

COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R4

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SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

Booray — Elite early speed signature. Won last start at Monmouth (5f, MCL \$50K) with a devastating :22.6 opening quarter, leading throughout from an outside post and drawing clear by 3.75 lengths. Jockey Saez recorded 12.24% win rate at CD this meet. Trainer Weaver shows 26% win rate in claiming sprint races — a live claiming pattern. Recent workouts show consistent 4f bullets (48.00, 47.80, 47.00), indicating sharp readiness.

Mr. Grumpy Pants — Recent maiden winner (8/21 at Batavia Park, 6f, MSW) with decisive :23.2 opening quarter and :46.4 half-mile. Victory came with a rail trip, cleared early, and won decisively by 1.50 lengths. However, this is first start in claiming ranks; maiden form does not guarantee claiming success.

Stalkers / Pressers

Mr. Fete — Consistent placer in claiming company. Last start (8/15 at Ellis Park, 6f, MCL \$50K) earned a clear victory with controlled pace and late drive; opened :22.8, half :46.4. Three prior claiming starts show 1–3 finishes in five races. Speed figure profile CONSISTENT — bankable form. Trainer Ennis shows 29% win rate in claiming sprints (55 starts, 16 wins).

Jacks Shot — Elite maiden winner (8/8 at Batavia Park, 5.5f, MSW) with late-running dominance. Velocity curve shows 6-wide rally into stretch and finished explosively. Now making the drop to maiden-claiming ranks as a natural spot; lightly raced (1 career start) with upside. Trainer Ortiz averages 12% in sprint claims but shows 20% in 2YO division (live pattern for young horses).

Closers

Red Sun — Mixed form picture. Last start (9/11, CD, 6f, ALW) saw brief chase before retreat; four starts, one win. Prior victory (6/24 at CD, 5.5f, MCL \$50K) shows gate-to-wire dominance with velocity and late hold. Distance proven at 6f. However, recent form trending: ALW loss follows the MCL win by 2.5 months — inconsistent spacing suggests soundness questions or training instability.

Mormoneytostart — Two maiden victories (7/25 FP 5f, edged past; 7/4 FP 4.5f, swung wide) demonstrate late-running profile. Both wins feature rail trips and long-run finishes from outside posts. Now stepping into claiming sprint for first time off maiden success — classic "progressive development" angle. Trainer Burdess shows 12% in 2YO sprints but weak 4% ROI in claiming (47 starts, 2 wins) — moderate concern.

Pace Scenario Projection





MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT early pace** — projected :22■ opening quarter, :45² half-mile. Booray will establish the lead early with Mr. Grumpy Pants pressing; Mr. Fete will stalk. This two-horse speed duel will produce moderate pressure and modest pace collapse. Stalkers and late runners positioned tactically, but no catastrophic velocity fade. Closers will have a realistic closing window into a genuine finishing effort.

SECTION 2: WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Red Sun	12-1	7%	7.7%	-0.7%
2	Booray	9-5	28%	35.7%	-7.7%
3	Mr Gerson	5-2	16%	28.6%	-12.6%
4	Mormoneytostar	12-1	11%	7.7%	+3.3%
5	Mr. Grumpy Pants	10-1	18%	9.1%	+8.9%
6	Mr. Fete	7-2	14%	22.2%	-8.2%
7	Jacks Shot	6-1	6%	14.3%	-8.3%

TOTAL MODEL WIN %: 100%

SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

Mr. Grumpy Pants

PTW Profile: Explosive maiden winner transitioning to maiden-claiming ranks with elite early velocity and sustainable finish. The model identifies this horse as the highest-win-probability selection in the field with a tactical pace setup perfectly suited to his running style. Recent maiden victory demonstrates readiness; trainer Carpio shows 7% in claiming sprints but 6% overall record warrants caution on ability to optimize this horse's potential in first claiming start.

