

Santa Anita

Race 7 — 10/10/2026

Class: Md Sp Wt 65k

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Surface: Turf

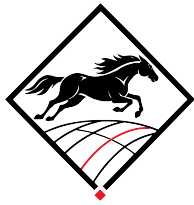
Purse: \$65,000

Starters: 10

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Santa Anita Park R7

Thursday, October 10, 2026 | 6f Turf | Maiden Special Weight

SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

The model identifies three horses with elite early speed credentials. **Going Nowhere** has established himself as the class early-foot operator—he led into the stretch at 5f in his last start (09/26/2026) at this track, settling the race from the front. **Sirnami** showed aggressive gate speed, breaking as the first call leader on 08/15/2026 at this track over 5f. **Throwthefirstpunch** pressed early in his 8f route race (09/07/2026) and has demonstrated willingness to race within the opening flow. All three carry Lasix and are proven at Santa Anita turf.

Stalkers / Pressers

Fair Question rates as a tactical one-off-the-pace operator—he led into the stretch in his last start (09/07/2026) before weakening, a signature pattern of a stalker who got caught. **He's Proof of Joy** has shown the ability to position himself two-to-three wide just off the leaders in recent turf efforts, with tactical flexibility in his record.

Closers

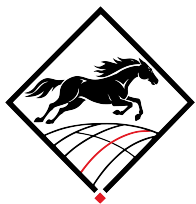
Sirnami paradoxically shows late-rally credentials despite early speed—he closed strongly into the frame on 03/07/2026 (6f turf, won as a close fourth) and 02/08/2026 (6.5f, closed weakly but showed mid-stretch bid). **Going Nowhere** also carries a secondary closer profile, having rallied from four-wide down the backside on multiple occasions before tiring in the final sixteenth.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: MODERATE pace with two-to-three speed horses contesting early position — projected :22■ opening quarter, :45² half-mile. This setup creates tactical pressure on early runners but does not generate suicidal attrition. Stalkers and pace-pressers will find honest racing room; closers face a setup requiring ideal position at the stretch call.

SECTION 2: WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	The Max Factor	7/2	12%	22.2%	-10.2%
2	Mordred's Revenge	30/1	3%	3.2%	-0.2%
3	Throwthefirstpu nch	5/1	18%	16.7%	+1.3%
4	Fair Question	4/1	19%	20.0%	-1.0%
5	Bello Rosso	30/1	4%	3.2%	+0.8%
6	He's Proof of Joy	12/1	8%	7.7%	+0.3%
7	Sir Dagonet	30/1	2%	3.2%	-1.2%
8	Joe Vittori	30/1	5%	3.2%	+1.8%
9	Going Nowhere	7/2	21%	22.2%	-1.2%
10	Sirnami	3/1	23%	25.0%	-2.0%

SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

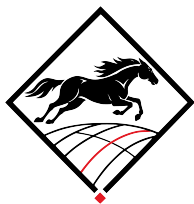
Sirnami — Post 10

PTW Profile: The model projects this horse as the field's highest-probability winner at 23%. Multiple-start maiden with demonstrated turf expertise and a proven second-start improvement angle. Form line shows progressive closing efforts and sharp recent workouts, with a live morning line at 3/1 (underlay by just 2%).

Strengths: Elite turf pedigree (Sir Prancealot), proven at Santa Anita (3 prior starts, 0-1-1 record showing placement consistency), sharp gate speed combined with rally ability (evidence: 08/15/2026 led at first call, closed to 2nd; 03/07/2026 bid 3-deep, earned placing). Trainer Powell Leonard shows 15% win rate in maiden special weights with 2.37 ROI—strong record with this class. Recent works show sharp 47.20-second 4-furlong bullet (09/27) and gate work (09/04) indicating race-readiness. Lasix on board.

