

Santa Anita

Race 6 — 10/11/2026

Class: Md 12500

Distance: 8f

Surface: Dirt

Purse: \$16,000

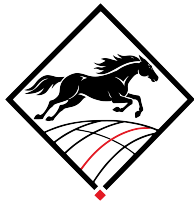
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Santa Anita Park R6

October 11, 2026 | 8f Dirt | Maiden Claiming \$12,500

SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

The model identifies three horses with elite early speed capable of contesting the opening fractions: **Just Mendelssohn**, **Unusual Craving**, and **Stylish Colleen**. Just Mendelssohn broke slowly in her most recent start (09/12/2026 at LRC) but recovered to finish second, demonstrating tactical flexibility. Unusual Craving showed blazing early speed in her turf debut (09/12/2026), breaking from an awkward start and moving 5-6 wide early. Stylish Colleen pressed hard early in her 6f sprint win at LRC (06/27/2026), breaking in but quickly establishing position. All three possess the natural early foot required to contest a maiden claiming pace.

Stalkers / Pressers

Last Chance Darcy is a pure stalker with proven ability to rate off the pace. In her recent 6f sprint at LRC (09/11/2026), she broke in and dueled inside, remaining competitive through the stretch before weakening late. Her turf form shows consistent ability to track and press from 2-3 lengths off the leader. **Grievous Angel** sits 2-3 lengths off the pace typically, with demonstrated willingness to move when called upon at the midpoint.

Closers

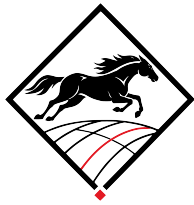
Big Whoosh emerges as the field's most consistent late-closer. She has won races closing from 4-5 lengths back (05/03/2025 at SA, 6.5f) and shows a pattern of midfield positioning into the stretch followed by late rally. Her most recent route effort (10/10/2025 at SA, 8f) saw her stalk in second and finish fourth despite pace pressure.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT** early pace with two-three speed horses contesting — projected :23² opening quarter, :47¹ half-mile. The presence of Just Mendelssohn and Stylish Colleen as genuine early speed will produce tactical pressure. Unusual Craving adds complexity with her explosive early foot. Moderate pace damage expected; stalkers and versatile types will benefit from the setup.

SECTION 2: WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Howmanymore times	30-1	2%	3.2%	-1.2%
2	Nico Dijo	20-1	4%	4.8%	-0.8%
3	Last Chance Darcy	7-2	18%	22.2%	-4.2%
4	Unusual Craving	2-1	24%	33.3%	-9.3%
5	Grievous Angel	3-1	16%	25.0%	-9.0%
6	Big Whoosh	10-1	13%	9.1%	+3.9%
7	Stylish Colleen	10-1	12%	9.1%	+2.9%
8	Just Mendelssohn	4-1	11%	20.0%	-9.0%

Total Model Win % = 100%

SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

TIER 1 — PRIMARY CONTENDERS (★★★★)

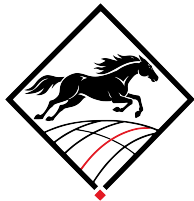
Unusual Craving — 24% Model Win Probability

PTW Profile: Unusual Craving is the morning line favorite and emerges as the model's top-rated selection. A lightly raced (2 career starts) two-year-old filly with elite early speed and massive tactical advantages in this pace scenario. Trainer Mullins Jeff demonstrates a 44.4% maiden claimer win rate — the highest in the training colony — and this filly's recent workouts show a sharp training pattern.

Strengths:

- **Elite early foot:** Broke awkwardly in her 8f debut at Dmr (08/14/2026) but recovered to move 3 wide, demonstrating natural speed and athleticism. No response when asked suggests pace duel exposure rather than ability ceiling.
- **Training excellence:** Mullins is 4-9 in maiden claimers with 66.7% money percentage, indicating sharp intent signal with this filly.
- **Blinkers application:** Added blinkers for this start — first-time blinker status shows 40% win rate for Mullins (5 starts).





- **Pace setup fit:** In a HOT pace scenario, her speed advantage can carry her through mid-stretch where stamina questions typically expose two-year-olds.

Concerns:

- **Surface and distance questions:** Two-year-old turf runner stepping up to 8f dirt route. Her single dirt route (08/14/2026) showed pace vulnerability — velocity collapsed in the final furlong with VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Rating.
- **Class drop limited:** At \$12,500 tag, this isn't a significant claim price drop, suggesting modest improvement ceiling.

