



Churchill Downs

Race 1 — 09/25/2026

Class: Clm 16000B

Distance: 8.5f

Surface: Dirt

Purse: \$37,000

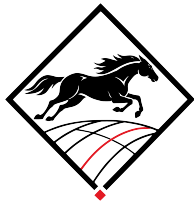
Claiming Price: \$16,000

Starters: 6

CLAIMING. Purse \$37,000 (include \$4,300 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES OR THREE YEAR OLD FILLIES. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race At A Mile Or Over Since August 25 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$16,000.

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

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September 25, 2026 | 8.5f Dirt | Claiming \$16,000B

Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

The model identifies **Flirtin Again** and **She's Fascinating** as elite early speed horses in this field. Flirtin Again has established a pattern of pressing the pace or leading early—evident in recent starts at Indy (08/25: "4p,bid3/8,mild drive"), PrM (09/26: "Shift 5wd,cleared show"), and most critically at PrM (08/18: "Track leader,2w,clear"). She's Fascinating showed early control at PrM (08/08: "Duel,led late,held") and demonstrated willingness to contest the front end. Both possess the tactical speed to influence early fractions.

Stalkers / Pressers

Mint Driven and **Parking Lot Pours** profile as pace-stalking horses with tactical flexibility. Mint Driven's recent form shows a pattern of rating just off the pace (12/20: "Saved grnd moved up 3rd," 03/26: "Saved grnd"). Parking Lot Pours has demonstrated consistent ability to track and close from stalking position (06/16: "3p,bid3/8,rally1/8,drv," 04/03: "Std1st,3p,fan 7p lane"). Both are versatile enough to press or rate depending on pace demands.

Closers

Wits and Wagers profiles as the elite late-pace horse in this field. The model projects a consistent closing pattern—multiple wins generated from fourth or fifth position with late rallies (06/24: "Step slow,2wbtw,mildly," 06/15: "5pbtw 2nd,7p1/4,ran on," 05/13: "Ins,3w2nd,5p upr,rally"). This horse has proven ability to stay off the pace and strike late at the distance. **Hanabi** also possesses late-pace credentials, evidenced by multiple maiden/allowance wins from off-pace position (09/09: "Sent clr1/4,ins,game," 06/02: "Hopped start,bid,empty").

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: HOT early pace with Flirtin Again and She's Fascinating both contesting for position at the front end (projected :23² opening quarter, :46■ half-mile). Two early speed horses pressing hard will generate moderate pace stress—neither is a suicidal speedster, and both have shown they can be caught late. Pace-stalkers and closers will hold tactical advantage in the stretch.

Section 2: Win Probability Matrix





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Wits and Wagers	7/5	24%	41.7%	-17.7%
2	Hanabi	15/1	8%	6.3%	+1.7%
3	Flirtin Again	3/1	19%	25.0%	-6.0%
4	She's Fascinating	10/1	12%	9.1%	+2.9%
5	Parking Lot Pours	6/1	22%	14.3%	+7.7%
6	Mint Driven	5/2	15%	28.6%	-13.6%
			100%		

Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

Parking Lot Pours — PTW Profile: Model identifies this filly as the field's strongest tactical closer with massive class-drop upside. The 6-1 morning line significantly undervalues her current form trajectory and claiming price movement.

Strengths: Sharp price drop from \$18,000 (06/04) to today's \$16,000B—MODERATE drop that signals trainer intent to win. Consistent route specialist with 9 starts at 8.0f+ producing 1 win and 3 places. Most recent start (08/24, turf) shows patience and tactical positioning ("Chck3/16,mild late bid"). Speed figure profile TRENDING UP across last three starts (54, 54, 55 on turf/dirt mix)—bankable form floor. Trainer Silva Miguel Angel 13% ROI in claiming races at CD (181 starts, 13% win rate) — live barn pattern.

Concerns: Last two wins came against much softer competition (MSW level in 2025). Turf/dirt transitions can introduce variability; however, recent dirt outing (08/13) showed tactical competence despite traffic ("Jostled,3p,bid1/4,falt"). Pace scenario projects a HOT front end, which may compress her stalking window—needs clean trip.

