PTW COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT

Grade 2 Rachel Alexandra Stakes - Fair Grounds

Race 11 | Saturday, February 14, 2026 | Post Time: 6:00 PM ET Distance: 1 1/16 Miles (Dirt) | 3-Year-Old Fillies | Purse: $300,000

PACE ANALYSIS

Early Pace Points (EPP)

TOTAL: 644 EPP - Significant early pressure with multiple speed types

Horse	EPP	Pace Role
Bella Ballerina	113	Primary Speed
Luv Your Neighbor	97	Pressing Speed
Majestical	95	Pressing Speed
Agrippina	87	Forwardly Placed
Classic Glide	75	Mid-Pack
Dancin in Old Town	62	Off the Pace
Powered by Family	59	Deep Closer
Just Singing	56	Deep Closer

Late Pace Points (LPP)

Horse	LPP	Closing Capability
Powered by Family	111	Elite Late Kick
Just Singing	107	Elite Closer
Dancin in Old Town	86	Solid Rally
Classic Glide	78	Moderate Close
Luv Your Neighbor	72	Speed Maintainer
Majestical	72	Speed Maintainer
Bella Ballerina	71	One-Run Type

Horse		LPP	Closing Capability
Agrippina		67	Limited Late

Pace Scenario: The model projects a contested early pace with 644 EPP indicating significant early tension. Bella Ballerina's 113 EPP marks her as the likely pacesetter, but she'll face immediate pressure from Luv Your Neighbor (97) and Majestical (95). This aggressive early scenario should set up perfectly for deep closers Powered by Family (111 LPP) and Just Singing (107 LPP), who can conserve energy while the speed horses engage.

WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX

Horse	Win %	Place %	Show %
Powered by Family	32%	58%	74%
Bella Ballerina	24%	52%	68%
Just Singing	18%	42%	62%
Luv Your Neighbor	12%	28%	46%
Majestical	8%	20%	36%
Classic Glide	4%	12%	24%
Dancin in Old Town	1%	6%	14%
Agrippina	1%	2%	6%

CONTENDER ANALYSIS

POWERED BY FAMILY ★★★★★

Current Form: Romped in maiden special weight on sloppy track
Best Speed Figure: 84 Beyer
Running Style: Deep closer with explosive finish

The model projects Powered by Family as the controlling favorite based on her elite closing profile perfectly matched to this pace scenario. Her 111 LPP dominates this field and represents the kind of late acceleration that wins races when speed horses duel. The January 10 maiden victory at Fair Grounds was

visually spectacular—she overcame a 10-length deficit while racing seven-wide to win by 3+ lengths with a 93-12 Timeform rating, highest in this field.

The St Elias/West Point ownership connects her to Golden Tempo (Race 12), and trainer Cherie DeVaux operates at 34% strike rate at Fair Grounds with Jose Ortiz. The Quality Road—Empire Maker pedigree screams classic distance capability. Most critically, she gets the perfect setup: Bella Ballerina and Luv Your Neighbor will engage early while Powered by Family saves ground and delivers a devastating late run.

The sloppy track victory raises questions about surface preferences, but the visual impression of that performance—combined with her pace profile—suggests genuine ability rather than track-specific success.

Key Factors: Elite late pace points, ideal pace setup, trainer/jockey combo excelling at FG, sharp maiden victory

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BELLA BALLERINA ★★★★

Current Form: Undefeated in two starts including Golden Rod (G2)
Best Speed Figure: 80 Beyer
Running Style: Front-running speed

Brendan Walsh brings back the Golden Rod winner who represents the controlling speed in this field. Her 113 EPP indicates she'll establish the lead, and the Golden Rod performance (89-11 Timeform) demonstrated her ability to handle graded stakes pressure. The Godolphin homebred combines Street Sense speed with Tapit stamina.

The model identifies significant pace vulnerability. With 644 total EPP, Bella Ballerina faces immediate pressure from Luv Your Neighbor and Majestical, both capable of forcing contested fractions. Her 71 LPP ranks seventh in the field, suggesting she's a one-dimensional speed type who needs an easy lead to be effective. The works at Fair Grounds show sharp preparation with a bullet five-furlong drill, but the pace scenario projects as problematic.

If she can establish a clear lead through moderate fractions, she's dangerous. However, the model projects she'll face pressure that exposes her limited late kick when the closers unleash.

Key Factors: Undefeated record, Golden Rod class, front-running speed facing pressure, vulnerable to closers

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JUST SINGING ★★★★

Current Form: Third in Golden Rod (G2) after maiden victory
Best Speed Figure: 78 Beyer
Running Style: Deep closer

Todd Pletcher ships from Florida with a $300K Justify filly who fits this pace scenario perfectly. Her 107 LPP ranks second in the field, and the Golden Rod effort showed legitimate closing ability—she rallied from eighth early to finish third while racing eight-wide in the stretch. That 88-11 Timeform represents competitive graded stakes form.

The maiden victory at Churchill came from a similar deep-closing trip, establishing a pattern of races where she needs pace to run at. This race provides exactly that setup. John Velazquez retains the mount, and the Whisper Hill Farm operation has shown confidence by targeting this spot.

The model notes concerns about tactical positioning—she typically races too far back and relies on everything setting up perfectly. If the pace collapses or the race doesn't unfold cleanly, she may have too much ground to make up. Works show readiness, but the 56 EPP suggests she'll again be trailing the field early.

