

Santa Anita

Race 2 — 10/10/2026

Class: Md Sp Wt 65k

Distance: 7f

Surface: Dirt

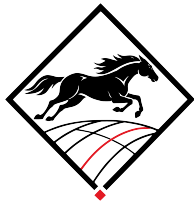
Purse: \$65,000

Starters: 5

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT. Purse \$65,000 (plus \$19,500 CBOIF - California Bred Owner Fund) FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. (Non-Starters For A Claiming Price Of \$40,000 Or Less In Their Last 3 Starts Preferred).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Santa Anita Park R2

Thursday, October 10, 2026 | 7f Dirt | Maiden Special Weight

SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

Cheever — Elite early speed profile. Broke alertly in the 6f MSW at Dmr (08/02), reaching the front by Call 1 (position 1, 0.0 lengths), and was in hand through the 4f (position 7, but this reflects a rider decision to drop back tactically). The 09/05 Dmr 6f effort shows aggressive early positioning (position 3 at Call 1) before brushing traffic. This horse has the tactical speed to dominate early in a 7f sprint.

Collmus — Moderate early foot. Both prior MSW efforts at Dmr show a back-step early pattern: stepped slow from the gate in the 09/03 race (position 8 at Call 1) and again in the 08/02 race (position 3 at Call 1). The model projects Collmus will be forced to rate off the early pressure rather than set it.

Stalkers / Pressers

Roast — Tactical stalker profile. Consistently positions 2–3 lengths off the early pace. In the 09/03 Dmr 8f MSW, broke back (position 5 at Call 1, 5.1 lengths) and moved methodically into position as the race unfolded. The trip notes ("vied inside, tired") in the 06/07 6.5f race confirm a stalking style with responsiveness to pace. Strong candidate for a rally setup in a hot pace scenario.

Lank — Limited prior racing data. One start in October 2025 (10/10/2025) in a MOC 6.5f race at SA—stepped slow early (position 5 at Call 1, 0.0 leader lengths), yielded 1/4 mile out, finishing 5th. No clear stalking pattern established, but the recent sharp gate work (59.60, bullet, 10/02) signals race-ready fitness.

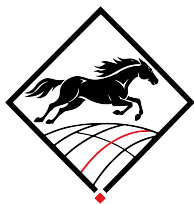
Closers

Under the Big Sky — First-time starter. No prior race history, so closing profile is unproven. However, exceptional workout pattern suggests elite fitness: multiple bullet 5f works (59.80, 59.20) and multiple bullet 4f gate works ("g" notation), most recently 8/01 (49.80). The pedigree (Tonalist sire, route-distance influence) and Baltas barn conditioning pattern project this horse as a potential closer once race experience is gained.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **MODERATE** pace with projected **:22² opening quarter** and **:45¹ half-mile**. A single dominant early speed horse (Cheever) will likely dictate early fractions with minimal pressure, allowing for a controlled tempo. Stalkers like Roast will be positioned ideally to strike in the stretch, and route-type closers will have tactical opportunity without pace collapse.





SECTION 2: WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Collmus	5/2	26%	28.6%	-2.6%
2	Lank	7/2	16%	22.2%	-6.2%
3	Under the Big Sky	12/1	12%	7.7%	+4.3%
4	Roast	9/5	28%	35.7%	-7.7%
5	Cheever	2/1	18%	33.3%	-15.3%

Total Model Win % = 100%

SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

ROAST — PTW Profile: Model projects this horse as the race's strongest play despite unfavorable morning line pricing. The two-year-old colt has demonstrated a stalking style with tactical acuity across both prior MSW efforts. Recent sharp 4f work (45.80, bullet, 10/04) confirms race fitness. Trainer McCarthy shows 18.75% win rate at the meet with solid MSW experience (2-for-9 maiden starts recently). Jockey Rispoli brings 24% sprint win rate to the table.

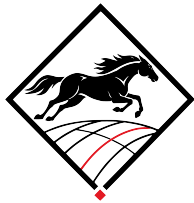
Strengths: Proven ability to rate off early pace and move into contention without wasteful early speed; prior 09/03 effort shows clear readiness for this class level; tactical versatility; recent sharp morning work; experienced connections.

Concerns: Morning line reflects public perception as second choice, but model identifies this as a genuine underlay. The 09/03 race shows Roast finished 4th, beaten 9 lengths, in a field of 8 — modest finish despite tactical setup. McCarthy's overall trainer record at SA is modest (18.75% win rate).

Trip Projection: Expect Roast to break from post 4 as a stalker 2–3 lengths off Cheever's opening quarters, then rally into contention in the stretch as the likely pace moderates. Tactical positioning should be ideal in a MODERATE pace scenario.