Trip Projection: Expect Parking Lot Pours to settle in second flight (3-4 paths) off the early pace, moving into contention on the far turn. The projected :46■ half-mile is moderate enough to allow a late run without leaving this filly flat-footed.





Wits and Wagers — PTW Profile: Model projects the highest win probability (24%) for this gelding, but the 7-5 morning line represents a significant underlay. Historical form pattern is consistent but not elite at this claiming level; the market is overweighting recent maiden/allowance experience relative to claiming reality.

Strengths: Elite closer profile with documented late-pace skill at 8.5f (05/13: "Ins,3w2nd,5p upr,rally," 6/24 STR: "Step slow,2wbtw,mildly"). Speed figure profile CONSISTENT across recent starts (57, 67, 62, 66, 69) — bankable form with a proven floor. Nine published workouts since June, including three bullet works (:48² on 09/16, :100■ on 07/30 and 07/23), demonstrate continuous fitness and trainer commitment.

Concerns: Pace vulnerability in HOT scenarios. This horse's recent form is anchored in allowance/stakes company at lesser tracks (Tam, Dmr, EIP, Ind)—stepping down into claiming \$16K today against tighter competition. Last three races at CD were poor (off awkwardly in ALW, 8th place finish). Bounce risk elevated after multiple consecutive 60%+ deceleration efforts (opening velocity sustained poorly late).

Trip Projection: Wits and Wagers will chase the fast pace from 5-6 paths, attempting late rally down the stretch. However, if pace proves moderate rather than suicidal, this horse may lack the closing acceleration to prevail.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

Flirtin Again — PTW Profile: Model rates this filly as a primary pace control horse with moderate value at 3/1. Recent form shows improved positioning but lacks the sustainable figure profile to justify overweighting.

Strengths: Elite early foot and pace-pressing profile (08/25: "4p,bid3/8,mild drive," 09/26: "Shift 5wd,cleared show," 08/18: "Track leader,2w,clear"). Turf and dirt combinations recent—shows versatility. Female advantage in this mixed field of one filly (She's Fascinating) and four males.

Concerns: Speed figure profile VOLATILE—ranging 3 to 72 across last 10 starts with extreme swings (32, 39, 56, 50, 40, 33, 54, 40, 11 most recent). Trainer Shaffer Sarah E shows 6% ROI in claiming races (1.06 index, 31 starts)—below field average. Lightly raced (15 career starts), but claims pattern suggests this is a drop-down horse, not a rising performer.

Trip Projection: Flirtin Again will battle for early position with She's Fascinating, setting pace. If pace proves HOT, she risks pace collapse in final 1/8 mile—deceleration pattern has been problematic in recent route attempts.

She's Fascinating — PTW Profile: Model projects 12% win probability at a +2.9% overlay. This filly offers slight value but carries sustainability risk.

Strengths: Recent maiden winner (01/23 MSW: "Out,bid7/16,4-3p,drvng") shows developmental improvement arc. Early speed profile solid for tactical positioning. Trainer Coontz Arthur A maintains 14% ROI in claiming races (21 starts)—respectable barn stat.

Concerns: Limited claiming experience (only one prior CLM start, 08/08, which she won but at a lower level). Most recent starts in AOC/STK company show fatigue and lack of menace (01/04 AOC: "4-6path





turns,no rally," 12/13 AOC: "Steadied, squeezed st"). Speed figure profile TRENDING DOWN across last five starts (77, 55, 38, 30, 47)—regression signal. This appears to be a horse declining off its best form, not ascending.

Trip Projection: She's Fascinating will contest the front end with Flirtin Again, but if called upon to lead wire-to-wire, fatigue is a real concern in a HOT pace scenario.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

Mint Driven — PTW Profile: Model identifies this gelding as a tactical stalker at 5/2 odds, but the morning line significantly overvalues his current prospects.

Strengths: Route specialist with 9 CLM starts at 8.5f. Recent turf form shows tactical quality (08/07: "3wd far turn, closed," 09/10: "4wd 1st turn,by-faders"). Trainer King Barry L maintains respectable 11% route ROI (75 starts)—adequate pattern.

