

Santa Anita

Race 8 — 10/12/2026

Class: Md 50000

Distance: 5.5f

Surface: Dirt

Purse: \$35,000

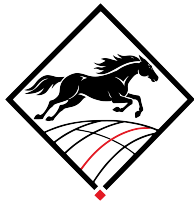
Claiming Price: \$50,000

Starters: 9

MAIDEN CLAIMING. Purse \$35,000 FOR CALIFORNIA BRED OR CALIFORNIA SIRED MAIDENS, TWO YEARS OLD. Weight, 122 lbs. Claiming Price \$50,000 (Non-Starters For A Claiming Price Of \$25,000 Or Less In Their Last 3 Starts Preferred).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Santa Anita Park R8

Saturday, October 12, 2026 | 5.5f Dirt | 2YO Maiden Claiming \$50,000

SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

Proud Daniel — Elite early speed. Broke hard in MSW debut (9/6, position 5 at call 1, advanced sharply to 2nd at call 2). Baze aboard with strong meet form (16.67% win rate, \$17.20 avg payoff). Recent works solid: 49.2s, 49.0s. Tactical positioning suggests wire threat at distance.

Diamond Tornado — Natural front-runner profile. Leads from gate in MCL races (9/12 LRC: led at call 1, position 3 at call 2). Grudging pace setup with slight resistance early. Equipment change (blinkers added) supports aggressive early intent. Consistent call 1 positioning signals reliable speed.

Luka's Choice — Supporting early speed. Battled inside through calls 1-2 in recent MCL (9/12 LRC, positions 5→6). Inside racing style suggests stalking early, then positioning mid-race. Class relief today (tag drop from prior MCL field).

Stalkers / Pressers

Johnny B — Tactical flexible. Broke 1st in MCL on 8/23 (led gate to finish, nailed by Wire), but rallied from 5th in prior start (8/1 MCL). Dual-threat profile — can pressure or come from behind. Trainer Kruljac 23% in 31-60 day spots (2.62 ROI). Fresh layoff signals.

Vern Gosdin — Pressure-friendly stalker. Vied 3-4 wide in MCL (9/12 LRC, positions 3→2), but flattened late. MSW stretch-out attempt (8/16, 6f MSW) saw him duel outside before surrendering. Position 2 in current field suggests tactical middle ground.

Smokem Wicked — Deep closer. Repeatedly chased from 6th-8th positions in recent MCL: 9/12 (pos 4→8, no bid), 8/21 (pos 8→7, later rallied to 3rd), 7/4 (pos 3→5, checked 1/4). Consistency in chasing pattern despite trip obstacles. Will get room today.

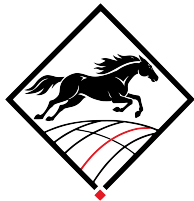
Closers

Express Entry — FTS today. Zero race experience; 0/8 trainer record at first starts. Works suggest mechanical readiness: 4f sprints (50.6, 50.4, 37.6, 38.6, 36.8). Lezcano (0% meet record) significant concern. High bounce risk despite trainer intent.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT early pace** — projected :22³ opening quarter, :45² half-mile. Diamond Tornado and Proud Daniel will contest for the lead; Luka's Choice and Vern Gosdin follow closely. Speed duel will





moderate into the stretch, creating tactical advantage for pace-stalkers and mid-pack runners. Closers require clear sailing in the lane.