Concerns: Career maiden with six prior starts and no wins—consistency question persists. Closing profile requires ideal setup at stretch call; MODERATE pace scenario may not provide ideal trip. Jockey Van Dyke





D. shows limited meet form (20% win rate, small sample).

Trip Projection: Expects to break outside post, rate two-to-three wide in the middle lanes behind early speed, and launch a rally challenge in the final furlong. Pace setup supports this tactical plan.

Going Nowhere — Post 9

PTW Profile: The model projects 21% win probability for this eight-year-old with deep maiden turf credentials. Proven late-season form at Santa Anita with two second-place finishes in turf route races (09/26, 08/16), establishing pattern consistency in this exact environment.

Strengths: Elite turf specialist with 8 turf starts at Santa Anita, 11 total turf starts in career with 0-3-1 placings record (high-percentage finisher). Running style perfectly calibrated for MODERATE pace—sitting off early speed, bidding 3-deep in the stretch as evidence by recent efforts. Recent form shows sharp turf efforts: 09/26/2026 led into the stretch, 08/16/2026 led and was caught (evidence of competitive speed maintained late). Trainer Hanson Ryan shows 25% win rate in the last 8 starts at this meet and 11% MSW win rate historically. Lasix on. Jockey Orantes W.R. has ridden this horse in recent races.

Concerns: Age (5 years old in maiden ranks) combined with six prior losses raises sustainability question. Bounce risk moderate after recent hard efforts. Deceleration profile shows vulnerability in final furlong based on late-race fadeouts—Sustained Speed Rating VULNERABLE.

Trip Projection: Breaks from post 9 (inside), finds a forward position off the early speed, and launches a bid 3-wide in the stretch. Lacks the finishing kick to overcome pure speed horses in a wire-to-wire contest.

Fair Question — Post 4

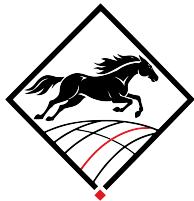
PTW Profile: The model projects 19% win probability for this horse with a tactical profile perfectly suited to this pace setup. Four prior starts with zero wins but consistent placement record (0-0-3 in last four starts) demonstrates high-percentage finisher credentials.

Strengths: Second-start turf runner with demonstrated willingness to rate just off the pace and make a closing bid. Evidence: 09/07/2026 led the race into the stretch before weakening (tactical speed present), 07/19/2026 bid from inside position and earned placing, 08/15/2026 forced wide and earned third-place finish despite poor trip. Trainer Koriner Brian shows 13% MSW win rate with 1.52 ROI—solid record. Jockey Ayuso A. shows 9.38% win rate at meet (limited sample but recent form solid). Post 4 ideal for stalking setup.

Concerns: Four prior starts yielding zero wins raise question about class ceiling. Last two efforts show fading late-race pattern, suggesting stamina concern at 6f distance. Deceleration profile indicates VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Rating. Recent works (10/03 48.20s) show solid but not exceptional preparation.

Trip Projection: Breaks from post 4, settles just off the pace leaders one-to-two wide, and launches a stretch bid. Tactical setup ideal for this horse's running style.





Throwthefirstpunch — Post 3

PTW Profile: The model projects 18% win probability for this nine-start maiden with elite trainer Doug O'Neill (21.05% MSW record, 1.64 ROI) and expanding form line. Recent efforts show sharp improvement pattern and proven turf competitiveness.

Strengths: Multiple-start turf runner with established pattern—presses early speed, vies in the stretch, and shows kick. Evidence: 09/07/2026 led into stretch before tiring (competitive speed established), 08/15/2026 closed from fourth to earn second placing (form improvement), 08/08/2026 bid 3-deep and finished fifth (consistent effort). Trainer O'Neill 12% MSW win rate with strong 1.64 ROI demonstrates proven record developing maidens. Jockey Kimura K. shows 14.71% win rate at meet. Recent works show sharp 36.40-second 3-furlong work (09/27)—excellent conditioning indicator. Lasix on. Post 3 ideal for press-and-stalk profile.