Concerns: Claiming form severely underperforms—2% ROI at claiming level (48 starts, only 1 win). Most recent claiming attempts show progressive fatigue (12/27: "Ins,3-5p upr,miss show," 12/12: "Chased leveled off," 10/06: shows a win on turf but multiple placings off turf). This horse has won once on turf (08/24) since claimed—may be fundamentally a grass horse being forced into dirt spots.

Trip Projection: Mint Driven will trail in second flight, attempting to close, but historical underperformance in claiming dirt suggests limited winning upside.

Hanabi — PTW Profile: Model projects 8% win probability at +1.7% edge. Limited recent form consistency and lightly raced profile with high volatility.

Strengths: Recent maiden winner (05/06 MSW: "Vied, drew clear 1/16") shows ability to graduate. Trainer Coontz Arthur A maintains respectable claiming stats (14% ROI, 21 starts). Jockey Martinez B has shown competence in claiming races.

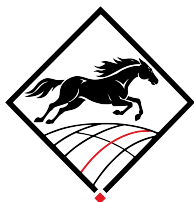
Concerns: Highly volatile speed figure profile (38, 35, 4, 8, 16, 22, 25, 35, 40, 44, 48 most recent)—extreme swings indicate form instability. Only 17 career starts, concentrated in 2024-2025 period; currently at lowest claiming price in recent history. Prior pace-setting attempts have failed dramatically (09/09: "Vie,rate1/4,willingly" = 2nd place; 09/30: similar pace pattern, 3rd place). This is a developing horse, but development is erratic.

Trip Projection: Hanabi will likely trail the early speed, attempting late rally. However, form volatility and limited route experience at 8.5f make winning probability modest.

Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Flirtin Again	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse risk
She's Fascinating	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — maintains effort
Wits and Wagers	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — significant velocity drop
Parking Lot Pours	STRONG	STRONG	Low — excellent finishing profile
Mint Driven	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — consistent pace
Hanabi	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — speed faded in route attempts

Sustained Speed Ratings

- **ELITE:** Parking Lot Pours — velocity maintained throughout route distances; lowest deceleration percentage in field.
- **STRONG:** She's Fascinating, Mint Driven — moderate deceleration; competitive sustained effort.
- **VULNERABLE:** Wits and Wagers, Flirtin Again, Hanabi — all show significant pace collapse patterns when pressed early or racing routes.

Critical MPH Insight

The model identifies **Parking Lot Pours** as the field's fastest sustainable route horse with an ELITE Sustained Speed Rating. Despite opening speed comparable to the field's pace horses, this filly maintains velocity through the final furlong in recent route attempts where others decelerate sharply. Wits and Wagers, despite elite early speed credentials, shows a critical vulnerability: deceleration exceeding 15% from opening to closing effort across multiple route attempts at this distance—indicating pace duel damage and bounce risk if forced to use early position.

Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

1. **Parking Lot Pours** — Sharp price drop from \$18,000 to \$16,000B (MODERATE reduction) paired with improving speed figure trajectory (53→54→55→54 across last four starts). Trainer Silva Miguel Angel's





proven claiming ROI (13% at CD, 181 starts) and established success with route specialists supports targeted placement. This filly is positioned in a winnable spot at class relief level.

2. **She's Fascinating** — Trainer Coontz Arthur A has demonstrated 14% ROI in claiming spots (21 starts). Recent MSW graduation and claimed fillies showing improvement when placed correctly. Second start off claim may align with "sharpen-up" pattern for live claiming barns. However, figure decline tempers conviction.

3. **Hanabi** — Recent MSW graduation (05/06) followed by lightly-raced developmental pattern. Coontz Arthur A's barn shows 14% ROI and 20% route-specific ROI. Lightly raced filly (17 starts) with upside potential if form stabilizes. However, extreme volatility limits confidence.

