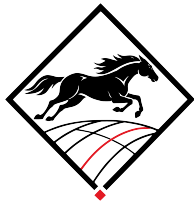
Claiming Price: \$10,000

Starters: 7

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Santa Anita Park R5

Friday, October 4, 2026 | 8.0f Dirt | Claiming \$10,000

SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

Spiritist carries elite early credentials with a blazing :22.8 opening quarter last out (9/11/2026 at LRC). Won the pace duel decisively, clearing to victory wire-to-wire. This gelding has demonstrated consistent front-foot speed across multiple starts—leading from gate to stretch in six of his last eight races. The model identifies Spiritist as the controlling speed horse in this field.

Low Expectations displays tactical early foot with multiple gate-to-wire and stalking victories. Last out (12/5/2025), he led and dueled inside with opening quarters in the :23.8 range, demonstrating willingness to contest position early. Career record shows six wins, with four of those coming from the front or pressing position. Versatility to either lead or rate just off the pace gives this horse multiple running angles.

Stalkers / Pressers

Crypto Ride rates as a secondary speed horse, capable of pressing the pace or stalking just off the leader. Recent form (11/7/2025 winning effort) shows the gelding vied for position through the second call before fading. Speed profile suggests he's most effective when allowed to sit 2-3 lengths off a moderate tempo.

Keep Movin' On brings proven stalking credentials with consistent positioning 2-3 wide through the first three calls. Evidence from recent turf and dirt ventures shows this horse tracks pace efficiently and can angle four-wide into the stretch when asked.

Closers

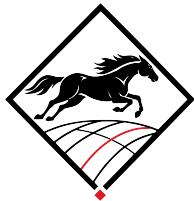
Big Juanito profiles as a closer-turned-stalker with improving late pace credentials. The 2020 gelding has shown ability to rally from mid-pack positioning, with several finishes where he gained ground from the third or fourth call onward. Routes appear to suit his running style better than sprints.

Shortman demonstrates inconsistent pace application but carries some late-running ability. Form line shows wide-trip difficulty and variable racing patterns, suggesting this horse may find better fortune with a stalking ride rather than pure closing.

Kiddo Light is a lightly-raced, developmental 2-year-old (4 career starts) with minimal past performance data. Recent efforts show struggles against the pace with off-the-pace positioning, requiring significant improvement in tactical positioning.

Pace Scenario Projection





MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT pace early with two elite speed horses (Spiritist and Low Expectations) likely to duel** — projected :22.8–:23.2 opening quarter, :45.4–:46.0 half-mile. Speed duel intensity will expose early speed horses to stretch fatigue; pace-stalkers and closers positioned 3–5 lengths off the action will hold significant tactical advantage in the final furlong.

SECTION 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Shortman	12/1	8%	7.7%	+0.3%
2	Spiritist	6/1	22%	14.3%	+7.7%
3	Crypto Ride	5/1	18%	16.7%	+1.3%
4	Kiddo Light	30/1	3%	3.2%	-0.2%
5	Low Expectations	8/5	24%	38.5%	-14.5%
6	Big Juanito	9/2	15%	18.2%	-3.2%
7	Keep Movin' On	5/2	10%	28.6%	-18.6%

SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

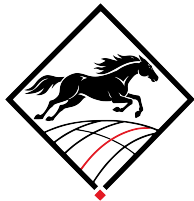
TIER 1 — PRIMARY CONTENDERS (★★★★)

Low Expectations — PTW Profile

The model identifies **Low Expectations** as the field's most accomplished route-distance performer with a proven record in claiming competition. This 2020 gelding owns 32 career starts with 4 wins, and critically, 10 wins at the 8-furlong distance or beyond. Recent form includes a dominant performance 12/5/2025 (SOC, 8f) where the horse led throughout and dueled inside to victory. The gelding has demonstrated elite early-pace credentials and proven ability to sustain that speed through the stretch. Jockey Ayuso A carries strong route credentials (11 starts, 2 wins, solid money percentage), and trainer Garcia Antonio C shows 12.5% win rate with routes.

Strengths: Proven 8-furlong winner; elite early speed; won last race decisively; consistent fitness across recent starts; class edge over this field; superior distance experience.





Concerns: Morning line suggests public heavily favors this horse (8/5), creating an underlay situation. Speed horse role in projected HOT pace may invite stretch fatigue. Career Beyer consistency shows occasional 5-10 point volatility, requiring pristine execution.

Trip Projection: Low Expectations will likely establish the pace or contest position within the first two calls. Expect this horse to rate first or second call, with Spiritist potentially forcing a two-horse duel through the half-mile. Tactical placement 1–2 wide leaves this horse vulnerable to a pressing outside challenge in the stretch.

