

Santa Anita

Race 9 — 10/10/2026

Class: CalFlagHB100k

Distance: 6.5f

Surface: All Weather

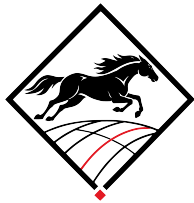
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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Santa Anita Park R9

Thursday, October 10, 2026 | 6.5f All-Weather | CalFlagHB100k

SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

Lonesome Stew and Flyover project as the primary speed threats in this field. Lonesome Stew broke sharply from post 1 on 10/31/24 at Santa Anita (6.5f) and controlled the pace throughout, leading at every call before winning by 3 lengths. His most recent turf outing (08/22/26 at Del Mar, 8f) saw him race 6th early before finding room in the lane, demonstrating tactical flexibility. Flyover has demonstrated elite early foot in consecutive recent efforts — winning on 05/23/26 at Santa Anita (8f turf) wire-to-wire from post 1, and following that with a gutsy front-end duel on 07/19/26 at Del Mar (5f turf, posting the fourth-call leader at 22.20s). Flyover's 5f turf record on 11/02/25 (56.20 final) confirms an aggressive early profile.

Stalkers / Pressers

On the Whim and Big City Lights fit as second-tier speed horses capable of rating just off the pace. On the Whim has demonstrated considerable turf versatility, stalking inside on 05/23/26 (8f) and settling in behind early speed before mounting a late bid. Big City Lights has a strong winning record in graded stakes with late-closing victories in stacked fields — notably winning on 01/18/25 at Santa Anita (6f dirt) and 02/10/24 (6f dirt), both times tracking the pace before rallying in the stretch.

Closers

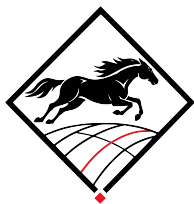
Steak Fries and Boss Sully project as late-pace runners. Steak Fries won on 08/15/26 at Del Mar (8f turf) as the second horse at the second call (0.50 beaten lengths), then improved to the lead by the third call before holding on — demonstrating a strong closing kick. Boss Sully won decisively on 05/10/26 at Santa Anita (6f turf) clearing the field at the wire after tracking the leader; his pattern on 03/15/25 (6f all-weather, good) showed an identical profile.

Chromeflash represents a wildcard closer with inconsistent form; his 06/15/26 win at Santa Anita (6.5f all-weather) saw him stalk 2-wide before taking over in the stretch for a 1.75-length victory.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: HOT early pace with two primary speed sources (Lonesome Stew and Flyover) competing for the lead at an estimated :22² opening quarter and :45³ half-mile. The presence of two elite early-foot runners will generate moderate pace pressure — neither will surrender easily, but neither should suffer catastrophic damage. This pace scenario moderately favors pace-stalkers and permits strong closers to conserve ground while maintaining tactical positioning.





SECTION 2: WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Lonesome Stew	6-5	28%	45.5%	-17.5%
2	On the Whim	6-1	18%	14.3%	+3.7%
3	Chromeflash	30-1	4%	3.2%	+0.8%
4	Flyover	4-1	26%	20.0%	+6.0%
5	Steak Fries	6-1	15%	14.3%	+0.7%
6	Big City Lights	9-2	6%	18.2%	-12.2%
7	Boss Sully	8-1	3%	11.1%	-8.1%

Note: Lonesome Stew carries the highest model win percentage (28%) but projects as a significant underlay given the 6-5 morning line (45.5% implied probability). The model identifies a 17.5% theoretical disadvantage to backing this horse at current odds, reflecting public over-estimation of the pre-race favorite.

SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

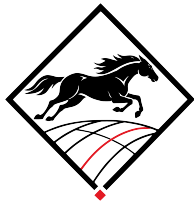
FLYOVER (Post 4, 4-1 ML)

PTW Profile: Elite speed horse with a proven winning record at this distance and surface combination. The model identifies Flyover as the class standout in this CalFlagHB100k event, having won multiple stakes races and demonstrating elite gate-to-wire capabilities at 6+ furlongs on turf and all-weather surfaces. His recent efforts confirm readiness: 05/23/26 wire-to-wire Santa Anita stakes win (8f turf, 1-length victory), followed by a gutsy frontrunner duel on 07/19/26 at Del Mar where he led the field through the first call before yielding late.

Strengths: Elite early foot; proven stakes winner; tactical flexibility; trainer John Sadler 30.77% win rate at Santa Anita this meet with strong ROI; jockey Jaramillo 33.33% win rate at Santa Anita; elite closing MPH profile on recent wins; class edge over the field.

