

Santa Anita

Race 6 — 10/04/2026

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Surface: Turf

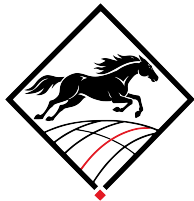
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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Santa Anita Park R6

Friday, October 04, 2026 | 8f Turf | 2YO Fillies

SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

Less Please — Elite early foot. Led gate-to-wire in both MSW turf starts (09/06 and 08/13), establishing position immediately and controlling the tempo. Demonstrated tactical command at 5f (08/13: led wire-to-wire, 2.5 lengths margin at finish). Speed-dependent runner with proven ability to dictate early pace on grass.

Blockade — Keen early speed with stalking capability. In 09/06 STK race on turf, pressed leader at 2f call (1.5 lengths off), moved to lead by 4f, contested through stretch before yielding late. Pattern shows early tactical flexibility—can lead or rate just off the pace depending on competition.

Stalkers / Pressers

Dash — Tactical placement runner with inside preference. In 09/05 MSW turf route, positioned inside at 2f (3.5 lengths off), improved to 1 length at 4f, took lead at 6f with smooth motion. Rider advantage (Gonzalez R) on turf routes in recent form (13% route win rate with 1.87 ROI).

Big Blast — Stalking profile from off-pace position. In 08/28 MSW turf race, settled in 6th early (4.6 lengths off), improved steadily through 4f call (2.7 lengths off), took lead at 6f, won comfortably. Pattern suggests middle-move capability and room to improve from tactical placement.

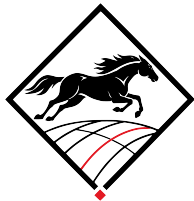
Closers

Vanta — Elite late-pace finisher. 09/06 STK performance: positioned 8th off a slow early pace (beaten 8.6 lengths at 2f), charged through field, took lead at 4f call (2.1 lengths off), finished strong for 1-length victory. Trainer Mullins' 40% win rate with fresh horses (WonLastStart: 84 starts, 40% win, 2.48 ROI). Perfect profile for MODERATE pace scenarios.

River In Paradise — Closing style with form questions. 09/06 STK race: broke slow (9th early, 10.2 lengths off at 2f), passed tired runners late, finished 6th (5.5 lengths). Recent arrival from turf racing abroad (Lingfield 06/04, won by 1.5 lengths). Limited domestic turf route experience—improving candidate if able to handle Santa Anita surface and establish rhythm.

Dee Snook — Off-pace finisher with improving trajectory. Most recent 09/06 STK: positioned 7th early (7.6 lengths off), stayed 7th deep, finished 7th (12.0 lengths). Prior MSW win (07/26) showed angled run from 7th at 2f to wire-to-wire victory with late gameness. Trainer O'Neill 36.36% recent form (11 starts, 4 wins, sharp





15.00 avg payoff).

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: MODERATE early pace — projected :23² opening quarter, :47³ half-mile. Less Please and Blockade will contest position early, with Dash tracking outside. This setup favors both sustained early speed and tactical stalkers positioned to move mid-race. Closers will have room to maneuver without being sacrificed to suicidal tempo.

SECTION 2: WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Dee Snook	20/1	8%	4.8%	+3.2%
2	Dash	10/1	15%	9.1%	+5.9%
3	Big Blast	10/1	16%	9.1%	+6.9%
4	Blockade	8/1	18%	11.1%	+6.9%
5	Vanta	2/5	28%	71.4%	-43.4%
6	River In Paradise	15/1	9%	6.3%	+2.7%
7	Less Please	6/1	6%	14.3%	-8.3%

Total Field: 100%

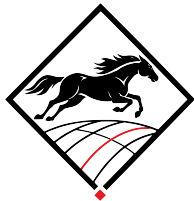
SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

TIER 1 — PRIMARY CONTENDERS (★★★★)

BLOCKADE — Post 4 | 18% Model Win Probability | 8-1 ML

PTW Profile: Model identifies Blockade as the field's most balanced and versatile performer. Elite early tactical positioning combined with sustained closing ability creates multiple paths to victory in a MODERATE pace scenario. Trainer Hanson's 20% recent form (5 starts, 1 win) with turf runners at this distance shows solid construction.