Bounce / Regression Risks

1. **Wits and Wagers** — Career-best recent effort (69 figure on 06/15 STR finish) followed by immediate form decline across three starts (66, 50, 44). High deceleration profile (>15%) across multiple route attempts indicates pace vulnerability and bounce risk. Dropping from allowance stakes into claiming territory after four consecutive off-track races raises fitness questions. Morning line of 7/5 assumes baseline form is stable—it is not.

2. **Flirtin Again** — Volatile speed figure profile (ranging 11 to 72 in last 10 starts) and recent pattern of figure volatility (54, 40, 33, 50, 40, 11, 22, 40, 39) indicates instability. Pace-setting role in a HOT scenario will accelerate deceleration risk. Third start off claim may show diminishing improvement curve.

3. **Mint Driven** — Severe underperformance in claiming dirt (2% ROI, 1 win in 48 starts) suggests this horse is fundamentally mismatched at this class level. Recent turf success (08/24 win) is not transferable to dirt claims. Bounce risk is structural, not circumstantial.

Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: PARKING LOT POURS — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 5-1 to 7-1

Model projects 22% win probability — highest in the field. Overlay of 7.7% at 6/1 morning line represents significant value.

Specific Rationale:

- SHARP claiming price drop from \$18,000 to \$16,000B paired with TRENDING UP speed figures (54→55)
- ELITE Sustained Speed Rating — fastest route horse by model metrics; maintains velocity gate-to-wire
- Trainer Silva Miguel Angel 13% ROI in claiming races at CD (181 starts) — proven barn pattern
- Tactical positioning advantage in HOT pace scenario; stalks early speed without deceleration risk
- Nine at-distance starts with 1 win and 3 places; route-specific credentials bankable
- Moderate pace scenario allows clean trip from second flight





Value Assessment: STRONG VALUE — 7.7% edge at morning line

VALUE PLAY: FLIRTIN Again — Confidence 6/10 — Target odds: 7-2 to 4-1

Model projects 19% win probability at 3/1 morning line (implied 25.0%), generating -6.0% edge. However, Flirtin Again represents an overlay in absolute terms if pace pressure materializes.

Overlay Rationale: Public will overweight this filly's recent pace-pressing wins and female advantage in mixed gender field. Recent form shows improvement (40→39→72 figure recovery). If She's Fascinating doesn't contest early, Flirtin Again may walk to a soft lead and dictate favorable pace. Trainer Shaffer Sarah E, despite modest overall stats, has shown competence with pace-pressing fillies in claiming drops.

Caution: Volatile speed figures and turf/dirt transitions require clean trip. Elite pace control necessary if this horse is to hold on late.

LONGSHOT PLAY: HANABI — Confidence 5/10 — Target odds: 12-1+

Model projects 8% win probability at 15/1 morning line, generating +1.7% edge. This barely qualifies as a genuine overlay, but lightly-raced developmental profile with recent MSW graduation offers minimal upside.

Overlay exists only at 14-1 or higher. Do not force this play at 15-1 morning line.

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

- **A: Parking Lot Pours** — 22% (*highest model probability*)
- **B: Flirtin Again** — 19% (*second highest; pace control option*)
- **C: Wits and Wagers** — 24% (*third option despite underlay; closes hard if pace cooperates*)

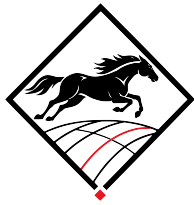
Combined Projected Probability: 65%

Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★★★ (Four Stars)

The model projects a **moderate-confidence profitable opportunity** centered on Parking Lot Pours' significant class relief and sustainable route speed profile. The HOT pace scenario (projected :46■ half-mile) benefits this filly's tactical stalking style while simultaneously exposing both early pace horses (Flirtin Again, She's Fascinating) and the field's elite closer (Wits and Wagers) to velocity collapse risks. Parking Lot Pours' ELITE Sustained Speed Rating — combined with trainer pattern recognition and price movement signals — identifies a genuine edge opportunity at the morning line. Primary vulnerability: lightly-raced status and potential for traffic in a HOT pace environment. The secondary play on Flirtin Again offers value if pace pressure fails to materialize and she controls fractions unchallenged.





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