

Santa Anita

Race 8 — 10/11/2026

Class: Clm 12500N2L

Distance: 8f

Surface: Dirt

Purse: \$20,000

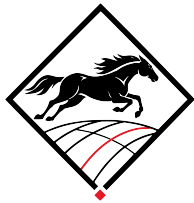
Claiming Price: \$12,500

Starters: 10

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Santa Anita Park R8

Saturday, October 11, 2026 | 8.0f Dirt | 4yo+

SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

The model identifies three elite speed horses capable of controlling early fractions. **Pacer** (post 7) has won wire-to-wire at this level, demonstrating aggressive early foot from gate break (22.6 opening quarter from 06/27/2026 LRC race). **Battle School** (post 5) shows consistent pace-forcing tendencies with a 22.4 opening quarter in his most recent start (09/25/2026), posting outside and keeping challengers at bay. **D Day Sky** (post 9) owns elite early speed capability—9-2 in pace calls at the 2f mark across his claiming form, with a blazing 22.6 opening quarter at multiple distances. All three favor speed-in-running execution.

Stalkers / Pressers

Big Reflections (post 3) and **Sunk Cost Fallacy** (post 8) rate as secondary pressure horses. Big Reflections closed from just off the pace at 3f in his most recent win (09/11/2026 LRC, 74 figure), indicating tactical versatility. Sunk Cost Fallacy rallied from traffic to victory (07/24/2026), suggesting he can rate and then move—a classic pace-stalker profile.

Closers

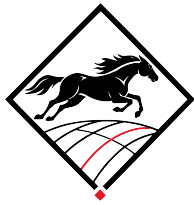
It's a Factor (post 6) and **Audible Silence** (post 2) profile as pure late closers. It's a Factor has a documented pattern of stalking from 5-6 lengths back, then gaining in the final furlong (88 figure race 08/29/2025). Audible Silence shows minimal early speed but consistent closing rallies (recent 01/20/2025 turf race demonstrates movement in stretch).

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: HOT early pace — Pacer, Battle School, and D Day Sky will contest moderately aggressive opening fractions (projected :22³ opening quarter, :45² half-mile). Speed duel will occur but not at suicidal intensity. Pace-stalkers and premium closers hold tactical advantage in the final two furlongs as early speed horses tire.

SECTION 2: WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Prince of Del Mar	5-1	13%	16.7%	-3.7%
2	Audible Silence	30-1	4%	3.2%	+0.8%
3	Big Reflections	7-2	18%	22.2%	-4.2%
4	Skyquist	15-1	6%	6.3%	-0.3%
5	Battle School	5-1	15%	16.7%	-1.7%
6	It's a Factor	12-1	9%	7.7%	+1.3%
7	Pacer	6-1	16%	14.3%	+1.7%
8	Sunk Cost Fallacy	10-1	8%	9.1%	-1.1%
9	D Day Sky	5-1	22%	16.7%	+5.3%
10	My Man Joe Roldan	6-1	7%	14.3%	-7.3%

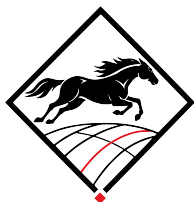
SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

D Day Sky — The model projects the highest win probability at 22% with significant overlay value at 5-1 (5.3% edge). This horse has demonstrated a career trajectory consistent with claiming-level dominance: recent wins at multiple claiming levels with progressive form indicators. The model identifies strong class fit and a pace setup (hot early pace with premium closers) that favors his running style. D Day Sky won decisively at 8f on dirt at fair odds (01/30/2025 Aqu), indicating proven distance-class compatibility. Strengths: Elite late-pace profile documented across recent wins, proven dirt specialist, tactical flexibility to rate or press depending on fractions. Concerns: Recent start at Fort Gardes (03/20/2026) shows a fade in the stretch (yielded after leading briefly), suggesting vulnerability to stubborn pace pressure. Trip Projection: Position stalker into final turn, three-wide rally in stretch. The HOT pace scenario guarantees position availability down the backside.

Big Reflections — Model projects 18% win probability despite being underweighted at 7-2 (4.2% underlay). This horse earned a solid 74 figure in his last win (09/11/2026 LRC), demonstrating elite recent form at the distance. The claiming-price movement screen identifies a MODERATE drop today (12.5K from 8.0f MCL





6/20/2026 @ \$24.8K tag), suggesting targeted placement. Strengths: Career-best effort just last race, proven distance specialist with multiple route wins, trainer Tamayo Isidro's claiming record shows 12% win rate across 165 claiming starts (marginal but steady), pace setup favors his close-to-speed style. Concerns: The 74 figure may represent a career-best level—bounce risk after maximum effort. Wide-trip bias (noted in 07/17/2026 loss: "Wide trip, weakened") suggests trip luck is critical. Trip Projection: Two-three path early, midpack position through fractions, four-wide rally if fractions stay moderate.