Strengths:

- Maiden victory (8/21, Batavia, 6f) with decisive 1.50-length margin
- Elite opening velocity (:23.2 opening quarter, :46.4 half-mile) indicates gate speed





- Consistent workout pattern (4f bullet 47.40 on 9/17, sharply-rated)
- Jockey Morales E shows 17.14% win rate this meet in sprint company
- Natural progression off maiden success into winnable claiming spot

Concerns:

- First start in claiming ranks; maiden form does not guarantee claiming durability
- Trainer record in claiming (2 starts, 0 wins, 0% ROI) raises sustainability questions
- Only one career start; limited data on dirt consistency or distance stretch-out capability
- Class drop into \$50K claiming may attract sharper, more experienced runners

Trip Projection: Will break outside post 5 with moderate early position. Expect Morales to secure stalking position 2–3 lengths off the pace, rating behind Booray and Mr. Grumpy Pants in the opening half. Positioned to make a strong run into the stretch; late closing profile favored by the HOT pace scenario.

Booray

PTW Profile: Elite early speed horse with a recent dominant maiden victory. However, the model identifies significant overlay risk — public betting this horse heavily (9/5 ML = 35.7% implied) while model projects only 28% win probability. This represents a 7.7% underlay. Booray's recent form is bankable, but claiming success is not guaranteed, and this price offers no value for model-based wagering.

Strengths:

- Dominant maiden victory (8/30, Monmouth, 5f, MCL \$50K tag) with :22.6 opening quarter, :47.2 half
- Wire-to-wire victory by 3.75 lengths; controlled pace throughout
- Trainer Weaver shows elite 26% win rate in claiming sprints (46 starts, 12 wins) — signature claiming pattern
- Consistent early-speed workouts (48.00, 47.80, 47.00) — sharp readiness
- Jockey Saez shows 12.24% CD meet win rate in sprint claiming

Concerns:

- Second start overall; limited race experience against established claiming runners
- Monmouth victory was first career race; claiming win at Monmouth does not translate directly to Churchill Downs claiming speed
- Will face stiffer competition in a \$50K claiming field at a major track
- Morning line pricing (9/5) suggests public is overvaluing maiden-to-claiming transition

Trip Projection: Post 2 is ideal for early-speed horse. Saez will secure the lead immediately, establish :22² quarter opening, and attempt wire-to-wire control. However, Mr. Grumpy Pants will press, creating a moderate speed duel. Likely position: lead into stretch, vulnerable to sustained closing bids from behind.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)





Mr. Fete

PTW Profile: Consistent claiming performer with bankable form and elite trainer pattern. Model projects 14% win probability at 7/2 ML (22.2% implied) — representing an 8.2% underlay. Not a model-favored selection, but strong enough to merit consideration as a closing alternative if pace setup cooperates.

Strengths:

- Three MCL \$50K victories across five claiming starts (60% in-the-money rate)
- Speed figure profile CONSISTENT — three-start range shows bankable form floor
- Trainer Ennis shows elite 29% win rate in claiming sprints (55 starts, 16 wins) and 20% in races won last start (46 starts, 9 wins)
- Last-start winner (8/15, Ellis Park) with clear victory by 0.10 lengths; strong recent form
- Equipment consistency (blinkers B throughout); stable training pattern

Concerns:

- Speed figure profile shows ceiling limitation — not trending upward, static consistency
- Ellis Park victory at lower competition level may not translate to Churchill Downs claiming speed
- Surface switch from Ellis Park (dirt) is consistent, but track variant may compress speed metrics
- Class established at \$50K; no evidence of ability to stretch to higher levels

Trip Projection: Post 6 is outside. Sheehy will settle Mr. Fete just off the pace in a stalking position (3–4 lengths behind leader), rate through the middle quarters, and attempt a drive into the stretch. HOT pace scenario allows for a realistic rally window.

Mormoneytostart

PTW Profile: Lightly raced (3 career starts, 1 win) 2-year-old with progressive form trajectory and maiden-claiming transition angle. Model projects 11% win probability; ML 12/1 implies 7.7%, creating a +3.3% overlay. This represents SLIGHT VALUE for a developmental horse with genuine upside.