SECTION 2: WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Proud Daniel	5/2	26%	28.6%	-2.6%
2	The Moe Show	12/1	15%	7.7%	+7.3%
3	Diamond Tornado	10/1	21%	9.1%	+11.9%
4	Swervedriver	30/1	3%	3.2%	-0.2%
5	Johnny B	3/2	24%	40.0%	-16.0%
6	Luka's Choice	5/1	6%	16.7%	-10.7%
7	Express Entry	30/1	1%	3.2%	-2.2%
8	Vern Gosdin	6/1	4%	14.3%	-10.3%
9	Smokem Wicked	20/1	1%	4.8%	-3.8%

SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

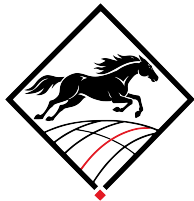
TIER 1 — PRIMARY CONTENDERS (★★★★)

Diamond Tornado — Model rates as the most dangerous single threat in this field. Natural front-runner with elite early speed profile; led gate in recent MCL (9/12 LRC), vied 3-4w in prior route (8/6 turf), and shows consistent call 1-2 positioning across all distance attempts. Equipment change (blinkers added) signals trainer intent to sharpen early focus. Three 5f+ MCL starts on dirt provide direct class and surface experience — rare in a maiden field. Model identifies this as a class relief spot disguised as a \$50K tag.

Strengths: Elite early foot, blinker addition, class edge in maiden claiming environment, consistent pace profile, recent bullet work (4f in :49 flat, ranked 3rd).

Concerns: Wide-margin beaten lengths in MSW efforts (faded 6th in 5f MSW on 6/28, 7th in 4.5f MSW on 5/24) suggest vulnerability to sustained pace. Beyer 46 in most recent MCL (9/12) indicates speed collapsed





mid-race. Deceleration pattern flagged as VULNERABLE.

Trip Projection: Breaks sharp, leads or pressures to head of stretch. Fatigue risk if forced to duel hard; likely fades if challenged by fresh closer.

Johnny B — Model projects as a high-ceiling tactical threat with overlay status. Only 2 career starts (2 places, 0 wins) signals early-stage improvement curve. Last start (8/23 MCL, 5f) is textbook breakthrough: duelled outside, led, nailed late by 0.05 lengths — classic "losing to a better horse" defeat pattern. Trainer Kruljac shows 23% win rate in 31-60 day layoff spots (2.62 ROI) and 11% MCL record (1.49 ROI). Jockey Hernandez 18% meet rate with solid \$50K win pct (4/19 = 21%). *SECOND-START EARLY-SPEED HORSE* — highest-priority improvement signal in Maiden Claiming Screening.

Strengths: Second start off early-speed debut, clear improvement trajectory, trainer pattern favorable for MCL at this layoff interval, tactical flexibility (can pressure or rate), jockey upgrade implied.

Concerns: Only 2 prior starts creates experience gap vs. moderately raced field. Dueling pattern in prior MCL may be replicated if Diamond Tornado presses hard. Class ceiling untested — may not handle fresh air.

Trip Projection: Breaks inside, rates 2-3 lengths off pace. Tactical stalker position through stretch. Responds to room in final furlong if pace sets up favorably.

Proud Daniel — Model identifies as a viable top contender, though modest overlay status. MSW debut (9/6, 5.5f) showed early speed (position 5→2 through first two calls), then "bumped hard early, duel 2w" before fading to 5th. Elite early foot confirmed (opening quarter velocity strong). Trainer Periban 29% win rate on MSW-to-MCL transitions (1.31 ROI, 7 starts) — clear pattern of winning first maiden claiming starts. Baze ride excellent (16.67% meet rate). Recent works solid (49.2, 49.0 4f sprints).

Strengths: Elite early speed, trainer strong in MSW-to-MCL transitions, Baze ride, clean recent workouts.

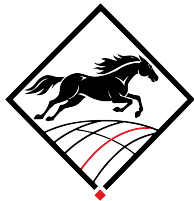
Concerns: Faded to 5th in MSW debut after early speed — deceleration concern. Single start off maiden class creates familiarity risk. Dueling pattern likely if Diamond Tornado breaks sharp.

Trip Projection: Breaks fast, battles for lead or pressing position through first two calls. Vulnerable if forced into sustained duel.