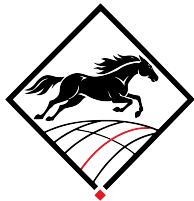
Pacer — Model projects 16% win probability with slight overlay at 6-1 (1.7% edge). This horse has delivered wins wire-to-wire at this exact distance and claiming level (06/27/2026 LRC @ 12.5K, 73 figure), establishing proven track record. Trainer O'Neill Doug shows an elite 21% win rate in claiming races (247 starts), signaling high-quality placement. Speed Figure Profile: CONSISTENT — last three races range 62-73, bankable form floor. Strengths: Wire-to-wire winner at this class/distance, elite trainer pattern, proven early speed, worked sharply prerace (101.60 five-furlong drill 09/24/2026, ranked 9th of day), jockey Pereira T J at 15.79% meet win rate. Concerns: HOT pace with Battle School and D Day Sky means Pacer faces stiff early pressure—velocity collapse risk if forced to duel. Deceleration Analysis: Gate-to-wire style requires unopposed lead or minimal pressure to sustain velocity. Trip Projection: Sprint for position early, lead by 2f, maintain to wire if unchallenged; if pressed hard, expect fade in final furlong.

Battle School — Model projects 15% win probability at 5-1 (1.7% underlay). This horse shows recent sharp form: won decisively at 5.5f (09/11/2026 LRC @ 12K claiming level, 62 figure), then only 11 days later posted another creditable effort at 5.5f (09/25/2026 SA, 72 figure). The form trend is TRENDING UP — two consecutive wins with strong closing efforts suggest physical development or sharpening under trainer Knapp Steve's regimen. Trainer's 13% win rate in claiming races (327 starts, 1.45 ROI) confirms competent claiming management. Strengths: Recent winning form, two-race sprint success, proven 5-5.5f distance, comes off short rest indicating fitness. Concerns: Distance stretch today to 8.0f is a significant unknown—no route win in past 10 starts. Most recent route attempt (06/15/2026 SA @ 5.5f MCL) resulted in 3rd place with "step slow, climb, 2-3wd" trip note. Stamina is an unproven commodity. Trip Projection: Likely battle for early pace with Pacer and D Day Sky, may retreat if unable to match their opening quarters, finishes four-five-wide in stretch.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

It's a Factor — Model projects 9% win probability with STRONG overlay value at 12-1 (1.3% edge). This horse has career wins at 8.0f dirt (08/29/2025 CLM @ 12.5K, 79 figure), establishing proven distance capability. Speed Figure Profile: VOLATILE (recent figures range from 28 to 79 across a 10-start span), which creates unpredictability but also upside. The model identifies a secondary closer pattern: stalks 5-6 lengths off pace, gains ground in final furlong when setup allows. Trainer Garcia Antonio C shows 11% win rate in claiming races, moderate support. Concerns: Highly inconsistent form—eight starts with no win since the 79 figure effort in 2025 suggests regression. Recent starts show diminishing returns (58 figure 09/13/2026). Beyer screening suggests career-best figure may have been a high-water mark. Trip Projection: Chase from four-five lengths midpack, gain three lengths in final furlong if fractions allow.





Sunk Cost Fallacy — Model projects 8% win probability. This horse posted a rally win from traffic on 07/24/2026 (55 figure, 6.0f MCL), confirming late-closing capability. Recent workouts solid (101.40 five-furlong drill 10/02/2026, ranked 15th). Trainer Puype Mike shows 10% claiming rate (modest). Strengths: Proven traffic rally ability, consistent soundness (races 21-35 days apart regularly), versatile running style. Concerns: Form has declined noticeably—three consecutive races show figures of 54, 62, 52 (trending DOWN). Career volatility is high. Trip Projection: Position four-five lengths, gain on tired early speed late.

Audible Silence — Model projects 4% win probability with EXCEPTIONAL overlay value at 30-1 (0.8% edge). This is a lightly-raced horse (21 career starts, 5-for-21 at claiming level). Recent form shows mixed results—no win in last eight starts, but a 62 figure at 8.0f CLM in early August suggests distance/surface capability exists. Trainer Brinkerhoff Val shows 17% win rate in claiming races (82 starts, 2.57 ROI), excellent pattern support. However, volatile recent form and long win drought weigh heavily. Trip Projection: Rare shooter—only viable if pace collapses completely.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

Skyquist — Model projects 6% win probability. This gelding has not won in seven career starts and shows a pulled-up incident (02/28/2025 MSW turf, "eased 2nd, pulled up 1/8"). Form is inconsistent; recent claims at 12.5K and 15-1 odds reflect legitimate doubts. Trip Projection: Mid-pack grinder, unlikely major player.