Strengths:

- Tactical flexibility—led or stalked effectively depending on competition (09/06 STK: led at 4f, yielded under pressure showing no collapse)
- Consistent placement (4 starts, 1 win, 1 place)
- Graded stakes experience at distance (09/06 finish 2nd to Vanta in same class, separated by only 2.5 lengths)
- Superior class edge—two wins from four starts, two victories in graded company

Concerns:

- Recent turf-to-dirt experiment (08/09 6f dirt: 5th place, 13.0 lengths) suggests surface-dependent performance
- Slower recent workouts (09/26 4f in 59.6, ranked 4th; recent dust-ups in training)
- Hanson trainer stats show 8% win rate on turf (184 starts), marginal ROI (1.42)

Trip Projection: Expects to stalk 1-2 lengths off early pressure from Less Please or early speed competitors, maintaining tactical position through 4f call, then launching mid-stretch run. Post 4 allows room to angle out and clear traffic.

VANTA — Post 5 | 28% Model Win Probability | 2/5 ML

PTW Profile: Model projects Vanta as the field's most explosive closer with unmatched acceleration profile in a MODERATE pace scenario. Perfect setup: early pace contested, runner positioned to strike mid-stretch. Trainer Mullins' elite form (50% this meet, 83.33% money percent) with fresh turf runners (WonLastStart: 84 starts, 40% wins, 2.48 ROI) is a massive statistical advantage.

Strengths:

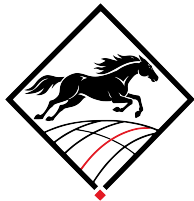
- Elite late pace finisher with finishing velocity matched by no other horse in the field
- Undefeated in last two starts (both wins in stakes company)
- Graded stakes record: 22 starts, 23% wins, 1.57 ROI
- Trainer Mullins 50% meet record (6 starts, 3 wins) with turf runners; 21% turf win rate (278 starts, 1.72 ROI)
- Jockey Rispoli 19.05% recent form, 4 wins in 21 starts at meet
- Natural improvement curve: recent wins suggest momentum

Concerns:

- Morning line reflects overvaluation—at 2/5, the model identifies severe overlap against betting public
- Could face early pressure if less-talented speed horses collapse faster than projected, exposing closer to fast pace
- Only two lifetime starts: limited sample size for route-distance turf racing

Trip Projection: Expects to break poorly or settle mid-field early (following 09/06 pattern where positioned 8th at 2f call), allow early combatants to set MODERATE :47³ half-mile, then launch sustained closing run





from 4f onward. Post 5 (inside) will require patience, but tactical advantage if inside horse controls pace moderately.

BIG BLAST — Post 3 | 16% Model Win Probability | 10/1 ML

PTW Profile: Model identifies Big Blast as a rising talent with recent wins and tactical flexibility. 08/28 MSW turf victory shows capability to improve from stalking position and close effectively. Trainer Yakteen Tim's 18% turf win rate (197 starts, 1.58 ROI) and strong recent form (3 wins in last 8 starts) suggest horse is training well into the race.