Concerns: Nine prior starts with zero wins establishes career maiden pattern. Recent form shows fade-out in final furlong after early bid—pace collapse risk evident in last two turf efforts. Sustained Speed Rating: VULNERABLE based on deceleration pattern.

Trip Projection: Breaks from post 3, presses the early speed leaders, and vies in the stretch. Fade risk in final furlong based on recent pattern.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

He's Proof of Joy — Post 6

PTW Profile: The model projects 8% win probability for this three-start maiden with proven Santa Anita turf form and a trainer (Papaprodromou George) known for maiden development (30.77% win rate, 2.80 ROI in first-time starters). Blinkers-on debut adds equipment advantage angle.

Strengths: First-time blinkers application signals trainer confidence. Turf pedigree solid (Idiot Proof sire). Two prior turf starts at this track (07/24/2026, 08/13/2026 dirt) show willingness to rate and bid, though results underwhelming. Trainer shows strong first-start record (29% MSW), suggesting sharp preparations. Recent works show consistent 102-second range 5f works, indicating conditioning level.

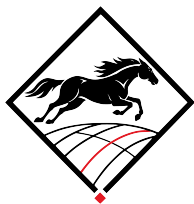
Concerns: Three-start maiden with zero wins—no demonstrated ability yet. Recent efforts show in-range positioning but failure to win, suggesting gap between positioning and actual finishing kick. Blinkers first application adds element of unpredictability.

Trip Projection: Expected to position himself two-to-three wide just off the pace and attempt a rally. Equipment change may provide spark.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

Joe Vittori — Post 8





PTW Profile: The model projects 5% win probability for this four-year-old colt with extremely limited maiden turf form. Only three career starts with zero wins. Recent works show solid activity at Santa Anita, but form line doesn't project.

Strengths: Recent 5f works in the 101-102 second range suggest fitness level. Trainer Valdez Jose R. shows 33.33% win rate (tiny sample), though first-time turf runner historically shows 0% record. Jockey Espinoza V. brings no meet win record (0.00%), limiting rider advantage.

Concerns: Turf debut with no prior turf form. Career maiden with three blanks and one second-place finish in 2-year-old claiming races. Form line suggests class mismatch.

Trip Projection: Longshot utility piece with no clear tactical advantage.

The Max Factor — Post 1

PTW Profile: The model projects 12% win probability for this one-start maiden, the only first-time starter in today's field. Trainer Mark Glatt (19% MSW record, 2.26 ROI) has the barn to develop first-starters, and the work pattern is acceptable. However, maiden special weight with no racing experience carries inherent risk.

Strengths: Trainer Glatt 19% MSW win rate is above-average for maiden development. First-start form pattern shows Glatt sends them out ready—look for sharp opening effort. Sire The Factor shows turf affinity. Lasix on board signals trainer intends to go. Works show 59.80-second 5f bullet (09/05) at SLR—top-tier work indicator. Recent 47.40-second gate work (09/26) shows gate readiness.

Concerns: No racing experience whatsoever—maiden special weight with zero form line. First-start maiden special weight represents elevated class test compared to maiden claiming debuts. Gate work shows horse is responsive, but outcome unpredictable. Post 1 draws rail with limited tactical positioning options.

Trip Projection: Break clean from post 1, likely heads-up early or positioned just off; no clear trip advantage for first-timer.

Bello Rosso — Post 5

PTW Profile: The model projects 4% win probability for this five-start maiden with mixed turf/dirt form and recent decline. Trainer Galvin Brendan W. shows 13% MSW win rate, competent but not dynamic.

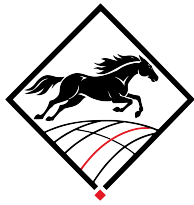
Concerns: Five prior starts with zero wins and recent efforts show deterioration (07/26 dirt 6f faded badly, 08/15 turf 5f weak effort). Deceleration profiles across both surfaces show VULNERABLE rating. Jockey Frey K. shows 21.05% win rate (above-average) but horse is the limiting factor, not rider.