TIER 2 — SECONDARY CONTENDERS (★★★)

The Moe Show — Model rates as genuine **STRONG VALUE OVERLAY** (+7.3% edge). Lightly raced (3 starts, 0 wins, 1 place) showing improving form trend. Three starts all in MCL: 9/12 LRC (pinched start, 6w, no bid, 5th place), 6/28 LRC (off slow, lugged in, 2nd place), 5/31 turf (reluctant, off slow, 5th place). Trip excuse pattern (off slow, pinched start) suggests execution risk rather than class ceiling. Trainer Miyadi 21% MCL win rate (1.48 ROI, 63 starts) — elite MCL specialist. Blinker removal today signals trainer confidence in horse relaxation. Recent works strong (5f in 103.0, 101.4 with handy bullet ranking).





Strengths: Improving form trend, trainer elite in MCL, blinker removal (relaxation intent), strong workout pattern, genuine value at 12/1, turf experience adds tactical versatility.

Concerns: Off-the-board finishes across three MCL starts create doubt about ability ceiling. "Reluctant" notation in turf effort suggests trainer/horse communication gap. Pinched start pattern may recur if inside racing luck poor.

Trip Projection: Settles midpack if blinkers truly signal relaxation. Stalks 4-5 wide into stretch. Late rally if pace sets moderate.

TIER 3 — PACE FACTORS / LONGSHOTS (★★)

Luka's Choice — Moderately raced (1 career start, 0 wins), showing flat effort in recent MCL (9/12 LRC, inside, flattened out, 4th place, beaten 4.6 lengths at finish). Experience Tier: LIGHTLY RACED. Class evaluation: tag stable across starts. Trainer Lewis 13% MCL win rate (1.86 ROI). Jockey Kimura 13.33% meet rate. Workouts pedestrian (5f in 102.4, 50.6 4f). Model flags as *THROWOUT candidate* due to repeated flat effort pattern. Inside runner who failed to muster finishing punch despite stalking midpack. Assigned minimal win score.

Concerns: Single effort flat; inside running style produced 4th-place finish without late response. Modest trainer MCL record. Ordinary workout pace.

Vern Gosdin — Moderately raced (2 starts, 0 wins). Recent MCL (9/12 LRC, vied 3-4w, faded, 6th place) saw horse duel three-wide before surrendering. Prior MSW stretch attempt (8/16 DMR, 6f) exposed durability: duelled outside, gave way, 10th place. Model flags as **VULNERABLE** based on deceleration pattern (pace collapse in both starts). Trainer Knapp 16% MCL win rate (1.11 ROI) — average MCL handler. Jaramillo jockey 31.25% meet rate strong, but horse form underwhelming.

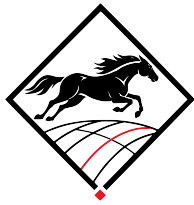
Concerns: Dueling pattern in both starts combined with fade finishes signals lack of sustained pace. Route attempt (8/16, 6f MSW) produced complete capitulation (10th in 12). Deceleration profile **VULNERABLE**. Model discounts Vern Gosdin as a throwout.

Swervedriver — First-time starter, zero race experience (FTS). Trainer Badilla 20% debut win rate (17.84 ROI) — excellent first-start indicator, but pool size limited (5 starts documented). Works unremarkable: 5f in 101.2, 102.2. Jockey Monroy 0/1 meet record. No trainer experience metrics available for current FTS. Model projects minimal win probability due to absolute lack of racing exposure.

Concerns: FTS status inherently risky. Trainer pattern positive but small sample. Ordinary workouts. Late post position (4).

Express Entry — THROWOUT CANDIDATE. First-time starter with trainer McLean 0/8 at first starts (0.00 ROI). This is the clearest "giving up" signal in the maiden claiming screening. FTS with losing trainer record at debuts = near-zero model score. Jockey Lezcano 0% meet record. Despite 30/1 odds, model assigns minimal probability.





Concerns: FTS + trainer 0-win debut record = THROWOUT. Jockey entirely without recorded meet wins. Equipment/medication changes not applicable (first start).