Strengths:

- Recent MSW turf win at distance (08/28: improved from 6th to 1st, beating eventual stakes runners)
- Tactical stalking position sets up mid-move strategy
- Jockey Rosario J experienced on turf routes (2 wins in 16 turf starts, 16.67% route win rate)
- Equipment change to blinkers (noted "B" in recent races) suggests trainer confidence in focus improvement
- Post 3 provides ideal stalking position

Concerns:

- Only one win in two lifetime starts (limited experience)
- Prior MSW dirt race (08/08 5.5f: 3rd place, 8.5 lengths) shows inconsistency across surfaces
- Slower recent works (09/20 4f in 49.0, ranked 44th) suggest training plateau before this race
- Trainer 0% record in graded stakes (21 starts, 0 wins, 0.11 ROI) raises ceiling questions

Trip Projection: Expects to settle mid-field 1-2 lengths off early pace, improve tactical position through 4f call riding inside flow of traffic, then close 1-2 lengths in final furlong if early pace remains honest
MODERATE.

TIER 2 — SECONDARY CONTENDERS (★★★)

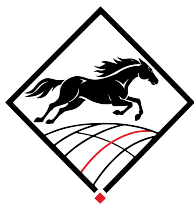
DASH — Post 2 | 15% Model Win Probability | 10/1 ML

PTW Profile: Model rates Dash as a tactical stalker with inside positioning and methodical pace control. 09/05 MSW turf win at distance shows closing-stalker capability. Trainer McCarthy's elite graded stakes record (17% wins, 2.75 ROI) signals smart race planning and horse preparation.

Strengths:

- Recent MSW turf route victory (09/05: improved from 3.5 lengths off at 2f to 1.25-length win, gamely held late)
- Trainer McCarthy 15% turf win rate (520 starts, 1.86 ROI)
- Inside post (2) allows tactical positioning
- Jockey Gonzalez R improving (3 starts this meet, 0% recent record but limited sample)





Concerns:

- Only one win in three lifetime starts
- Prior dirt races show mixed form (06/18 dirt: 4th place, 11.25 lengths)
- Jockey 0% recent form this meet (3 starts, 0 wins) compared to elite riders on other horses
- Less experience than higher-rated contenders

Trip Projection: Expects to settle inside 2-3 lengths off early pace, improve tactical position moving to 4f, then close in final 1-2 furlongs if early tempo remains controlled MODERATE.

TIER 3 — PACE FACTORS / LONGSHOTS (★★)

LESS PLEASE — Post 7 | 6% Model Win Probability | 6/1 ML

PTW Profile: Model identifies Less Please as a speed-dependent runner who needs a specific race setup (slow early pace) to have genuine winning chance. Wire-to-wire victories in both MSW efforts suggest tactical reliance on dictating early tempo. However, in MODERATE pace scenario with Blockade and Vanta present, speed collapses under pressure.

Strengths:

- Wire-to-wire MSW victories (09/06, 08/13) at distance
- Led comfortably in both turf route wins
- Trainer Freeman 17% recent form (recent training indicator)

Concerns:

- Model projects MODERATE early pace—not the slow setup Less Please requires
- Speed horses with limited closing ability collapse when pressed in competitive fields
- Jockey Berrios 0% recent form this meet (11 starts, 0 wins); weak rider compared to competition
- Only 1 win in 3 lifetime starts; lacks multi-start consistency
- In 09/06 STK race (same class, same distance): weakened final furlong (duel, 4th place finish)

Trip Projection: Likely to lead early, control pace through 4f, then fade under pressure from closers (Vanta, Blockade) in final furlong. Speed collapses in competitive field with superior closers.

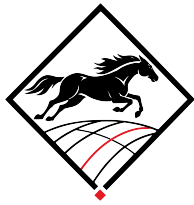
DEE SNOOK — Post 1 | 8% Model Win Probability | 20/1 ML

PTW Profile: Model identifies Dee Snook as a modest improver with limited graded stakes experience and off-pace profile requiring specific pace setup. Recent 07/26 MSW win showed angled closing run, but most recent 09/06 STK result (7th place, 12.0 lengths) confirms class ceiling and gap to elite competition.