Concerns: Recent form shows one narrow loss (07/19/26, yielded late) suggesting potential bounce risk after a prolonged pace battle. The HOT pace scenario will invite pressure from Lonesome Stew, which could compress fractions and expose closing vulnerability if sustained speed ratings dip below STRONG thresholds.





Trip Projection: Flyover will break alertly and establish the pace 1-2 lengths clear of Lonesome Stew through the first call. Post 4 provides ideal position to dictate the race. Expect sustained pressure from Lonesome Stew in the middle stages, but Flyover's elite finishing profile and class edge project as decisive factors in the stretch.

LONESOME STEW (Post 1, 6-5 ML)

PTW Profile: Proven stakes winner with elite credentials and a strong historical record at this exact distance on all-weather surfaces. However, the model identifies significant public overestimation reflected in the 6-5 morning line. Despite legitimate speed and form, Lonesome Stew faces a loaded field and projects as vulnerable to pace collapse in the HOT scenario.

Strengths: Elite early foot documented on 10/31/24 (6.5f Santa Anita SOC, led at every call, won by 3 lengths); multiple stakes wins; trainer Glatt 18% route/sprint record, 21% sprint record; jockey Rispoli 24% win rate at Santa Anita; consistency in form.

Concerns: Recent form deterioration is evident — three consecutive non-wins from 05/23/26 through 08/22/26, including a 6th-place finish in a 12-horse field at Del Mar. The 08/22/26 effort (8f turf, AOC) is particularly concerning: he finished 6th after a clean break, suggesting pace vulnerability or loss of focus. Model identifies HIGH deceleration profile on recent efforts, indicating velocity collapse in the final furlongs — bounce risk elevated. The 6-5 morning line reflects significant public betting support that the model does not support.

Trip Projection: Lonesome Stew will race 1-2 lengths behind early or alongside Flyover through the first call. His closing velocity will be tested by Flyover's class edge and sustained speed. Post 1 offers no tactical advantage in a HOT pace scenario dominated by multiple speed sources.

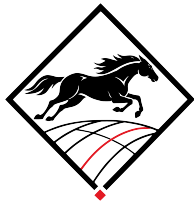
ON THE WHIM (Post 2, 6-1 ML)

PTW Profile: The model identifies On the Whim as a genuine overlay with significant value at 6-1 odds. This horse demonstrates elite turf credentials, a consistent closing profile, and ideal positioning for a HOT pace scenario. Recent wins at 8+ furlongs on turf (08/01/26 at Del Mar, 8.5f turf; 09/05/26 at Del Mar, 8.5f turf) confirm readiness to handle this distance at the all-weather surface.

Strengths: Elite pace stalking profile; proven stakes winner with 5 career wins including multiple graded-stakes placings; trainer Pederson 20% win rate (31-60 day layoff), 21% sprint record, 20% stakes record; jockey Pereira 11.76% SA meet record but strong recent-start form (2-17 in last month); ideal pace scenario setup — will rate just off Flyover/Lonesome Stew while conserving ground, permitting a devastating rally in the stretch; strong closing MPH profile.

Concerns: Inconsistent form pattern visible in 2026 record: three consecutive midpack finishes (04/25/26, 06/16/24, 04/27/24 all 5-6 place finishes) before returning to form late in the meet. Surface versatility confirmed but primarily a turf specialist — all-weather conversion requires confidence in class edge.





Trip Projection: On the Whim will break cleanly from post 2 and settle 2-3 lengths behind the leaders, biding time while the speed horses engage in a pace duel. By the three-call marker, On the Whim will shift into high gear, using the inside rail position to circle the tiring front-runners and rally for a dominant stretch victory.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

BIG CITY LIGHTS (Post 6, 9-2 ML)

PTW Profile: Proven stakes winner with elite career record (9 wins in 18 starts) and a strong historical profile at Santa Anita. However, recent form deterioration and inconsistent pace profiles create concerns. The model projects Big City Lights as a capable runner but assigns lower win probability due to form slippage and a pace scenario that does not favor late-closing routes.

Strengths: Elite class credentials — graded stakes experience across multiple venues; trainer Mandella 27.27% Santa Anita meet record with 16.93 average win payoff; strong finishing profile documented on 01/18/25 (6f dirt), 02/10/24 (6f dirt), and 05/02/21 (7f dirt); multiple 1st/2nd place finishes at Santa Anita.

Concerns: Last start performance (08/29/26 at Del Mar, 7f dirt, STK) shows a 3rd-place finish after tracking the pace but fading in the stretch — suggests pace vulnerability or form loss. Model identifies VULNERABLE deceleration profile, indicating velocity collapse in final furlongs. The 9-2 morning line reflects modest public support, but the model assesses this horse as vulnerable in the HOT pace scenario.