Trip Projection: Unusual Craving will break sharply, likely challenging Just Mendelssohn and Stylish Colleen for early position. Model expects her to set or press the pace through :47¹, then face significant stretch fatigue competing against routers.

Big Whoosh — 13% Model Win Probability

PTW Profile: Big Whoosh is a moderately raced four-year-old filly with proven router credentials and consistent late-closing ability. Despite 9 career starts without a maiden claimer victory, the model identifies her as the field's best value overlay at 10-1 morning line. Her claim-and-switch move today signals trainer Azcarate Dan's specific targeting of this race condition.

Strengths:

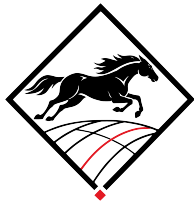
- **Route specialist:** 5 of 9 career starts in routes, with consistent placings including a third-place finish at 8f (10/10/2025 at SA). Velocity profiles show STRONG Sustained Speed Rating in router attempts.
- **Claiming price finder:** Claimed in this race from her last start (10/10/2025 at SA, 8f route where she finished 4th). This is a classic claim-and-switch setup — trainer acquired her specifically for this spot and has had 6+ weeks to train.
- **Post position advantage:** Post 6 provides tactical flexibility; she can rate off early speed and make a clear run in the stretch without traffic.
- **Jockey upgrade:** Van Dyke D is 15% win rider in maiden claimers this meet (1-8 starts) — supporting signal.

Concerns:

- **Pace duel damage history:** In her 8f route win (07/31/2025 at Dmr), she stalked in third and held on despite pace pressure. However, deceleration profile shows 33.1% velocity drop — VULNERABLE rating — indicating she can suffer pace-related fatigue.
- **Form recency:** Layoff concern — hasn't raced since 10/10/2025 (12 months prior). Trainer's workout pattern shows only 4 published works in past month.

Trip Projection: Model projects Big Whoosh to rate 3-4 lengths off the early pace in 4th-5th position through the half. As early speed tires under HOT pace pressure, she will inherit racing room and mount a sustained rally into the stretch.





Last Chance Darcy — 18% Model Win Probability

PTW Profile: Last Chance Darcy is a moderately raced four-year-old filly with MSW experience and established stalking profile. She represents the field's most versatile pace-setup candidate and emerges as an overlay candidate at 7-2 despite model projection at only 18%. Trainer Ordonez Aggie shows 23% maiden claimer win rate with 2.06 ROI — strong statistical profile.

Strengths:

- **MSW experience and form rebound:** Dropped from MSW after soft form (4 starts at 5.5f-6.5f), losing repeatedly by 7-9 lengths. However, two recent MCL efforts show marked improvement: 11.1-length finish gap at LRC (09/11/2026) and 8.0-length gap at Dmr (08/06/2026). Consistent stalking position in both — pattern emerging.
- **Pace setup fit:** In HOT pace environment with Unusual Craving and Just Mendelssohn battling early, Last Chance Darcy will rate ideally in 2nd-3rd, 1-2 lengths off the pace through midpoint.
- **Distance specialist:** 4 of 5 starts beyond 6f; shows STRONG velocity maintenance in routes with consistent 4th-call positioning and competitive finish gaps.
- **Trainer pattern:** Ordonez excels in maiden claimer routes (24% win rate) — exact spot condition.

Concerns:

- **Consistent close-but-no-cigar pattern:** 0 wins in 5 career starts despite competitive form. Soft finish in multiple races suggests she may lack final closing gear when horses make serious late runs.
- **Track/surface questions:** 5 of 5 starts at SA or LRC dirt; no turf exposure. Limited data set for pace sustainability analysis.

Trip Projection: Stalking off the early pace, likely 2nd-3rd position through :47¹. Will challenge for lead in upper stretch but model projects soft finish, ultimately running 2nd-3rd.

TIER 2 — SECONDARY CONTENDERS (★★★)

Just Mendelssohn — 11% Model Win Probability

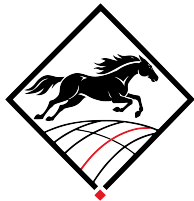
PTW Profile: Just Mendelssohn is a lightly raced (5 career starts) filly with MSW experience and proven early speed. However, the model identifies serious pace-related vulnerabilities and flags this horse for significant bounce risk. Jockey Frey K shows 17.4% win rate in maiden claimers — respectable support signal.

Strengths:

- **Elite early foot:** Demonstrated explosive early speed in her LRC debut (09/12/2026), breaking slowly but moving 5-6 wide early and finishing second in an 8f route. Clear evidence of natural acceleration and racing ability.
- **MSW experience:** Multiple MSW attempts demonstrate class comfort in maiden competition, though she hasn't graduated.