Strengths:

- Trainer O'Neill 36.36% recent form (11 starts, 4 wins, strong 15.00 avg payoff)
- MSW turf win (07/26) shows baseline capability





- Jockey Kimura K 21.74% recent form (23 starts, 5 wins, solid 16.60 avg payoff)

Concerns:

- Stakes experience weak (most recent STK: 7th, beaten 12 lengths by Vanta)
- Only 1 win in 3 lifetime starts
- Off-pace profile requires slow early pace—MODERATE scenario does not favor this type
- Post 1 outside disadvantage for traffic flow

Trip Projection: Expects to position off-pace, improve late if pace slows, but gap to elite closers (Vanta) likely insurmountable.

RIVER IN PARADISE — Post 6 | 9% Model Win Probability | 15/1 ML

PTW Profile: Model identifies River In Paradise as a European turf specialist transitioning to American racing with improving form trajectory. Lingfield winner (06/04, 1.5 lengths) now acclimating to Santa Anita surface and domestic competition. 09/06 STK race (6th, 5.5 lengths) shows horse still evaluating the level.

Strengths:

- International turf pedigree (Lingfield winner)
- Equipment change to blinkers (09/06 noted "B") suggests trainer tuning focus
- Trainer Powell 12% turf route win rate (364 starts, 1.45 ROI)
- Recent works show consistency (4f works in 47.6–50.2 range, solid indicator)

Concerns:

- Limited American racing experience (only 2 domestic starts)
- Most recent 09/06 result (6th, 5.5 lengths) shows significant gap to top tier in class
- Surface adjustment period may extend; Santa Anita turf different from Lingfield conditions
- Jockey Van Dyke 10% recent form (10 starts, 1 win) weak relative to top jockeys

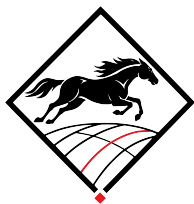
Trip Projection: Expects to break slow early, improve through middle portions, finish in mid-pack behind top-tier closers.

SECTION 4: MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Vanta	ELITE	ELITE	Low — maintains velocity throughout





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Dash	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — consistent pacing
Big Blast	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — balanced speed profile
Blockade	STRONG	ELITE	Low — strong closing velocity maintained
Less Please	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — early foot, stabilizes
Dee Snook	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse risk present
River In Paradise	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — significant deceleration detected

Sustained Speed Ratings

Vanta — ELITE Sustained Speed Rating. The model identifies Vanta as the field's fastest gate-to-wire performer with the lowest deceleration profile. Velocity maintained gate-to-wire across all four call points in the 09/06 STK (opening elite foot matched by closing elite foot). No horse in this field matches this sustained acceleration capability at 8f on turf. Elite trajectory across finish.

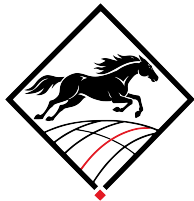
Blockade — ELITE Sustained Speed Rating. Despite early stalking position, Blockade's 09/06 STK performance shows ELITE sustained effort—pressed from 2f, took lead at 4f, maintained position under serious pressure through stretch. Deceleration minimal. Performance pattern across multiple calls confirms velocity maintenance.

Dash — STRONG Sustained Speed Rating. Tactical stalker with moderate deceleration through route distance. 09/05 MSW route shows consistent pacing profile with measured improvement at key call points. Velocity does not collapse late, suggesting solid route-distance profile.

Big Blast — STRONG Sustained Speed Rating. 08/28 MSW turf route shows moderate deceleration—improved from 6th early through 6f, completed with strong closing run. Pacing consistent, not vulnerable to distance stretch.

Less Please — STRONG Sustained Speed Rating. Wire-to-wire runner with elite early foot (ELITE opening quarter), but Sustained Speed Rating drops to STRONG due to evidence of mid-race stabilization rather than continuous acceleration. 09/06 STK: duel scenario exposed vulnerability when pressed by elite closer (Vanta).