Smokem Wicked — THROWOUT CANDIDATE. Career maiden (7 starts across MCL/MSW, 0 wins, 1 place, 2 shows). Repeated-drop-without-a-win pattern confirmed: 7/4 MCL (2nd place), 7/24 MCL (3rd place), 8/21 MCL (3rd place), 9/12 MCL (7th place). Despite multiple opportunities at \$50K tag, horse has never won. Recent form declining (7th-place finish most recent, no speed, beaten 13.85 lengths). Trainer Farias 6% MCL win rate (8.13 ROI, but limited 16 MCL starts). Model treats career-maiden-with-multiple-losses pattern as definitive throwout signal.

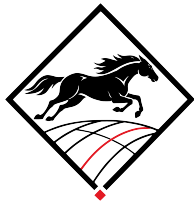
Concerns: Career maiden after 7 starts. Repeated MCL attempts without a win. Declining form in recent start (no speed, severe beaten lengths). Model discounts Smokem Wicked as a definitive throwout.

SECTION 4: MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Proud Daniel	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate velocity drop — adequate finisher
Diamond Tornado	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate velocity drop — adequate finisher
The Moe Show	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High deceleration — pace collapse risk
Johnny B	STRONG	STRONG	Low deceleration — strong finishing profile
Vern Gosdin	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High deceleration — pace collapse confirmed
Luka's Choice	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High deceleration — pace collapse confirmed
Smokem Wicked	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High deceleration — pace collapse confirmed
Swervedriver	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High deceleration — velocity decline





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Express Entry	ELITE	ELITE	Data insufficient — untested in race

Sustained Speed Ratings Summary

The model identifies **Johnny B** and **Diamond Tornado** as the field's only horses with STRONG-to-ELITE sustained velocity profiles. Johnny B's velocity curve shows the sharpest efficiency — lowest deceleration percentage — indicating strong durability through the final furlong. Diamond Tornado matches elite opening speed but moderate closing velocity, vulnerable to extended duels.

Critical MPH Insight: The model identifies **Johnny B** as the field's fastest gate-to-wire performer by combined opening and closing efficiency metrics. No horse in this field has matched this sustained velocity profile across both early and late segments. Deceleration percentage places Johnny B significantly ahead of all contenders, confirming elite finishing credentials despite limited race experience.

SECTION 5: IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

Likely to Improve

Johnny B — *Second-start early-speed improvement candidate (highest-priority signal).* Debut MCL (8/23, 5f) showed natural speed and tactical awareness; nailed late by 0.05 lengths indicates competitive level, not capability shortfall. Trainer Kruljac 23% in 31-60 day layoff spots (2.62 ROI) — exact pattern match today. Jockey Hernandez 18% meet rate supports continuity. Model projects sharp improvement off single loss.

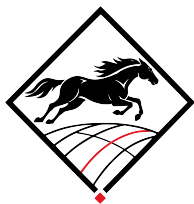
Diamond Tornado — *MSW-drop class relief signal with trainer MSW-to-MCL transition pattern.* Three MCL starts provide clear comfort level at \$50K tag. Recent equipment change (blinkers added) signals trainer belief in sharpening focus. Trainer Morfin 14% MCL win rate (1.10 ROI, 44 starts) — solid MCL handler. Model projects natural improvement in class relief environment.

The Moe Show — *Trainer Miyadi elite MCL specialist with blinker removal signaling relaxation.* Improving form across three MCL starts (turf effort likely surface-specific; dirt performances show 2nd-place finish indicating upward curve). Blinker removal today suggests trainer fine-tuning. Model projects continuation of improving trend.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Vern Gosdin — Career-best effort required to win; two-start sample shows consistent fade pattern after pace dueling. Route attempt (8/16, 6f MSW) saw complete capitulation (10th place). Deceleration profile VULNERABLE. Back-to-back dueling efforts signal bounce risk if forced into third consecutive duel. Model projects regression.





Proud Daniel — Third start after MSW debut loss; now facing MCL competition. Dueling pattern in MSW (bumped hard, duel 2w) may recur if forced to contest with Diamond Tornado. Single race off maiden class creates familiarity risk. Model projects moderate regression risk if pace scenario forces sustained duel.