Key Factors: Elite late pace points, Golden Rod form, pace setup advantage, reliance on perfect trip

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LUV YOUR NEIGHBOR ★★★

Current Form: Runner-up in two recent stakes, maiden winner
Best Speed Figure: 81 Beyer
Running Style: Tactical presser

Michael Stidham adds blinkers to this Constitution filly after three consecutive runner-up finishes at Fair Grounds. Her 97 EPP places her in the pressing group, while 72 LPP suggests she's more about maintaining position than delivering a late

kick. The equipment change represents a significant angle—trainer shows 28% win rate when adding blinkers first time.

The model projects tactical challenges. She's fast enough to press Bella Ballerina but not powerful enough to sustain that pressure while holding off the closers. Her best races came when allowed to settle and finish, but her running style doesn't project that scenario here. Luis Saez rides for the first time, replacing regular rider Concepcion.

Works include a bullet four-furlong drill (:47.3), suggesting sharp form. The three consecutive seconds at Fair Grounds demonstrate consistency, but the model questions whether blinkers alone solve the closing punch deficit.

Key Factors: Blinkers debut with strong trainer stats, tactical speed may prove problematic, consistency but lacks winning punch

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MAJESTICAL ★★★

Current Form: Wire-to-wire maiden winner
Best Speed Figure: 72 Beyer
Running Style: Tactical speed/presser

Peter Eurton ships from California with a Good Magic filly who dominated a maiden field at Fair Grounds in late December. The 85-18 Timeform earned from that front-running performance shows promise, but the model identifies significant class concerns. She faces a massive step up from maiden company to Grade 2.

The 95 EPP suggests she'll press the pace alongside Luv Your Neighbor, creating the exact early pressure that favors the closers. Her 72 LPP ranks sixth in the field, indicating limited late kick when graded stakes horses close. Works show sharp preparation with multiple bullets, and trainer Eurton operates at strong percentages with this jockey/trainer combination at Fair Grounds.

If the class jump proves manageable, her tactical speed could position her for minor awards. However, the model projects she's overmatched when pace collapses and legitimate stakes horses accelerate.

Key Factors: Recent Fair Grounds winner, sharp works, class question significant, pace positioning problematic

CLASSIC GLIDE ★★

Current Form: Runner-up in allowance after maiden victory
Best Speed Figure: 69 Beyer
Running Style: Mid-pack runner

Robert Medina brings a $13K purchase who's shown steady improvement but faces a massive class jump. The model notes her 75 EPP and 78 LPP create a middle-of-the-pack profile that lacks both early speed and late kick. Her best race came when winning a Keeneland maiden, but subsequent allowance effort showed she's still developing.

Works at Oaklawn Park indicate she's training adequately, but nothing suggests she possesses Grade 2 ability. The 69 Beyer speed figure trails this field significantly. At 20-1 morning line odds, she's properly assessed.

Key Factors: Class deficit significant, middle-pack running style disadvantaged, developmental filly

DANCIN IN OLD TOWN ★★

Current Form: Fifth in allowance stakes after maiden runner-up
Best Speed Figure: 77 Beyer
Running Style: Deep closer

Keith Desormeaux sends out a Tapit filly with pedigree upside but limited accomplishments. Maidenless in three starts, she's shown some late-running ability but lacks the tactical speed or closing punch to compete at this level. The 62 EPP and 86 LPP suggest a closer's profile, but her 86 LPP trails both Powered by Family and Just Singing significantly.

Recent allowance stakes fifth at Fair Grounds showed she's not ready for this caliber. Works include a bullet six-furlong drill, but the overall form line indicates she needs easier competition.

Key Factors: Maidenless, class deficit, late-running style but lacks punch

AGRIPPINA ★

Current Form: Maiden winner going two turns first time
Best Speed Figure: 75 Beyer
Running Style: Early speed

Lindsay Schultz stretches out this sprint maiden winner to two turns for the first time. The model projects severe tactical and distance concerns. Her 87 EPP suggests she'll be forwardly placed early, but switching from six furlongs to 1 1/16 miles represents a massive ask. The 67 LPP ranks last in the field, indicating she lacks any late kick for route races.

The maiden victory at Oaklawn came in a six-furlong sprint where she led throughout. Nothing in her profile suggests she'll handle the distance or class jump here.

Key Factors: Sprint-to-route angle negative, lacks late kick for distance, severe class question

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BETTING RECOMMENDATIONS

WIN BET: Powered by Family (#5) at 5/2 or higher
The model projects Powered by Family with 32% win probability, creating value at anything above 2-1. Her elite 111 LPP combined with the aggressive pace scenario (644 EPP with three speed horses) sets up her optimal trip. The Fair Grounds track bias favors closers in route races, and the DeVaux/Ortiz combination operates at 34% at this meet.

VALUE PLAY: Just Singing (#1) at 4/1 or higher
Just Singing's 107 LPP and proven graded stakes form from the Golden Rod create a legitimate value alternative. If Powered by Family drifts below 2-1, Just Singing represents similar closing ability with potentially better odds. The Pletcher/Velazquez combo adds confidence.

TOP 3 FOR MULTI-RACE WAGERS:

1. Powered by Family (#5)

2. Bella Ballerina (#3)
3. Just Singing (#1)

For horizontal wagers including the Rachel Alexandra, the model recommends these three horses. Powered by Family provides the foundation as the likely winner. Bella Ballerina must be included despite pace concerns—undefeated fillies in graded stakes can't be dismissed. Just Singing adds value as the secondary closer capable of securing minor awards at minimum.

Analysis reflects model projections based on past performance data, pace dynamics, and historical patterns. All findings attributed to model calculations. Model criteria set forth by Past the Wire

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CONFIDENCE RATING: 8/10