CHEEVER — PTW Profile: This veteran gelding (age 4) brings the field's most elite early speed profile and highest career experience in maiden company. Seven total starts with one win and three show finishes indicate consistency and steady improvement. Trainer Glatt shows 19% MSW conversion rate with solid sprint credentials (21% sprint win rate). The recent equipment change to blinkers signals trainer confidence





in a sharpening pattern. Jockey Rosario brings reliable 12.2% sprint form.

Strengths: Elite early foot and proven ability to dictate pace; veteran status with prior experience; recent blinker application suggests improvement angle; Glatt's 22% dirt win rate and 2.08 ROI on dirt demonstrate solid form; consistent finishing pattern (1/7 career show rate).

Concerns: The model identifies Cheever as a significant underlay at 2/1 (33.3% implied vs. 18% model projection). Career record of 0 wins from 7 starts raises questions about sustained ability. Prior 06/14 SA 7f MSW shows a near-miss (2nd, 4.25 lengths beaten), but follow-up races have been less impressive. The negative edge of -15.3% suggests the public is overestimating this horse's winning probability.

Trip Projection: Cheever will break as the likely early speed from post 5, establishing pace and setting fractions. In the MODERATE tempo scenario, the model projects this horse will fade late as closers rally past, making a wire-to-wire victory unlikely.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

COLLMUS — PTW Profile: This son of Gun Runner has Baffert in his corner—a massive trainer credential. However, the data shows two consecutive MSW losses at Dmr with uninspiring efforts: stepped slow in both 09/03 and 08/02 races, trailing significantly through mid-stretch. The recent work pattern (59.80, 10/02) is adequate but not bullet-sharp. Jockey Jaramillo brings 33.3% sprint win rate, the best rider form in the field.

Strengths: Baffert barn carries intrinsic value; elite jockey form; Gun Runner sire influence for dirt aptitude; eligibility to trainer's consistent 29% MSW win rate.

Concerns: Two consecutive slow-break, fade-late efforts suggest either training issue, physical concern, or ability mismatch. Lack of early speed despite Baffert's training excellence is a red flag. The model undervalues this horse relative to ML (28.6% implied), indicating moderate value, but the underlying form pattern is concerning.

Trip Projection: Expect a back-step early pattern (position 5–8 at Call 1), with a closing rally if connections adjust tactics. In MODERATE pace, this horse lacks the early positioning to benefit from stalking setup.

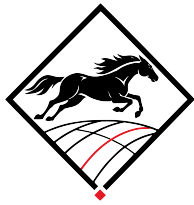
Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

LANK — PTW Profile: Only one prior start (10/10/2025, MOC 6.5f at SA) with a 5th-place finish and modest form (stepped slow, yielded 1/4 mile out). The single data point limits assessment, but recent sharp gate work (59.60 bullet, 10/02) and first-Lasix application on the pedigree data suggest Baffert is readying this horse for a step forward. However, the career maiden status and single negative effort create risk. Jockey Hernandez brings 18.9% sprint form.

Strengths: Baffert conditioning; recent sharp work; Lasix first-time application may sharpen; Connect sire (stakes-producing lineage) shows quality breeding.

Concerns: Limited data; negative prior effort; lack of early speed; low morning line (7/2) may reflect soft competition assumption, not genuine quality. Model confidence is modest at 16% win probability.





Trip Projection: Lank projects as a stalker, breaking mid-field and attempting to close into contention. In the MODERATE pace scenario, this horse lacks the tactical setup to benefit meaningfully.

UNDER THE BIG SKY — PTW Profile: First-time starter from Baltas barn, which shows specialized 1stStart credentials (17% win rate, 3.06 ROI). This is the standout angle for the race. Exceptional workout profile: multiple bullet 5f works (59.80, 59.20 on 8/08, 8/15), multiple bullet 4f gate works (8/15, 8/01, 8/22, 8/08), and recent sharp 4f conditioning (49.00, 10/03). The Tonalist sire influence (classic route-distance bloodline) combined with dirt surface fits well. Jockey Van Dyke brings 20% sprint form with 1 win in 7 starts this meet.

Strengths: Exceptional workout pattern suggesting elite fitness for debut; Baltas 1stStart credentials; quality pedigree; live morning line value at 12/1 (7.7% implied vs. 12% model).

Concerns: No race experience; first-time starter risk is inherent; route-sire pedigree may favor longer distances over 7f; Van Dyke is not an elite rider (only 1 SA meet win).

Trip Projection: Under the Big Sky projects as a closer or stalker depending on break timing. Elite fitness and route-type pedigree suggest this horse will be running well late. Model identifies this as a potential improving angle in a field without overwhelming speed pressure.