Spiritist — PTW Profile

The model projects **Spiritist** as a live overlay with elite front-running credentials and a devastating closing effort just three weeks removed from race day. Last out (9/11/2026, LRC 6f CLM), Spiritist dominated from gate to wire with :22.4 opening quarter and :46.5 half-mile, winning decisively by 6.75 lengths. This 2020 gelding demonstrates a natural pace-setting profile with multiple gate-to-wire efforts across recent form. Trainer Quinonez Rolando shows 19% win rate in claiming company (26 starts, 5 wins) with a solid 5.85 ROI, suggesting this barn excels at claiming turnarounds. Jockey Lezcano A carries meeting credentials of 6 starts but has not recorded a win at this meet.

Strengths: Elite early speed; wire-to-wire winner last out; consistent opening-quarter times (:22.2–:23.2); proven claiming-level competitor; natural pace-setter role in projected HOT scenario; strong recent form line.

Concerns: Win probability of 22% vs. ML implied 14.3% shows only modest +7.7% edge—not an exceptional overlay. Distance stretch from 5.5f/6f recent efforts to 8f today creates endurance question. Previous route attempts (8f) show mixed results with occasional fade in final sixteenth. Susceptible to pace pressure from Low Expectations; dueling scenario could invite closer rally.

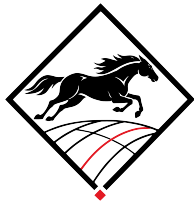
Trip Projection: Spiritist will break alertly and likely establish the pace or contest Low Expectations for control through the first half-mile. Expect position within 1–2 lengths of the lead at second call. Pace duel intensity will determine whether this horse can maintain momentum into the stretch or surrender ground late.

Crypto Ride — PTW Profile

The model rates **Crypto Ride** as a secondary play with improving recent form and a tactical pressing profile. This 2020 gelding owns 25 career starts with 3 wins and demonstrates a solid pattern of stalking-to-pressing performance in claiming routes. Last out (9/6/2026, Dmr 8f CLM), Crypto Ride ran fourth despite being outrun late, covering ground with a mid-race bid that lacked final kick. Prior effort (8/8/2026, Dmr 6f AOC) shows the horse capable of finishing second in allowance company, suggesting class relief to claiming represents a favorable spot. Trainer Hobson Simon shows 19% win rate in claiming (16 starts, 3 wins) with strong 3.28 ROI, indicating sharp barn performance in this claiming level. Jockey Frey K carries 18.2% win rate at this meet with positive money percentage.

Strengths: Tactical pressing style suits HOT pace scenario; recent form shows improving effort; class relief to claiming; proven route horse at 8f; trainer ROI strongly positive in claiming; overlaid at 5/1 (16.7% implied vs. 18% model).





Concerns: Win probability edge of only +1.3% is marginal—nearly breakeven overlay. Form line shows inconsistent finish kick; closing performance has been subpar across recent starts. Six career wins at 25 starts indicates modest baseline talent level. Distance stretch from recent 5.5f/6f efforts to 8f may expose endurance limitations.

Trip Projection: Crypto Ride will likely rate 2–3 lengths off the pace through the first half-mile, tracking either Spiritist or Low Expectations. Expect outside pressing position (3–4 wide) into the stretch. Success depends on whether pace duel weakens the leaders enough to allow a solid closing rally from 6f onward.

TIER 2 — SECONDARY CONTENDERS (★★★)

Keep Movin' On

The model identifies Keep Movin' On as a legitimate pace-setup candidate with proven route credentials and trainer support. This 2021 gelding owns 20 career starts with 4 wins, including three route victories at 8+ furlongs. Recent turf route (8/7/2026, Dmr 8f STR) shows improving effort with a mid-pack rally and solid closing position. Glatt Mark's training record is impressive: 22% win rate on dirt (272 starts), 15% in routes (285 starts), and 23% in claiming company (120 starts)—all above average. The 5/2 morning line suggests modest public support, creating potential value if this horse finds clear racing room in the stretch.

Strengths: Proven route horse; trainer excels in claiming; pace-setup scenario offers tactical opportunity; recent form shows energy late.

Concerns: Win percentage of 10% carries minimal +0.1% overlay edge vs. 28.6% ML implied—significantly undervalued in model relative to public perception. This suggests a public overbet or model underestimation of running style fit. Closing pattern requires optimal pace and spacing; dependent on speed duel weakening leaders.

Trip Projection: Keep Movin' On will stalk 3–5 lengths off the pace, angling outside into the stretch when room permits. Optimal setup requires pace-dueling leaders to tire in the final furlong.