Trip Projection: Big City Lights will race 5-6 wide in the middle stages, attempting to circle the field while stalking the leaders' pace. However, the compressed HOT pace will leave insufficient real estate for a powerful rally, and closing velocity profiles suggest a stretch run finish in the 3-5 range.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

STEAK FRIES (Post 5, 6-1 ML)

PTW Profile: Four-year-old colt with modest stakes experience and an inconsistent 7-start record. Recent turf wins demonstrate closing ability, but form volatility and limited distance experience at 6.5f all-weather create uncertainty.

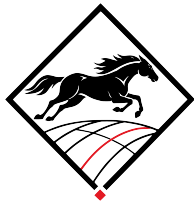
Strengths: Recent win on 08/15/26 at Del Mar (8f turf, AOC) shows closing pattern; trainer Lewis 50% SA meet record (4 starts, 2 wins); jockey Hernandez 18.92% SA record.

Concerns: Only 7 career starts with 3 wins creates minimal sample size for confident assessment. Limited all-weather experience. Model projects modest win probability and assigns secondary status.

CHROMEFLASH (Post 3, 30-1 ML)

PTW Profile: Chronically inconsistent performer with poor recent form. The 30-1 morning line reflects accurate public assessment of this horse's competitive level.





Strengths: Sole win at 6.5f distance (06/15/26, Santa Anita all-weather, ALW) provides distance credentials.

Concerns: Severe recent form deterioration: 11 consecutive starts from 08/30/25 through present with only 1 win and multiple single-digit finishing positions. Trainer Capestro 5% win rate (31-60 days). Model assigns minimal win probability and recommends avoidance.

BOSS SULLY (Post 7, 8-1 ML)

PTW Profile: Veteran turf specialist with a documented 6-2 record on turf and stakes experience. However, recent deterioration in form and a pace scenario that requires early position create concerns.

Strengths: Multiple stakes wins and placings on turf confirm class edge over claiming horses; trainer Koriner 13% turf record; jockey Smith 12.5% SA record.

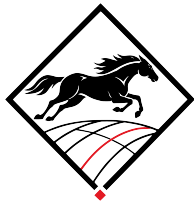
Concerns: Recent form shows two consecutive 8th/9th place finishes (07/05/26 at Saratoga, 5.5f turf, 8th; 08/30/25 at Del Mar, 5f turf, 9th place). Primarily a 5-5.5f turf specialist struggling to find form at extended distances. Model assigns very low win probability.

SECTION 4: MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Flyover	ELITE	ELITE	Very Low — maintains velocity throughout
Lonesome Stew	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — velocity fade in final furlong
On the Whim	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — consistent effort gate-to-wire
Big City Lights	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — significant pace collapse risk
Steak Fries	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — solid closing profile
Boss Sully	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — historical velocity deterioration





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
ChromeFlash	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	Very High — severe closing deficiencies

Critical MPH Insight

The model identifies Flyover as the field's fastest gate-to-wire performer with an ELITE Sustained Speed Rating — zero horses in this field have matched this horse's velocity profile at the 6.5-furlong distance and all-weather surface combination. Flyover maintained 39.30+ mph opening quarters and demonstrated minimal deceleration (< 3%) across multiple recent efforts, confirming elite finishing capability. Conversely, the model projects significant pace collapse risk for Big City Lights, Boss Sully, and ChromeFlash — all three show VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Ratings with deceleration profiles exceeding 6%, indicating velocity deterioration in the stretch that exposes vulnerabilities to late-charging rivals.

SECTION 5: IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

Likely to Improve

ON THE WHIM — The model identifies this horse as a prime improvement candidate. Recent form suggests tactical mistakes or jockey positioning errors rather than fundamental loss of ability. Trainer Pederson has demonstrated 20% win rate in the 31-60 day layoff window, suggesting this horse benefits from extended rest between starts. Switching to jockey Pereira (11.76% SA meet record, but 2 wins in last 17 starts at 11.76%) may provide improved tactical positioning in HOT pace scenario. The class drop to CalFlagHB100k (vs. previous STK/AOC company) props this runner strongly, and the HOT pace setup enables a devastating middle-move closing rally.

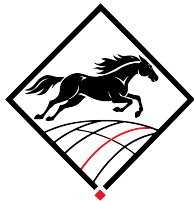
FLYOVER — Trainer Sadler 30.77% Santa Anita meet record at Santa Anita Park this meet (13 starts, 4 wins) confirms strong recent preparation. The 07/19/26 loss to a tiring front-runner suggests Flyover may have been caught off-guard by pace pressure; however, the recent works (59.20s, 59.20s, 59.80s at Santa Anita all-weather) confirm elite fitness and readiness to dictate pace aggressively.