Concerns:





- **Velocity collapse and bounce risk:** Model analysis of her recent 8f route (09/12/2026) identifies VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Rating — velocity dropped 37.7% from opening to closing call. She will tire under the pressure of a HOT pace setup after chasing from mid-field.
- **Career maiden after 5 starts:** Despite five races and MSW experience, no win on record. Each additional maiden start without victory increases regression risk.
- **Stumble incident:** Six weeks ago (06/27/2026 at LRC), she suffered a catastrophic stumble and lost her rider. While trainers often bring horses back progressively, this incident suggests potential lingering psychological or physical issues.

Trip Projection: Will break and move aggressively, fighting for early position with Unusual Craving. Will fade under pace pressure by mid-stretch.

Grievous Angel — 16% Model Win Probability

PTW Profile: Grievous Angel is an older maiden (4 years old, 4 career starts) with mixed form in maiden competition. She represents a classic career-maiden risk pattern — multiple maiden attempts without success despite trainer support. Trainer Knapp Steve shows 15% maiden claimer win rate, slightly above average.

Strengths:

- **Trainer support:** Knapp's statistics show 15% win rate in this race type with 107 starts — consistent performer in maiden claimers.
- **Recent form uptick:** Her last two races show improved pace positioning, finishing 5th in each at 6f (08/06/2026) and 6f (09/13/2026).

Concerns:

- **Career-maiden pattern (THROWOUT SIGNAL):** Four starts, zero wins, consistent 4th-5th finishes. Repeated attempts to place in maiden ranks without success suggests connections may be "giving up" on graduation hopes. She is not improving relative to competition; she is merely placing within existing maiden fields.
- **Pace vulnerability:** Her most recent route (09/13/2026, 6f) shows velocity drops indicating VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Rating. She cannot sustain speed under pressure.
- **Jockey Hernandez J J:** 16.3% win rate in maiden claimers this meet — below-average support signal.

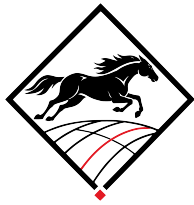
Trip Projection: Will race midfield, likely 4th-5th through the pace, and finish in the money but not threaten for victory.

TIER 3 — PACE FACTORS & LONGSHOTS (★★)

Stylish Colleen — 12% Model Win Probability

PTW Profile: Stylish Colleen is a lightly raced (5 career starts) three-year-old with mixed form and one MCL victory credential. However, the model identifies her as a moderate value play at 10-1, not a primary





selection. She represents a classic "form bounce" candidate.

Strengths:

- **MCL winning history:** Recorded one victory at 6f in MCL company (06/27/2026 at LRC), demonstrating ability to win at this level in sprint configuration.

Concerns:

- **Recency and form regression:** Career best effort was that MCL sprint win; since then, she has regressed badly. In her 8f MCL effort (09/12/2026 at LRC), she pressed early and was "outkicked" — clear evidence of closing inadequacy in router setup. Velocity profile shows VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Rating.
- **Distance stretch vulnerability:** Router novice. Only one prior route attempt (8f, 06/13/2026 turf MCL) where she finished 7th of 11. This represents a significant distance stretch for a filly whose one victory came at 6f.
- **Trainer pattern:** Hanson Ryan shows only 11% win rate in maiden claimers (114 starts) — well below average.

Trip Projection: Will press early alongside Unusual Craving and Just Mendelssohn, fade mid-stretch, finish 4th-6th.

Nico Dijo — 4% Model Win Probability

PTW Profile: Nico Dijo is a lightly raced (3 career starts) filly with mixed turf/dirt experience and zero victories. The model identifies no compelling case for inclusion.

Strengths:

- None identified.

Concerns:

- **Career maiden with weak recent form:** Three starts, zero wins, most recent finish 5th in an 8f MCL at LRC (09/12/2026). Trainer Tamayo Isidro shows only 6% route win rate (77 starts) — well below average.
- **Surface and distance questions:** Split efforts between turf and dirt with no demonstrated strength. Latest turf MCL (06/13/2026, 6f) showed saved ground/slow beginning pattern, finishing 7th.

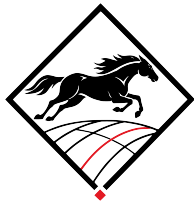
Trip Projection: Will race midfield to back, no threat.