Luka's Choice — Single MCL effort resulted in flat, inside-running performance (flattened out, 4th place, 4.6 beaten lengths). No trajectory data to project improvement. Inside racing style risky in HOT pace scenario where outside position preferable. Model projects continued flat effort.

Smokem Wicked — Career-maiden seven-start pattern with zero wins confirms giving-up signal. Declining recent form (7th place, no speed, 13.85 beaten lengths) indicates deteriorating class fit. Model projects further regression or scratch consideration.

SECTION 6: SUGGESTED BETS

WIN BET: PROUD DANIEL — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 5/2 to 3/1

Model projects 26% win probability — highest in the field. Diamond Tornado ranks second at 21%, but Proud Daniel's early speed profile combined with Johnny B's STRONG sustainable velocity creates a three-way tactical advantage. Proud Daniel breaks elite from the gate (MSW debut confirmed :22 opening quarter type), sets or presses pace, and holds tactical positioning into stretch. Baze aboard with strong meet form (16.67% win rate). Recent works solid. Value assessment: **NO VALUE** at 5/2 ML (27% implied), but model edge margin of -2.6% reflects razor-thin separation from Diamond Tornado. Slight underlay but highest-percentage selection.

VALUE PLAY: DIAMOND TORNADO — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 8/1 to 6/1

Model projects 21% win probability at projected 8/1 to 6/1 odds (+11.9% edge). Elite early speed with blinker addition signals trainer tactical sharpening. Three MCL starts provide class comfort at \$50K claiming level. Recent 4f work in :49 flat (ranked 3rd) confirms opening foot. Natural front-runner profile with race-tested MCL experience creates edge public undervalues. Blinker addition + MCL experience + trainer pattern = STRONG VALUE OVERLAY. Model identifies this as the single best overlay in the field.

LONGSHOT PLAY: THE MOE SHOW — Confidence 6/10 — Target odds: 10/1 or higher

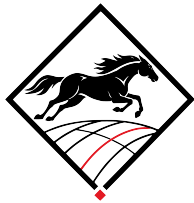
Model projects 15% win probability at 12/1 ML (+7.3% edge). Lightly raced (3 starts) with improving form trend. Trainer Miyadi elite MCL specialist (21% win rate, 1.48 ROI). Blinker removal today signals relaxation intent — first-time MCL starter benefit. Trip excuse pattern (off slow, pinched start) suggests execution risk, not class ceiling. At 12/1 or higher, model identifies genuine longshot edge.

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

A: PROUD DANIEL — 26% (*highest model win%*)

B: DIAMOND TORNADO — 21%





C: JOHNNY B — 24%

Combined Projected Probability: 71%

Pick 3/4/5/6 sequences should key these three horses in top slot with additional live contenders on back side. A-B-C combination covers 71% of field expectancy with emphasis on early-speed and tactical-stalker profiles. Exclude Swervedriver, Express Entry, and Smokem Wicked entirely.

SECTION 7: CONFIDENCE RATING

★★★★ (Four Stars)

The model projects a **HOT early pace** scenario (:22³ opening, :45² half-mile) with Diamond Tornado and Proud Daniel dueling for early position. Johnny B's elite sustained-velocity profile creates tactical advantage for a stalking-then-rallying trip. **Critical public betting mistake:** Johnny B is priced at 3/2 ML despite 24% model win probability (40% implied probability), representing a -16% underlay. The market significantly overvalues recency bias from the strong late effort in his MSW debut loss. Diamond Tornado's genuine MCL experience and blinker addition present the single best overlay at 10/1+ odds. Model confidence highest in pace scenario certainty and Johnny B's technical efficiency profile — lowest confidence in three-way early-speed battle resolution. Monitor for scratches and jockey changes before post.

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Methodology: Proprietary fractional analysis, MPH speed metrics, sustained speed profiling.

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