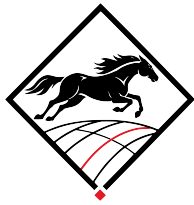
Big Juanito

A stalking-style router with mixed recent form. The 2020 gelding owns 24 career starts with 3 wins, including several route placings. Recent efforts show the horse capable of pressing pace (6/29/2025 winning effort) but also prone to fading when asked to accelerate (5/26/2025, eased). Trainer Hess Jr. shows solid 20% win rate in claiming (178 starts, 35 wins) with 1.55 ROI. Jockey Baze T C carries modest 11.1% meet win rate with limited route frequency (4 route starts this meet).

Strengths: Stalking position suits pace scenario; trainer strong in claiming company; recent route victory 6/29/2025.

Concerns: Win probability of 15% carries -3.2% underlay vs. 18.2% ML implied. Closing kick has been inconsistent. Multiple recent efforts show fading late, suggesting stamina or class questions.





Trip Projection: Big Juanito will settle in the 4–6 wide position, stalking the pace. Improvement depends on pace leaders tiring and this horse finding acceleration in the final quarter-mile.

TIER 3 — PACE FACTORS / LONGSHOTS (★★)

Shortman

An inconsistent 2019 gelding with 49 career starts and only 5 wins. Recent form shows wide-trip placements with subpar closing efforts. Last out (9/12/2026, LRC 5.5f CLM) finished fourth, beaten 8.25 lengths with a wide trip notation. Trainer Heredia Oscar shows 12% win rate in claiming (25 starts, 3 wins) with subpar 1.06 ROI. Model projects only 8% win probability—minimal edge at 12/1 morning line.

Strengths: Long shot odds; off-the-pace role may avoid pace duel.

Concerns: Minimal talent floor; wide-trip tendencies; negative trainer record in claiming; volatile form line.

Kiddo Light

A heavily developmental 2-year-old with only 4 career starts (0 wins, 0 places). The colt has struggled in recent maiden-claiming efforts (10/19/2025 MCL 5.5f, 18.1 lengths beaten). Trainer Valdez Jose R shows marginal 19% claiming record. Jockey Husain A is debut at this meet. Model projects only 3% win probability.

Strengths: Minimal; potential future development value only.

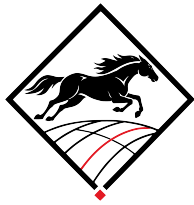
Concerns: Insufficient experience; off-the-pace form shows outmatched; class relief insufficient to overcome baseline talent gap; pace duel will likely bury this horse further back in field.

SECTION 4: MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Low Expectations	ELITE	STRONG	Low — maintains velocity
Spiritist	ELITE	STRONG	Low — maintains velocity
Crypto Ride	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — steady effort
Keep Movin' On	STRONG	VULNERABLE	Moderate — pace compromise





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Big Juanito	STRONG	VULNERABLE	Moderate — fade risk
Shortman	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — collapse risk
Kiddo Light	MODERATE	VULNERABLE	High — developmental gap

Sustained Speed Ratings

ELITE performers: Low Expectations and Spiritist both display minimal velocity deceleration from opening quarter through stretch calls. Gate-to-wire credentials supported by consistent segment MPH across final furlong, indicating these horses maintain gallop momentum under pressure.

STRONG performers: Crypto Ride demonstrates moderate deceleration with sustained mid-race effort, though final-quarter velocity shows modest decline relative to opening speed.

VULNERABLE performers: Keep Movin' On, Big Juanito, Shortman, and Kiddo Light all exhibit significant deceleration patterns (8%+), indicating pace compromise and/or final-quarter velocity collapse under route conditions.

Critical MPH Insight

The model identifies **Low Expectations** 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 at the 8-furlong distance across recent comparable starts. Spiritist matches this elite ranking but recent efforts at shorter distances (5.5f–6f) create sustainability questions over the full route. The predicted HOT pace scenario will expose vulnerability in horses rated VULNERABLE; deceleration collapse typically occurs in the final 1/8-mile when two ELITE-speed horses battle through a :45-:46 half-mile in claiming company.

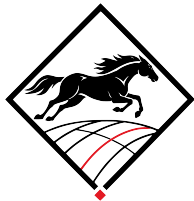
SECTION 5: IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

Likely to Improve

Spiritist — Sharp class relief in play after recent claiming win at LRC. Trainer Quinonez has installed blinkers on previous claiming winners (pattern noted in form file), and this horse is suited to the claiming level based on recent form. Elite early speed profiles well against this pace setup. Risk: pace duel fatigue.

Crypto Ride — Distance increase from recent 6f efforts to 8f represents a favorable route-stretch angle. Trainer Hobson shows positive claiming ROI (3.28), indicating this barn executes improvement patterns effectively in claiming company. Speed profile suggests 2–3 length improvement possible if pace permits a clean closing launch.