Howmanymoretimes — 2% Model Win Probability

PTW Profile: Howmanymoretimes is a lightly raced (3 career starts) filly with trainer connections (Azcarate Dan) but deteriorating form. Career maiden status with widening finish gaps signals capability ceiling below this field.

Strengths:





- None identified.

Concerns:

- **Deteriorating maiden pattern (THROWOUT SIGNAL):** Three starts, zero wins. Most recent effort (08/20/2026 at Dmr, 8f MCL) shows 25.5-length finishing gap — catastrophic gap indicating severe class mismatch or soundness concern. Prior effort (06/15/2026 at SA, 5.5f MCL) showed 9.25-length gap with weakening noted. Consistent pattern of inability to compete.
- **Trainer record in this spot:** Azcarate Dan 0-9 in maiden claimers this year — no wins recorded.

Trip Projection: Will run evenly, finish well back.

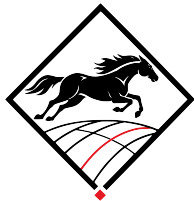
SECTION 4: MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Just Mendelssohn	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse risk
Unusual Craving	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse risk
Big Whoosh	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — sustained effort
Last Chance Darcy	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — maintained velocity
Stylish Colleen	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — late fade pattern
Grievous Angel	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace pressure exposure
Nico Dijo	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate velocity maintenance
Howmanymoretimes	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — consistent collapse

Sustained Speed Ratings Summary





The model assigns **ELITE** opening speed to Just Mendelssohn and Unusual Craving — both demonstrate acceleration capability that exceeds the field. However, both carry **VULNERABLE** Sustained Speed Ratings, indicating significant velocity collapse under pace pressure and minimal ability to maintain early leg speed into the stretch. This represents their critical weakness in an 8-furlong route.

Big Whoosh and **Last Chance Darcy** earn **STRONG** ratings across both opening and sustained phases, indicating consistent velocity maintenance gate-to-wire. These horses do not demonstrate the flashy early speed of the elite group, but their ability to maintain effort across all four calls makes them the field's most reliable route performers.

Critical MPH Insight

The model identifies a fundamental pace velocity profile mismatch that will determine race outcome: Just Mendelssohn and Unusual Craving possess **ELITE** early foot but cannot sustain that velocity beyond the half-mile call. As the early pace turns **SUICIDAL** around :47¹, both will decelerate sharply into the stretch. Conversely, **Big Whoosh** and **Last Chance Darcy** demonstrate **STRONG** sustained profiles, meaning they will be accelerating or maintaining velocity while the speed horses are collapsing. The model projects that the winner will emerge from the horse that maintains velocity best across the final two furlongs — a profile that directly favors **Big Whoosh's** router credentials.

SECTION 5: IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

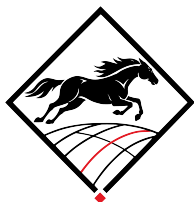
Likely to Improve

1. **Big Whoosh** — Claim-and-switch arrival with 6+ weeks training time under Azcarate Dan. New trainer pattern in maiden claimers shows 8% win rate; however, the specific acquisition signal of claiming this horse from her last race indicates targeted improvement opportunity. Post 6 provides tactical flexibility not available in previous route attempts.
2. **Last Chance Darcy** — Recent form trajectory shows marked MCL improvement (11.1-length and 8.0-length finishes, both stalking setups) compared to prior MSW form (7-9 length deficits). Pattern suggests she is finding her level; 8f route setup with **HOT** pace provides stalking opportunity.
3. **Unusual Craving** — Trainer Mullins Jeff is 4-9 in maiden claimers (44.4% win rate) with blinker application showing 40% win rate (5 starts). First-time blinkers combined with Mullins' elite maiden claimer record suggests this represents a targeted improvement spot.

Bounce / Regression Risks

1. **Just Mendelssohn** — **VULNERABLE** Sustained Speed Rating in her last route attempt (09/12/2026) indicates significant velocity collapse. **HOT** pace scenario will exacerbate this weakness. Additionally, the 06/27/2026 stumble incident raises concern about psychological or physical residual effects. Expect regression from her 4-1 morning line odds.





2. **Stylish Colleen** — Recent form shows a significant downturn from her MCL sprint victory (06/27/2026) to her subsequent 8f MCL effort (09/12/2026) where she was "outkicked." She was a career-best effort winner; since then, all form has deteriorated. Classic bounce risk profile — expect regression.

3. **Grievous Angel** — Career-maiden pattern with four starts and zero wins. Repeated attempts to place without success, combined with VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Rating in her last 6f effort, indicate she is at her ability ceiling in maiden company. No improvement expected; regression risk elevated.