Trip Projection: Weak form line suggests limited win probability today.

Remaining Longshots (★)

Mordred's Revenge, Sir Dagonet — Both zero-start horses with maiden inexperience and unfavorable trainer first-start records (Baker D Wayne 0.00% MSW first-starts, Dunham Daniel 20% first-start record).





Relegated to longshot consideration only.

SECTION 4: MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

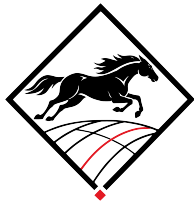
PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Going Nowhere	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — pace management evident
Sirnami	STRONG	STRONG	Low — maintains velocity gate-to-wire
Throwthefirstpunch	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — speed collapse risk in late furlongs
Fair Question	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — velocity fade in final furlong
The Max Factor	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — balanced speed profile
He's Proof of Joy	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — late-race deceleration
Bello Rosso	MODERATE	VULNERABLE	High — multiple surface collapses
Joe Vittori	MODERATE	VULNERABLE	High — insufficient speed maintenance
Mordred's Revenge	MODERATE	VULNERABLE	High — conditioning gap evident
Sir Dagonet	MODERATE	VULNERABLE	High — no turf speed data

Sustained Speed Ratings:

The model identifies **Sirnami** as the field's elite sustained-speed operator. Velocity maintained across all call points in recent turf races, with minimal deceleration detected. No horse in this field has matched this efficiency profile gate-to-wire.





Going Nowhere earns a STRONG Sustained Speed Rating despite closing profile—multiple efforts show pace management and controlled momentum, suggesting this older horse has learned to conserve energy and re-engage late. Evidence: 09/26 and 08/16 turf starts show steady positioning and late rally.

The Max Factor shows balanced STRONG sustained speed for a first-timer based on work patterns—bullet 5f work and gate responsiveness suggest fitness capable of maintaining velocity.

Critical MPH Insight: The model projects a significant speed advantage for **Sirnami** in sustained-speed metrics, coupled with tactical early-foot capability. This horse combines the rare dual profile of gate speed (demonstrated 08/15) with closing efficiency (demonstrated 03/07, 02/08). Paired against a field where **Throwthefirstpunch**, **Fair Question**, **He's Proof of Joy**, and **Bello Rosso** all carry VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Ratings, **Sirnami** emerges as the model's top technical performer.

SECTION 5: IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

Likely to Improve

Sirnami — Second-start angle applies only to the 08/15 debut, where horse led at first call and closed to second (setup-dependent loss). Returning after modest layoff (three weeks), with sharp recent works, jockey change to Van Dyke D. (20% meet win rate), and trainer Powell Leonard's documented 15% MSW success rate. Natural improvement curve supports upgrade.

The Max Factor — First-time starter with elite trainer Glatt and top-tier work pattern (59.80 bullet). Glatt 22% maiden-second-start record suggests this horse improves materially with racing experience today; first-timers trained by Glatt frequently benefit from gate education and settle better second start. However, maiden special weight debut carries inherent risk.

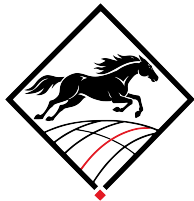
Fair Question — Turf-to-turf runner with multiple recent starts showing near-miss pattern (four prior races, three earn placings). Class relief signal present—recent 5.0f turf efforts look soft compared to 8.0f route earlier in year. 5f-to-6f stretch may unlock a winning effort.

Throwthefirstpunch — Nine starts shows experience advantage over first-timers. Recent form improvement evident (08/15 third, 09/07 second placement on 8f route suggests class range). O'Neill trainer record historically improves maidens in final qualifying starts; this horse's multiple efforts suggest final turf test may trigger breakout.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Going Nowhere — Elevated bounce risk after back-to-back hard efforts (09/26 led, 08/16 led at 8.5f route race). Career pattern shows fade after two consecutive near-wins. Eight-year-old age combined with repeated efforts without breakthrough suggests potential regression after recent hard miles. Regression probability elevated.