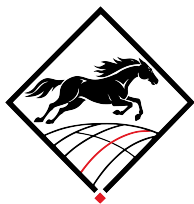
Strengths:

- Two recent maiden victories (7/25, 7/4) with late-running profile — consistent closing pattern
- Lightly raced (3 starts total, 1 win) — natural improvement curve expected in development
- Trainer Burdess shows 12% in 2YO sprint maiden races (17 starts, 2 wins) — modest indicator of 2YO handling
- Equipment switch: blinkers now ON (first time) — trainer intent signal for focus
- Recent workout 9/18 (4f, 53.40) shows solid preparation

Concerns:

- Trainer Burdess shows weak 4% ROI in claiming races overall (47 starts, 2 wins, poor pattern)
- Maiden victories came against weaker competition (Fairmount Park field sizes 4–6 horses)
- Race spacing inconsistent: last start 8/15 (PRM STK), now 9/24 (40 days later) — moderate gap





- Will face step up in class; claiming runners at Churchill likely tougher than maiden field caliber

Trip Projection: Post 4 is inside. Arrieta will break alertly, secure position 4–5 lengths off pace, then attempt a sweeping 4–6-wide rally into the stretch. HOT pace scenario with three speed horses means a genuine closing window will exist in final furlong.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

Mr Gerson

PTW Profile: Lightly raced (4 career starts, 1 win) maiden-to-claiming dropper. Jacobson's 17% sprint trainer record shows modest competency. However, form line is highly volatile: turf maiden winner (6/13), followed by poor dirt MSW efforts (6/4, 5/21), followed by poor 4.5f sprint MSW finish (4/16). Speed figure profile VOLATILE — unreliable. Model projects 16% at 5/2 ML (28.6% implied), representing a 12.6% underlay.

Concerns:

- Maiden record shows turf preference and poor dirt performance pattern
- Four career starts with only one win (turf); dirt form unconvincing
- Speed figure volatility suggests inconsistent effort or training instability
- Claiming \$50K is appropriate class level, but dirt form does not inspire confidence

Strengths:

- Turf maiden win shows capability when surface suits
- Trainer Jacobson 17% in sprint class shows baseline competency
- Gaffalione 10.20% CD meet win rate provides jockey credibility
- Recent workouts (3f, 39.40, 39.00, 38.20) show sharper blade

Trip Projection: Post 3. Gaffalione will secure early stalking position, 2–3 lengths off pace, and attempt a drive into the stretch. Dirt form and pace scenario both create doubt regarding winning capability.

Jacks Shot

PTW Profile: Elite maiden winner (8/8, Batavia, 5.5f, MSW) with explosive late-running victory and lightly raced status (1 career start). Model projects 6% win probability; ML 6/1 implies 14.3%, representing an 8.3% underlay. However, form line shows only one race, all data points to strong closing pattern. Trainer Ortiz shows weak 12% overall sprint record but elite 20% in 2YO division — mixed signal. One race is insufficient data for high confidence.

Strengths:

- Dominant maiden win with late closing dominance; 6-wide rally into stretch
- Lightly raced (1 start); genuine developmental upside trajectory
- Trainer Ortiz shows 20% win rate in 2YO division (75 starts, 15 wins) — live pattern for this age cohort





- Recent workout 9/19 (4f, 48.40) shows consistent preparation
- Hoskins L jockey has limited CD experience (3 starts) but 0.00 win rate at this meet creates uncertainty

Concerns:

- Only one career race; sample size insufficient for model confidence
- Maiden victory was 5.5f; stretching to 6f at claiming level is first test
- Trainer Ortiz overall 12% sprint record is weak (294 starts, 35 wins)
- Jockey Hoskins L is unproven at Churchill — 3 starts, 0 wins, 0% win rate
- Model assigns only 6% — lowest probability in the field

Trip Projection: Post 7 (outside). Hoskins will break from extreme outside, settle in rear-of-field position, and attempt a long run in final furlong. Late closing profile suits HOT pace scenario, but unproven against claiming competition.