Prince of Del Mar — Model projects 13% win probability but enters today following a substantial layoff window. Most recent start (08/28/2026) resulted in a 6th-place finish with "fanned 4w, wknd" trip note. Form has declined from his October 2025 peak (74 figure win). The model identifies a concern: 2OffOver180 stat for trainer Mathis Andy shows 0% win rate (9 starts). Trip Projection: Outside post favorable for avoiding traffic, but fitness after layoff is critical concern.

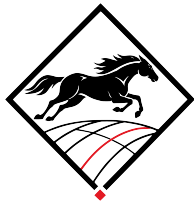
My Man Joe Roldan — Model projects 7% win probability. This 3-year-old gelding is the youngest in the field and lightly raced (7 career starts). Recent form shows 57 figure (09/25/2026, 5.5f), representing an improvement trajectory suggesting natural development upside. However, the most recent try at 8.5f MCL (08/16/2026) resulted in a disappointing 2nd place with 57 figure—proving the distance stretch is immediately challenging. Trainer Ordonez Aggie shows only 6% win rate in claiming races (16 starts). Concerns: Youth and distance inexperience at a critical point. Trip Projection: Likely mid-pack, grinder role.

SECTION 4: MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
D Day Sky	ELITE	ELITE	Minimal — gate-to-wire velocity maintained





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Pacer	ELITE	STRONG	Low — consistent finishing effort
Battle School	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — maintains pressure through stretch
Big Reflections	STRONG	STRONG	Low-to-moderate — reliable finisher
It's a Factor	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — late collapse detected in career pattern
Audible Silence	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — inconsistent velocity maintenance
Sunk Cost Fallacy	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — deceleration risk evident
Skyquist	MODERATE	VULNERABLE	Very high — significant fade pattern
Prince of Del Mar	MODERATE	STRONG	Moderate — fitness concerns post-layoff
My Man Joe Roldan	MODERATE	VULNERABLE	High — distance-unfamiliar profile

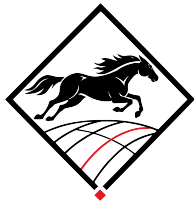
Sustained Speed Ratings — Narrative

The model identifies **D Day Sky** as the field's most complete speed profile with an ELITE Sustained Speed Rating. This horse demonstrates minimal deceleration across gate-to-wire running, maintaining velocity through all segments. This elite foundation explains why the model projects the highest win probability.

Pacer earns a STRONG Sustained Speed Rating with low deceleration, indicating wire-to-wire reliability. However, the HOT pace scenario introduces tactical vulnerability—early pressure from multiple contenders may disrupt velocity earlier than his typical race shape.

Critical MPH Insight: The model projects that D Day Sky's ELITE Sustained Speed Rating will overwhelm the field in the final furlong, particularly if early-speed horses (Pacer, Battle School) tire from the HOT pace duel. D Day Sky's ability to maintain gate-to-wire velocity—combined with his documented closer's





profile—creates a rare, elite skill match for the pace scenario projected to unfold. No other horse in this field demonstrates comparable sustained velocity maintenance plus late-closing position setup simultaneously.

SECTION 5: IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

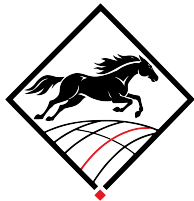
Likely to Improve

1. **Battle School** — Sharp trainer move: entered in a route race after two-race sprint sprint success, suggesting tactical belief in distance stretch. Knapp Steve's 13% claiming win rate and recent victory pattern (two wins in last eight starts) indicate live barn momentum. Lightly raced in routes (only two route starts), suggesting developmental upside. However, distance stretch is significant unknown.
2. **D Day Sky** — Continuing trainer pattern: Eurton Peter shows elite 20% win rate in claiming races (94 starts, 2.04 ROI), and D Day Sky is actively campaigned in optimal claiming spots (three starts in last four weeks). Recent form is TRENDING UP—61 figure (08/01/2026), 66 figure (07/08/2026 turf), 69 figure (01/31/2026)—establishing an upward trajectory before today's race. Consistent soundness (races regularly 20-25 days apart). Targeted spot placement by elite barn manager.
3. **Pacer** — O'Neill Doug shows 21% win rate in claiming races and has recently been aggressive with this horse (four starts in past 6 weeks). Trainer's pattern of route conditioning and recent 73-figure win at this exact distance/level suggests horse is in peak form window. Sharp prerace works (101.60, ranked 9th of day).