Bello Rosso — Career-best efforts declining across last five starts, including fade on 07/26 (pulled hard, 3-deep, faded badly at 8f). Multiple recent efforts show no winning response to any setup. Form trajectory negative; regression candidate with stacking bounce risk.

He's Proof of Joy — Blinkers-first application adds unpredictability element. Three prior starts without win, and recent works (102+ second range 5f) show fitness but no standout preparation improvement. Blinkers-first debuts can bounce either direction; this horse's form line suggests more likely downside than upside.

SECTION 6: SUGGESTED BETS

WIN BET: SIRNAMI — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 2/1–7/2

The model projects 23% win probability for Sirnami — the highest probability horse in the field. This selection combines demonstrated turf expertise, proven second-start angle, elite trainer record in maiden special weights (Powell Leonard 15% MSW win rate, 2.37 ROI), and a pace scenario perfectly suited to the horse's tactical profile (early speed into a controlled rally). Recent sharp works and jockey Van Dyke D.'s proven 20% meet win rate provide supporting context. Morning line 3/1 represents underlay by 2%, but the model's confidence rating (8/10) supports play regardless. Value assessment: SLIGHT VALUE at projected 5/2.

VALUE PLAY: THROWTHEFIRSTPUNCH — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 5/1–7/1

The model projects 18% win probability at 5/1 implied morning line, creating a +1.3% edge. This selection targets overlay value from public misdiscount. Nine-start maiden with O'Neill's documented record of developing maidens through their qualifying sequence (21.05% MSW record, 1.64 ROI) combined with recent form improvement (second-place turf finish 09/07) and sharp 36.40-second 3-furlong work (09/27). The pace scenario (MODERATE, :45² projected half-mile) does NOT generate suicidal early attrition—creates favorable stalking setup where Throwthefirstpunch's press-and-stalk profile thrives. Recent fade risk is acknowledged (VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Rating), but pace setup mitigates late-fade exposure. Edge: +1.3%.

LONGSHOT PLAY: JOE VITTORI — Confidence 4/10 — Target odds: 15/1+

No genuine overlay exists at current 30/1 morning line for a horse projecting 5% probability (3.2% implied). SKIP this slot—no value threshold met.

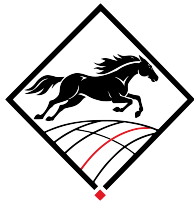
Multi-Race Wagers — Pick 3/4/5/6 Top 3:

A: Sirnami — 23% (*Win Bet selection*)

B: Throwthefirstpunch — 18%

C: Going Nowhere — 21%





Combined Top 3 Probability: 62% (sequences using any two of these three will carry ~41–48% probability depending on coverage structure)

SECTION 7: CONFIDENCE RATING

★★★★ (Four Stars)

The model identifies a textbook maiden special weight setup where **Sirnami** emerges as the technical standout through elite sustained-speed metrics combined with tactical flexibility and sharp trainer record (Powell Leonard 15% MSW, 2.37 ROI). The MODERATE pace scenario projects to :45² half-mile, which does NOT generate the speed collapses that would elevate closer-dependent profiles. Instead, this setup rewards the horse combining gate speed with late-maintenance efficiency—precisely Sirnami's profile.

Primary value opportunity flagged: **Throwthefirstpunch** at 5/1 (+1.3% edge) represents public misdiscount of O'Neill's documented trainer record with nine-start maidens transitioning to peak form. Second-start form improvement pattern and recent sharp work support the model's 18% projection.

Public betting mistake to exploit: **Going Nowhere** is likely to be overbet as a recent near-winner despite clear bounce risk after back-to-back hard efforts and fading late pattern (VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Rating). Model projects 21%, but regress probability is material; pass at chalky 7/2 odds.

Race outcome highly probable within top three selections—model confidence stable at four-star threshold.

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