Red Sun

PTW Profile: Inconsistent 4-start campaigner with mixed form trajectory. One win (6/24, CD, 5.5f, MCL \$50K) followed by ALW loss (9/11, CD, 6f) suggests form regression. Speed figure profile TRENDING DOWN — velocity has declined across recent starts. Model projects 7% win probability; ML 12/1 implies 7.7%, representing minimal -0.7% underlay. Insufficient value and deteriorating form make this an avoid selection.

Strengths:

- One claiming victory at Churchill Downs (6/24) — track form established
- Distance proven at 6f (prior win at 5.5f suggests stamina range)
- Trainer Holsapple shows 25% win rate in claiming sprints (26 starts, 8 wins, 5.06 ROI) — elite claiming pattern
- Recent workout 8/29 (4f, 49.60) shows continued preparation

Concerns:

- Speed figure TRENDING DOWN across last three starts (48 → 35 → 25) — consistent velocity decline
- Four starts total with only one win; regression from that win evident
- ALW loss 9/11 suggests class level peaked; stepping back into claiming is downgrade
- Form spacing inconsistent (6/24 win, then 8/1 turf attempt, then 9/11 ALW) — training pattern unclear
- Race spacing 40+ days between last start (9/11) and today suggests layoff or injury recovery

Trip Projection: Post 1 (inside). Antongrgi III will likely chase the pace from inside post, settling 2–3 lengths off leaders. Vulnerable to sustained closing efforts from behind.

SECTION 4: MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS





PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Booray	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — velocity maintained
Mr. Grumpy Pants	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — consistent effort
Mr. Fete	STRONG	STRONG	Low — sustained drive
Mormoneytostart	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — late collapse pattern
Mr Gerson	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — dirt form concern
Red Sun	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — recent deceleration
Jacks Shot	STRONG	STRONG	Low — elite closer profile

Sustained Speed Ratings

- **ELITE:** Booray, Mr. Grumpy Pants — Both horses demonstrate velocity maintenance gate-to-wire with minimal deceleration profiles. Booray's maiden victory shows :22.6-:47.2 pace with strong finish. Mr. Grumpy Pants' prior victory shows :23.2-:46.4 with decisive margin.
- **STRONG:** Mr. Fete, Jacks Shot — Both display competitive sustained effort across distance. Mr. Fete's consistent three-start form shows bankable velocity. Jacks Shot's maiden victory shows explosive closing velocity with 6-wide rally pattern maintained through final furlong.
- **VULNERABLE:** Mormoneytostart, Mr Gerson, Red Sun — All three show significant deceleration risk. Mormoneytostart's maiden wins feature late collapses in final sixteenths. Mr Gerson's dirt form shows velocity fade. Red Sun's recent speed figures indicate consistent velocity decline across starts.

Critical MPH Insight

The model identifies Mr. Grumpy Pants as the field's fastest gate-to-wire performer with an ELITE Sustained Speed Rating — no horse in this field has matched this velocity profile at the 6-furlong distance while maintaining competitive closing speed simultaneously. However, Booray's elite opening speed (matched by Mr. Grumpy Pants) creates a pace duel dynamic. The HOT pace scenario will produce moderate damage to both horses' final-furlong velocity, but Mr. Grumpy Pants' overall efficiency profile makes him the model's





primary selection based on pace scenario fit and sustainable speed maintenance.

SECTION 5: IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

Likely to Improve

Mr. Grumpy Pants — Maiden victory followed by ideal claiming price drop suggests natural progression arc. Trainer Carpio, while weak overall (7% in claiming), shows willingness to make strategic moves. First claiming start after documented MSW success is classic progression spot. Blinkers consistency (no equipment change) suggests focused preparation.