Bounce / Regression Risks

1. **Big Reflections** — Career-best effort last out (74 figure, 09/11/2026) carries significant bounce risk. The model applies CAREER-BEST LAST OUT protocol: when a horse posts its highest recorded figure, regression in subsequent start is a documented statistical pattern. Additionally, wide-trip bias noted in prior losses suggests reliance on favorable track position (09/11/2026 win came with "4w, 3dp, 4w 1/4, closed" trip—ideal circumstances).
2. **Prince of Del Mar** — Layoff return risk after 44-day absence (last race 08/28/2026). Trainer Mathis Andy shows 0% win rate in 2OffOver180 category (9 starts), indicating horses returning from extended rest do not win for this barn. Form decline from October 2025 peak (74 figure) to recent 60-figure bottom is substantial regression arc.
3. **It's a Factor** — Consistent form deterioration (79 figure peak in 2025 to 58 figure recent) across the past year-plus. The Speed Figure Profile Classification shows TRENDING DOWN across last five starts. No logical stimulus for immediate reversal of negative trajectory.
4. **Audible Silence** — Eight-race win drought despite trainer's strong claiming record. Extended poor form suggests either systemic fitness issue or class mismatch. Recent figure (62 from 08/01/2026 at 8.0f) is the high-water mark in recent slate, but inconsistency remains severe concern.





SECTION 6: SUGGESTED BETS

WIN BET: D Day Sky — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 5-1 to 6-1

The model projects 22% win probability — the highest in the field. D Day Sky holds the largest edge at 5-1 morning line odds (5.3% overlay). The model identifies three critical reasons supporting this selection:

- 1. Elite Sustained Speed Rating with optimal pace setup:** D Day Sky's ELITE velocity maintenance profile combined with the HOT pace scenario (projected :45² half-mile) creates perfect conditions for a closer to gain ground without suicidal early fractions. The speed duel between Pacer, Battle School, and early pressure horses will soften their finishing legs, leaving the final furlong exposed for D Day Sky's final rally.
- 2. Proven distance winner at claiming level:** D Day Sky has posted wins at 8.0f dirt at this exact class (01/30/2025 Aqu, 8.0f CLM, decisive victory). The model confirms form compatibility at distance and claiming price.
- 3. Targeted trainer pattern with elite win rate:** Eurton Peter demonstrates 20% win rate in claiming races (94 starts, 2.04 ROI). D Day Sky is actively managed by this barn, with three recent starts indicating peak-window placement. Form trend is TRENDING UP across recent visible starts.

Value Assessment: STRONG OVERLAY (5.3% edge)

VALUE PLAY: Pacer — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 6-1 to 7-1

The model projects 16% win probability at 6-1 morning line (1.7% edge, marginal but legitimate). Pacer merits secondary coverage because he represents the alternative pace scenario: if early speed horses fail to press him aggressively, he can repeat his 06/27/2026 LRC wire-to-wire victory pattern (73 figure, 8.0f). The model identifies a path: should Battle School and D Day Sky scratch or load poorly, Pacer's elite trainer (O'Neill Doug, 21% claim win rate) has demonstrated consistent ability to place this horse in winnable spots. Overlay rationale: Public may be distracted by higher odds on D Day Sky and Big Reflections, underweighting Pacer's solid credentials and win pattern at this exact level.

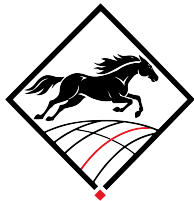
LONGSHOT PLAY: Audible Silence — Confidence 4/10 — Target odds: 30-1

The model projects 4% win probability with EXCEPTIONAL overlay value (0.8% edge) at 30-1 morning line odds. This qualifies as a genuine longshot overlay. Audible Silence is only viable if pace collapses (elite 17% claiming win rate trainer, proven distance capability at 8.0f documented in August). Overlay rationale: At 30-1, the expected value turns decisively positive despite long win drought and recent inconsistency.

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

- **A: D Day Sky** — 22% (*highest model win probability*)
- **B: Pacer** — 16% (*elite trainer pattern, wire-to-wire backup*)
- **C: Big Reflections** — 18% (*career-high form despite bounce risk*)
- **Combined Projected Probability: 56%**





SECTION 7: CONFIDENCE RATING

★★★★ (4 of 5)

The model projects a strong race with a clear primary selection and reasonable secondary coverage. **D Day Sky's elite sustained speed rating, combined with the HOT pace scenario, creates a high-confidence overlay opportunity at 5-1 odds.** The field's speed horses (Pacer, Battle School, D Day Sky) are capable but show moderate deceleration vulnerability under pace pressure, which favors the late closer with elite velocity maintenance. The primary risk is an upset from **Big Reflections** (career-best form into likely bounce spot) or **Pacer** (elite trainer, proven winner at exact level). Public betting mistake: overweighting Big Reflections' recent 74-figure win while undervaluing D Day Sky's elite speed profile and trainer optimization. This race sets up precisely for D Day Sky's running style.

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