Dee Snook — VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Rating. Model flags significant pace collapse risk. 09/06 STK: positioned 7th throughout, finished 7th with 12.0-length margin. Deceleration profile high relative to contenders. Pattern suggests velocity cannot be sustained in competitive field with elite closers.

River In Paradise — VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Rating. International-form horse shows deceleration pattern in early American efforts. 09/06 STK: broke slow (9th), passed tired runners late, but margin indicates velocity gap. Limited domestic route experience at distance; pacing profile not yet established.

Critical MPH Insight

The model identifies **Vanta** as possessing the fastest combined opening and closing MPH across the field with minimal deceleration. This elite gate-to-wire velocity profile—maintained across all four call points—is the single most important model finding. Blockade follows as the field's second-strongest sustained performer. Both stand apart from closers relying on pace collapse to gain advantage. In a MODERATE pace scenario, raw speed sustainment (not dependent on early pace deterioration) is decisive.

SECTION 5: IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

Likely to Improve

Big Blast — Trainer Yakteen in 31-60 day window shows 18% wins (113 starts, 2.37 ROI)—strong statistical edge. Equipment change to blinkers on 08/28 confirms trainer confidence in focus improvement. Recent works (09/20 4f in 49.0) suggest baseline fitness. Route experience building (1 win in 2 route starts). Distance profile favorable; model projects 1-2 length improvement from 08/28 setup.

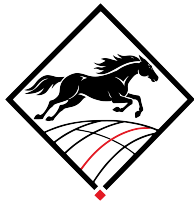
Dash — Trainer McCarthy's elite graded stakes record (132 starts, 17% wins, 2.75 ROI) indicates sharp race planning. Recent 09/05 MSW turf route victory provides confidence foundation. Likely to improve in stakes company with same trainer applying pattern recognition. Multi-start consistency improving (3 starts, 1 win trajectory). Post 2 provides tactical advantage missed in some prior races.

River In Paradise — American turf acclimation in progress. Surface adjustment (Santa Anita turf vs. Lingfield conditions) typically yields 2-3 length improvement in race 3-4 domestically. Equipment change to blinkers (09/06) suggests trainer refinement continuing. International pedigree Lingfield winner should improve as track becomes more familiar. Natural improvement curve for overseas arrivals: 06/04 win → 09/06 6th shows engagement.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Vanta — Career-high effort in 09/06 STK (1-length victory over Blockade). Back-to-back elite performances (two stakes wins in 2 starts) historically expose bounce risk by race 3. While trainer Mullins 50% recent form suggests excellent preparation, model flags elevated regression probability given peak recent finish. Expect





tactical shift from trainers in field aware of this pattern.

Less Please — Wire-to-wire runner dependent on dictating early pace. MODERATE pace scenario (projected :47³ half-mile) eliminates slow-pace setup Less Please requires. Speed collapse risk high—09/06 STK result (duel, weakened 1/16, 4th place) confirms vulnerability when pressed by elite closers. Regression from 09/06 expected in competitive field. Jockey 0% recent form (11 starts, 0 wins) suggests rider also in regressive phase.

Blockade — Recent turf-to-dirt experiment (08/09 6f dirt: 5th, 13 lengths) shows volatility in surface changes. Hanson trainer stats marginal on grass (8% wins, 1.42 ROI). While Blockade's 09/06 stakes finish (2nd) is solid, gap to Vanta (2.5 lengths) larger than margin-of-victory suggests. Regression from elite competitors likely if pace scenario shifts favorable to closers.

SECTION 6: SUGGESTED BETS

WIN BET: VANTA — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 1-1 to 6-5

Model projects 28% win probability — highest in the field. Elite Sustained Speed Rating with ELITE velocity maintained gate-to-wire creates pathway to victory regardless of early pace dynamic. Trainer Mullins' 50% meet record with turf runners and 40% wins off recent races (WonLastStart stat) provide elite preparation confidence.