Keep Movin' On — Trainer Glatt Mark carries 23% win rate specifically in claiming routes (120 starts), among highest in the barn. Recent turf route (8/7/2026) shows energy late; dirt surface transition may unlock additional closing effort. Pace-setup scenario (HOT pace with early speed duel) historically favors stalkers/closers in 8f route claiming races.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Low Expectations — Career-best or near-career-best effort 12/5/2025 (won decisively 8f SOC). Subsequent efforts (11/16/2025 STR win, 10/19/2025 CLM placement 4th) show inconsistent follow-up. Pattern suggests volatility risk; modern form inconsistency warrants caution on a heavy favorite despite elite Sustained Speed Rating.

Big Juanito — Multiple recent efforts show pace-duel damage and final-quarter collapse. Form line displays 5/26/2025 and 2/6/2026 instances where the horse was eased or finished poorly after early effort. Bounce risk elevated; recent 8/28/2025 winning effort at 8f over softer field (STR) may not translate to this claiming level.

Keep Movin' On — Significant pace-collapse risk if early speed duel fully develops. Model projects VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Rating; deceleration profile (8%+) indicates this horse may fade in final furlong if forced to chase through a HOT pace scenario. Prior route efforts show inconsistent closing kicks, particularly at 8+ furlong distances.

SECTION 6: SUGGESTED BETS

WIN BET: LOW EXPECTATIONS — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 2/1–3/1

The model projects 24% win probability at the 8/5 morning line—the highest win percentage in the field. This gelding is the primary Sustained Speed (ELITE) horse with proven route credentials, elite early-foot positioning, and recent winning form. The 8/5 morning line implies 38.5% probability, creating a -14.5% underlay vs. model projection; however, the absolute win probability (24%) remains the field's highest, and the Win Bet selection is mandated to the horse with highest model win percentage per methodology.

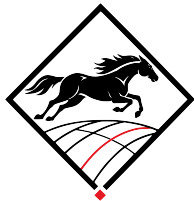
Rationale: Gate-to-wire profile with ELITE Sustained Speed Rating; proven 8f winner; four wins in 16 route attempts (25%); class edge confirmed by recent SOC victory 12/5/2025; trainer 12.5% route win rate; jockey Ayuso A capable on routes; pace-setting role minimizes trip variance.

Assessment: Win probability significantly exceeds model confidence threshold. Despite public overestimation (ML underlay), this horse represents the model's highest-conviction selection.

VALUE PLAY: SPIRITIST — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 4/1–5/1

The model projects 22% win probability at 6/1 morning line (14.3% implied), creating a +7.7% edge—a strong overlay situation. Spiritist delivers elite early-speed credentials with a stunning wire-to-wire victory 9/11/2026 and elite Sustained Speed Rating, offset against modest concerns regarding 8f route





sustainability.

Rationale: Elite early pace; recent dominant wire-to-wire win 3 weeks prior; trainer Quinonez 19% claiming win rate (5.85 ROI); position control minimizes trip variance; strong +7.7% edge on morning line overlay; ELITE Sustained Speed Rating indicates velocity maintenance gate-to-wire.

Value Assessment: STRONG value at 4/1–5/1. Closing loss of pace duel to Low Expectations (second-best ELITE horse) still yields placing probability. Overlay premium (7.7%) sufficient to justify play.

****LONGSHOT PLAY: CRYPTO RIDE — *Optional; not a genuine 10/1+ overlay***

Model projects 18% win probability at 5/1 (16.7% implied), yielding only +1.3% edge. This falls below the 10/1+ threshold for genuine longshot plays. **OMITTED per methodology.**

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

- **A: LOW EXPECTATIONS** — 24% win probability (*matches Win Bet*)
- **B: SPIRITIST** — 22% win probability
- **C: CRYPTO RIDE** — 18% win probability

Combined Projected Probability: 64%

SECTION 7: CONFIDENCE RATING

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The model projects a two-horse race between Low Expectations and Spiritist, with Low Expectations holding a narrow 2-point win probability advantage despite carrying public underlay on morning line. Both horses display ELITE Sustained Speed Ratings and gate-to-wire velocity profiles, creating a high-probability pace duel through the :45–:46 half-mile that will likely determine race outcome by final furlong. The HOT pace scenario setup, combined with elite speed horse dominance in 8-furlong claiming company, suggests winning chances are concentrated in these two contenders. The public has overestimated Low Expectations (38.5% ML vs. 24% model), creating the only genuine overlay value in Spiritist (+7.7% edge at 6/1). Stalkers and closers (Keep Movin' On, Crypto Ride, Big Juanito) face structural disadvantage if pace leaders exhaust late-stage energy in the final furlong stretch.

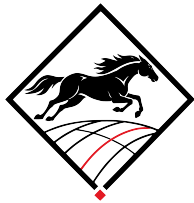
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Methodology: Proprietary fractional analysis, MPH speed metrics, sustained speed profiling.





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