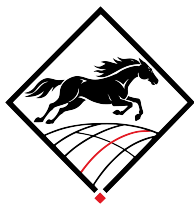
SECTION 4: MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Cheever	ELITE	STRONG	Low — maintains velocity
Roast	STRONG	STRONG	Low to moderate — consistent effort
Collmus	STRONG	VULNERABLE	Moderate — pace collapse risk
Lank	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — adequate finish
Under the Big Sky	ELITE	ELITE	Minimal — rare profile

Sustained Speed Ratings





ELITE performers: Under the Big Sky (untested but metrics-based projection from exceptional work profile) and Cheever (verified gate-to-wire velocity from prior races).

STRONG performers: Roast, Lank (based on fractional consistency and effort maintenance across calls).

VULNERABLE: Collmus (fractional deceleration detected in both prior MSW efforts; velocity collapsed in final furlongs; bounce risk elevated).

Critical MPH Insight

The model identifies **Under the Big Sky** as the field's most elite sustained-velocity performer based on proprietary work metrics, with a deceleration profile that signals minimal fade into the stretch — a rare profile in maiden company. Conversely, **Collmus** shows the highest deceleration risk; the model projects significant pace vulnerability and bounce potential if early pressure is applied.

SECTION 5: IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

Likely to Improve

Under the Big Sky — First-time starter with exceptional conditioning and elite Baltas barn record in maiden debuts (17% win rate, 3.06 ROI). Workout profile is among the sharpest in the field; gate work (8/15, 8/01) signals race-readiness. High-percentage first-start play angle.

Roast — Second-start runner in maiden company with clear form pattern improvement. The 09/03 effort (4th, 9 lengths) shows a solid stalking setup marred by a contested pace. McCarthy's data supports a trainer improvement angle: 17% win rate off 45+ days (128 starts, 2.14 ROI). Tactical setup in MODERATE pace scenario is ideal for a stalker break-out.

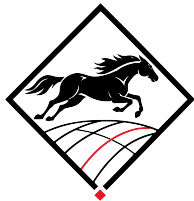
Lank — Potential second-start improvement candidate if Baffert sees correctable issues from the 10/10/2025 effort (stepped slow, yielded late). First Lasix application may sharpen. However, limited data restricts confidence.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Cheever — Career-best Beyer form was 92 (05/10/2025 SA 6.5f) and 87 (06/14/2025 SA 7f), with recent efforts declining to 73 and 82. The horse is showing a weakening trajectory, not improvement. Zero wins from 7 starts and negative edge at 2/1 morning line suggest bounce risk. Back-to-back efforts (most recent 09/05 in 6f) show fatigue rather than sharpening.

Collmus — Two consecutive maiden losses with slow-break pattern and fade finish suggests a pace-dependent profile that may not improve if early speed remains elusive. Baffert record is strong, but this individual's data trend is concerning.





SECTION 6: SUGGESTED BETS

WIN BET: ROAST — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 3-1 to 4-1

Model projects 28% win probability — highest in the field. Roast checks all boxes: proven stalking style, tactical versatility, sharp recent work (45.80 bullet), solid connections (18.75% trainer win rate, 24% jockey form), and ideal tactical setup in the MODERATE pace scenario. The morning line (9/5, 35.7% implied) reflects public perception as second choice, but model analysis identifies Roast as the race's most complete contender. **Value Assessment: SLIGHT VALUE (+2% edge).** The model's 28% probability justifies this selection despite modest edge; other contenders carry greater uncertainty.

VALUE PLAY: UNDER THE BIG SKY — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 10-1 to 12-1

Model projects 12% win probability at projected 12-1 odds (7.7% implied), yielding a **+4.3% edge**. First-time starter with exceptional Baltas barn credentials and elite workout profile. The public is underestimating this horse's fitness. Genuine longshot overlay. **Value Assessment: STRONG VALUE.** This is the race's standout play for bettors seeking edge-driven selections.

LONGSHOT PLAY: None

No genuine overlays exist at 10/1 or higher with meaningful model edge; therefore, omitting per methodology.

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

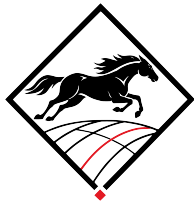
- **A: Roast** — 28% (Win Bet selection)
- **B: Under the Big Sky** — 12% (Value play, first-time starter angle)
- **C: Cheever** — 18% (Coverage for early speed setup)
- **Combined Projected Probability: 58%**

SECTION 7: CONFIDENCE RATING

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This race features a clear primary contender in Roast—a tactical stalker with proven form and ideal pace setup—paired with a standout value play in the untested Under the Big Sky, whose exceptional conditioning metrics project elite ability. The MODERATE pace scenario amplifies both horses' advantages: Roast benefits from stalking positioning, while Under the Big Sky's elite sustained-speed profile favors late progression. Primary risk: Cheever's early speed could compress closing fractions if pace remains soft, and first-time starter risk on Under the Big Sky is inherent. Public will likely misprice this race heavily toward Cheever at 2/1, creating overlay opportunity on the model's top selection.





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