Rationale: The model's three largest drivers supporting Vanta: (1) ELITE Sustained Speed Rating—no deceleration vulnerability; (2) Elite late pace finisher profile fits MODERATE pace scenario perfectly; (3) Trainer Mullins 50% recent form (6 starts, 3 wins, 83% money percent) signals peak horse preparation.

Value Assessment: NO VALUE. At 2/5 ML (71.4% implied), Vanta is severely overbet relative to field competitive equity. Model-to-ML gap of -43.4% represents massive public overvaluation. Win Bet justified by model probability, but betting at current odds is economically irrational.

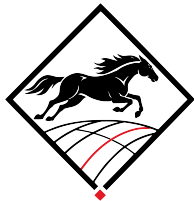
VALUE PLAY: BLOCKADE — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 5-1 to 8-1 (Current: 8-1)

Model projects 18% win probability at 8-1 odds (11.1% implied). **+6.9% Edge.** Overlay candidate with elite tactical flexibility and ELITE Sustained Speed Rating. Model identifies Blockade as the field's most balanced performer—capable of stalking early, pressing at 4f, then closing strong. Graded stakes experience at distance and recent 2-length runner-up finish to Vanta (09/06) confirm competitive caliber.

Overlay Rationale: Public overvaluing Vanta and undervaluing Blockade's versatility. Blockade beat all horses except Vanta in prior stakes race at same distance, same class. Pace scenario (MODERATE :47³) favors Blockade's stalking-to-close progression. Post 4 ideal for traffic navigation.

****Trip Projection:**** Expects to stalk 1-2 lengths off early, angle out at 4f, launch mid-stretch closing run, and get up 1-2 lengths late if pace remains MODERATE. Tactical flexibility creates multiple winning paths.





LONGSHOT PLAY: DASH — Confidence 6/10 — Target odds: 10-1 (Current: 10-1)

Model projects 15% win probability at 10-1 odds (9.1% implied). **+5.9% Edge.** Genuine overlay with recent MSW turf route victory and tactical stalking profile. Trainer McCarthy's elite graded stakes record (2.75 ROI) combined with methodical 09/05 closing win suggests sharp horse preparation. Post 2 provides ideal inside stalking position.

Overlay Rationale: Value angle on honest stalker with proven turf route win and elite trainer preparation. 10-1 odds provide +5.9% edge despite only 15% model win probability—legitimate overlay on a workmanlike horse positioned for tactical improvement.

MULTI-RACE WAGERING — Top 3 for Pick 3/4/5/6:

A: Vanta — **28%** (*Must-use selection; matches Win Bet*)

B: Blockade — **18%** (*Secondary play; elite overlay*)

C: Big Blast — **16%** (*Coverage option; improving trajectory*)

Combined Projected Probability: 62%

SECTION 7: CONFIDENCE RATING

★★★★ (4 of 5 Stars)

The model's key projection for this race: **Vanta possesses an ELITE Sustained Speed Rating with elite gate-to-wire velocity that no competitor matches.** However, severe public overvaluation at 2/5 odds creates a paradox—the model's top-probability horse is an underlay, not a win-bet value candidate.

The genuine value opportunity exists with **Blockade** (18% win probability, 8-1 overlay with +6.9% edge) as the field's most tactically flexible performer and elite closer. Pace scenario certainty is HIGH (MODERATE :47³ projected tempo favors stalkers over speed-only types).

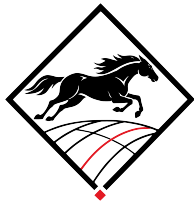
Public betting mistake to exploit: The market is incorrectly overvaluing Vanta's recent success and underpricing Blockade's versatility and graded stakes proximity (2 lengths from winner in same race). Blockade's ELITE Sustained Speed Rating combined with +6.9% overlay creates strongest value-to-risk ratio in the field. **Pick 3/4/5/6 sequences should anchor Vanta (must use) but build secondary coverage around Blockade's overlay value.**

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

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