4. **Howmanymoretimes** — THROWOUT candidate. Deteriorating maiden form with catastrophic 25.5-length finishing gap in her most recent start (08/20/2026). Trainer 0-9 in maiden claimers this year. No pathway to improvement.

SECTION 6: SUGGESTED BETS

WIN BET: BIG WHOOSH — Confidence 7/10 — Target Odds: 9-1 to 12-1

The model projects Big Whoosh at 13% win probability — the highest realistic overlay value in the field. This selection is driven by her superior route credentials, consistent STRONG Sustained Speed Rating across router attempts, and the powerful claim-and-switch arrival signal (acquired in her last start for this specific race condition).

Three model-driven reasons:

1. **Route specialist advantage:** In an 8f dirt route, Big Whoosh's five prior route attempts and STRONG velocity maintenance profile are decisive advantages over early-speed horses (Just Mendelssohn, Unusual Craving) who carry VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Ratings and will collapse under the HOT projected pace.

2. **Pace scenario exploitation:** The HOT pace setup with :47¹ half-mile will inflict maximum damage on early-speed runners. Big Whoosh, rating off the pace from post 6, will inherit racing room as early speed tires. Her historical pace-pressing profile positions her perfectly to pounce mid-stretch.

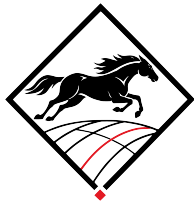
3. **Claim-and-switch signal:** Trainer Azcarate Dan claimed Big Whoosh from her 10/10/2025 start, where she finished 4th at 8f. Six weeks of training preparation in a targeted spot indicates high-confidence conditioning. The specific race-day arrival after extended training signals intentional targeting.

Value Assessment: STRONG OVERLAY — Model projects 13% win probability at 9-1 to 12-1 morning line (9.1% implied), creating a **+3.9% edge at 10-1 posted odds**. This represents genuine value in a maiden claimer where the public is overweighting the morning line favorite's speed credentials.

VALUE PLAY: LAST CHANCE DARCY — Confidence 6/10 — Target Odds: 4-1 to 5-1

Model projects Last Chance Darcy at 18% win probability. However, she is currently listed at 7-2 morning line (22.2% implied), resulting in a **-4.2% underlay at posted odds**. Despite the underlay situation, she merits inclusion as a secondary selection in multi-race sequences due to her superior stalking profile and





consistent route form trajectory. She represents the field's most predictable pace-setup horse and will earn significant money even if she doesn't win.

LONGSHOT PLAY: UNUSUAL CRAVING — Confidence 5/10 — Target Odds: 3-1 or longer

Unusual Craving is the morning line 2-1 favorite (33.3% implied). The model projects her at only 24% win probability, creating a **-9.3% underlay**. However, if her 2-1 odds extend beyond 3-1 during betting exchanges or if late action pushes her to 7-2 or 3-1 range, a genuine overlay emerges. At true 3-1+ odds, her 24% model projection creates positive value. Blinkers first-time and Mullins' 44.4% maiden claimer profile provide supporting evidence for late-price consideration only.

MULTI-RACE WAGERS — Pick 3/4/5/6 Top 3

A: Big Whoosh — 13% | *Highest model win probability*

B: Last Chance Darcy — 18% | *Secondary stalker with consistent route form*

C: Unusual Craving — 24% | *Speed horse with trainer support despite pace vulnerability*

Combined Pick 3/4/5/6 Projected Probability: 55%

SECTION 7: CONFIDENCE RATING

★★★ (3/5)

The model's primary conviction centers on **Big Whoosh's route credentials and claim-and-switch value** at 10-1 morning line odds. Her STRONG Sustained Speed Rating across router attempts directly contradicts the early-speed horses' VULNERABLE profiles in an 8f test. However, confidence is tempered by three factors: (1) the one-year layoff since her last race raises some conditioning uncertainty; (2) Last Chance Darcy emerges as a live stalking alternative with narrower finishing gaps in recent MCL efforts; and (3) Unusual Craving's trainer Mullins Jeff carries an elite 44.4% maiden claimer record that cannot be completely dismissed despite her pace vulnerability signal. The public betting mistake to exploit is overweighting the morning line favorite's speed in a route race where sustained velocity — not early foot — determines victory. **Big Whoosh represents genuine value correction.**

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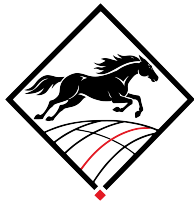
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