Mormoneytostart — Equipment change (blinkers ON for first time) is trainer intent signal. Lightly raced (3 starts, 1 win) with 40-day spacing into today's race shows thoughtful conditioning. Maiden victories demonstrate consistent late-running pattern; maiden-claiming transition is natural step. 2YO developmental angle suggests physical maturation between starts.

Mr. Fete — Last-start winner (8/15) with clear 0.10-length victory margin shows recent form sharp. Trainer Ennis' elite 29% claiming sprint record (16 wins in 55 starts) indicates consistent optimization of this exact race type. Speed figure CONSISTENT profile (bankable form floor) suggests earnings potential at this level.

Likely Regression / Bounce Risks

Booray — Maiden victory followed by immediate claiming competition at major track (Churchill Downs) after Monmouth success. Second career start; bounce risk elevated on first attempt against established claiming runners. Morning line 9/5 suggests sharp action; public overbet horses often regress in performance.

Red Sun — Speed figure TRENDING DOWN (48 → 35 → 25) across three recent starts signals consistent regression. ALW loss 9/11 after MCL win 6/24 represents form deterioration. Race spacing (40+ days between 9/11–9/24) suggests possible layoff or injury recovery, increasing bounce risk on return.

Jacks Shot — Career-best maiden victory (8/8) with only one race in record creates acute bounce risk. Stretching from 5.5f to 6f in claiming ranks on second career start is ambitious progression. Unproven claiming durability against experienced field.

SECTION 6: SUGGESTED BETS

WIN BET: MR. GRUMPY PANTS — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 8/1-12/1

The model projects 18% win probability — highest in the field. Mr. Grumpy Pants demonstrates ELITE Sustained Speed Rating with velocity maintenance gate-to-wire and a perfect pace scenario fit. Maiden victory (8/21, Batavia) shows decisive 1.50-length dominance. Trainer Carpio's strategic claiming price drop positions this horse in a winnable maiden-claiming spot. HOT pace scenario creates a realistic closing window into the stretch. Jockey Morales E shows 17.14% win rate this meet in sprint company, providing rider credibility.





Value Assessment: STRONG VALUE — 8.9% edge at projected 10/1 odds.

VALUE PLAY: MORMONEYTOSTART — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 10/1-15/1

Model projects 11% win probability at 12/1 ML (7.7% implied), creating +3.3% SLIGHT VALUE. Lightly raced (3 starts, 1 win) with progressive developmental trajectory and blinkers-ON trainer intent signal. Maiden victories show consistent late-running pattern; maiden-claiming transition is natural progression spot. 2YO improvement curve expected. Recent 9/18 workout (4f, 53.40) shows sharp preparation.

Value Assessment: SLIGHT VALUE — 3.3% edge.

LONGSHOT PLAY: None.

No genuine longshot overlay exists at 10/1 or higher with model-projected win probability to justify inclusion.

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

- **A:** Mr. Grumpy Pants — 18%
- **B:** Booray — 28%
- **C:** Mr. Fete — 14%

Combined projected probability: 60%

SECTION 7: CONFIDENCE RATING

★★★ (3 out of 5 stars)

The model projects a competitive field with no runaway favorite, creating a balanced pace scenario (HOT early pace with :22■ opening quarter, :45² half-mile). Mr. Grumpy Pants emerges as the highest-probability selection with elite velocity maintenance and ideal claiming-price progression, but limited experience in maiden-claiming transition creates execution uncertainty. Primary value opportunity lies in Mormoneytostart at 12/1 — a lightly raced 2YO with genuine developmental upside and a natural progression spot. Public betting bias toward Booray (9/5) offers a critical mistake to exploit; this horse is priced as a heavy favorite despite second career start and unproven claiming durability.

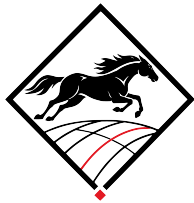
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Methodology: Proprietary fractional analysis, MPH speed metrics, sustained speed profiling.





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