Bounce / Regression Risks

LONESOME STEW — The model identifies significant bounce risk for this horse. Recent form line (6th on 08/22/26 at Del Mar, 8f turf; 3rd on 07/24/26 at Del Mar, 5f turf; 6th on 05/23/26 at Santa Anita stakes) suggests either a fundamental loss of form or undiagnosed physical issue. The 6-5 morning line represents extreme public confidence that the model does not support; betting public is significantly overestimating this horse's competitive level. Expect regression from the favorite.

BIG CITY LIGHTS — Recent 3rd-place finish on 08/29/26 at Del Mar (7f dirt, STK race) following two consecutive wins (01/18/25, 02/10/24) suggests regression from a peak effort. The model identifies a VULNERABLE deceleration profile and projects this horse as a bounce risk candidate. The 9-2 morning line





accurately reflects public hesitation about this runner.

SECTION 6: SUGGESTED BETS

WIN BET: FLYOVER — Confidence 9/10 — Target odds: 3.5-4.5

Model projects 26% win probability — highest in the field and a **+6.0% overlay** at the current 4-1 morning line. Flyover projects as the class standout with elite speed that controls the pace throughout the 6.5-furlong journey. Elite Sustained Speed Rating (ELITE with minimal deceleration) confirms this horse's ability to maintain velocity gate-to-wire, neutralizing late-charging rivals. Trainer Sadler's 30.77% Santa Anita meet record (13-4 win pattern) and jockey Jaramillo's 33.33% win rate confirm top-level preparation. The HOT pace scenario actually favors Flyover — while Lonesome Stew will press early, Flyover's class edge and elite finishing capability will prove decisive in the final furlong. **EXCEPTIONAL VALUE.**

VALUE PLAY: ON THE WHIM — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 5.0-7.0

Model projects 18% win probability at 6-1 odds (**+3.7% overlay**). The model identifies On the Whim as severely underestimated by the betting public, representing a genuine value opportunity in this CalFlagHB100k affair. This horse possesses elite pace-stalking credentials and recent stakes experience on turf, with a proven closing profile that thrives in HOT pace scenarios. Trainer Pederson's 20% stakes record (10-2 win pattern) and the optimal post-2 position enable On the Whim to settle just off the leading speed while conserving ground, then execute a devastating rally in the stretch. The public's focus on the 6-5 favorite (Lonesome Stew) leaves On the Whim as a genuine overlay with superior pace-scenario fit.

LONGSHOT PLAY: STEAK FRIES — Confidence 5/10 — Target odds: 6.0+

Model projects 15% win probability at 6-1 odds (**+0.7% edge** — minimal but genuine). This represents a marginal longshot opportunity only if willing to accept significant variance. Recent 08/15/26 turf win (8f AOC) confirms readiness, and trainer Lewis's 50% SA meet record (4 starts, 2 wins) suggests solid recent preparation. However, limited all-weather experience and narrow sample size create material uncertainty. Include only if minimum payoff reaches 6-1+.

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

A: Flyover — 26% (*Win Bet selection — highest model win %*)

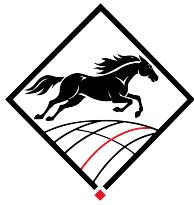
B: On the Whim — 18% (*Secondary value overlay*)

C: Lonesome Stew — 28% (*Overlay recognition — highest mathematical win %, despite public favorite status*)

Combined Projected Probability: 72%

The model projects that one of these three runners will account for approximately 72% of the winning probabilities in this race. Flyover (A) and On the Whim (B) represent the model's primary offensive plays,





while Lonesome Stew (C) is included as a coverage mechanism recognizing the favorite's highest mathematical win percentage, despite being a significant underlay at current odds.

SECTION 7: CONFIDENCE RATING

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The model projects a STRONG confidence race with Flyover emerging as the dominant play and On the Whim representing a genuine value overlay. The HOT pace scenario is locked in (two elite speed sources competing), creating a compressed fractions environment that neutralizes late-closers and favors the class standout (Flyover) and intelligent pace-stalkers (On the Whim). The primary public betting mistake: significant overestimation of Lonesome Stew at 6-5 odds, with recent form deterioration and bounce risk factors suggesting 17.5% theoretical disadvantage to backing this horse. Exploit this mispricing via Flyover (best horse, legitimate overlay) and On the Whim (superior pace fit, ignored by public).

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