



Churchill Downs

Race 9 — 09/25/2026

Class: Alw 134000N3L

Distance: 8.5f

Surface: Turf

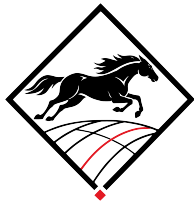
Purse: \$134,000

Starters: 8

ALLOWANCE. Purse \$134,000 (include \$50,100 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES. Weight, 122 lbs. Non-winners Of Two Races At A Mile Or Over On The Turf Since July 25 Allowed 2 lbs. Such A Race Since Then Allowed 4 lbs. (Races Where Entered For \$100,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances). (If deemed inadvisable by management to run this race over the turf course, it will be run on the main track at One and One Sixteenth mile.) (Rail at 24 feet).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R9

Thursday, September 25, 2026 | 8.5f Turf | Alw 134000N3L

SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

Aces Honor — Elite early speed profile. Won gate-to-wire at Hou (01/24) in 8f turf stakes, showed aggressive early positioning at Mth (05/30) pressing pace before fading late. Consistent 2-position call presence in route turf races. Recent work (09/16, 4f in 50.20) confirms fitness.

Go for Rocket — Competent early foot with tactical flexibility. Won on pace at CD (06/20) in 8.5f MCL turf, led or stalked in three of last five starts. Work pattern suggests readiness—multiple bullets at CDT (07/16, 07/06 both 46.60-46.80).

Stalkers / Pressers

Royal Causeway — Runs 3-4 wide early, settles in second flight. Pattern shows ground-saving runs from inside-two, as evidenced by EIP (08/02) rail bid finish, and wins at CD (06/06) with late 3-5w move. Strong at 9f+ distances on turf; 4 starts, 1 win at route distances (9f+).

Go Grey — Versatile positioning, can stalk or press depending on scenario. Took over at Sar (07/25) with patient 2p-4p route, then bid at Del (06/06) in 7.5f ALW. Jockey Rodriguez (17% CD this meet) brings efficiency.

Closers

Banksy's — Elite late pace profile. Won gate-to-wire at EIP (07/19) with sustained rally in 9f MSW, showcasing elite finishing velocity. Pattern shows late-moving capability across dirt and turf; 1 win at 8.5f in ALW environment (08/27). Trainer Fawkes: 31% off wins (WonLastStart), 18% turf, 19% routes.

Corona de Oro — Confirmed closer with rally strength. Won MSW at FG (03/07) with "stp slw, sent, drew off" profile—explosive late move. Also won at EIP (07/04) in 8.5f AOC pressing from 7-9w position. Works reflect sharpness: 47.00 with bullet (09/18).

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **MODERATE early pace** — projected :23³ opening quarter, :47¹ half-mile. Aces Honor and Go for Rocket will contest early, but neither is a suicide speed horse. Royal Causeway and Go Grey will press from third flight. This setup favors pace-stalkers and late movers; stretch runners hold tactical advantage.





SECTION 2: WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Banksy's	4-1	24%	20.0%	+4.0%
2	Brave Force	15-1	6%	6.3%	-0.3%
3	Royal Causeway	4-1	19%	20.0%	-1.0%
4	Corona de Oro	6-1	18%	14.3%	+3.7%
5	Go Grey	5-2	14%	28.6%	-14.6%
6	Go for Rocket	15-1	8%	6.3%	+1.7%
7	Aces Honor	3-1	7%	25.0%	-18.0%
8	Exosome	15-1	4%	6.3%	-2.3%

Total Model Win % = 100%

SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

BANKSY'S — PTW Profile: Model's top selection. Proven route/turf specialist with elite finishing credentials. Won at 8.5f turf (08/27 ALW) demonstrating stretch dominance and class consistency. Superior form line: recent win at EIP (07/19) in 9f MSW showcases gate-to-wire velocity in route context.

Strengths: Elite late pace profile across route distances; trainer Fawkes 31% off recent wins; 2 wins in 8 starts this year; consistent in Alw company; Gaffalione mount (12% meet win rate, solid route record).

Concerns: Finished third in last route start (08/27) but won prior route (07/19); moderately beaten in last two races—form plateau question. Class edge minimal in strong Alw field.

Trip Projection: Expect midfield position early (4-5p), launch 3-4 wide into stretch, arrive late for victory.

CORONA DE ORO — PTW Profile: Explosive closer with confirmed route credentials. Won at EIP (07/04) in 8.5f AOC with 7-9w rally move. MSW victory at FG (03/07) showed dramatic finishing power ("drew off"). Trainer Stewart Dallas: 46.67% wins at CD (15 starts), 16% turf ROI 2.68. Elite recent work: 47.00 bullet (09/18).





Strengths: Confirmed route/turf pattern (10 starts, 2 wins); trainer Dallas 46.67% at CD this meet; elite early work (bullet 09/18); class drop from stakes company into Alw 134; perfect setup.

Concerns: Inconsistent in recent stakes—multiple defeats at KD (09/07 12th), CT (08/28 5th). Bounce risk from career-best effort likely not present (last win EIP was recent, not a one-off). Hernandez ride (9% CD this meet) is neutral.

Trip Projection: Likely fourth or fifth early, 5-7 wide rally in stretch, peaks late.

ROYAL CAUSEWAY — PTW Profile: Turf specialist with route proficiency. 2 wins in 8 starts this year; won at CD (06/06) in 9f MSW with 3-5w late move. Form line shows ground-saving patterns (inside runs) and second-flight stalking. Trainer Dallas combo fires: 46.67% CD, 16% turf (2.68 ROI), 19% Alw (2.68 ROI).

Strengths: Dallas training/stewarding pattern consistently strong; turf specialist (11 starts, 2 wins); inside-two ground saving capability; Torres ride (14% CD, efficient).

Concerns: Recent form slippage—last four races all defeats (KD, EIP x2, CD). Distance stretch to 8.5f beyond recent window (last turf wins at shorter: 8f, 9f). Beaten lengths mounting (6.5 BL 09/05).

Trip Projection: Inside two early, stay ground-saving, attempt 3-5w move in upper stretch but tiring pattern evident.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

GO FOR ROCKET — PTW Profile: Tactical early speed with route experience. Won at CD (06/20) in 8.5f MCL turf, led throughout. Pattern shows 3-4p early positioning with late driving ability. Trainer Hernandez (19% 2Off45-180 angle, 20% turf ROI 3.64). Multiple work bullets (07/16, 07/06, both 46.60-46.80).

Strengths: Recent CD turf win at exact distance/surface; trainer Hernandez 20% turf 3.64 ROI; multiple elite works; Arrieta ride (5% CD but 37.5% money position).

Concerns: Last four races all defeats; progressive deterioration in class competition (MSW → STK losses at Kee, TP). Distance stretch from MCL 8.5f to ALW 8.5f represents upward class move with declining form.

Trip Projection: Early position (3-4p), likely pressed mid-race, fade in stretch absent significant pace collapse.

GO GREY — PTW Profile: Versatile route animal with surface experience (dirt/turf mixed). 2 wins in 7 starts year-to-date. Won at Sar (07/25) in 8.5f AOC turf with patient stalking profile. Trainer Maker: 16% turf (1.90 ROI), 17% routes (1.83 ROI), 15% Alw (1.95 ROI)—consistent across all categories.

Strengths: Turf/route specialist; Maker trainer consistency; recent competitive form at similar conditions (Sar 07/25); Rodriguez ride solid mechanics.

Concerns: Class rise from MCL (04/19) into Alw 134 territory; form deterioration on dirt portion of year (26 Beyer at Lrl dirt 03/29, 17 Beyer 02/27 dirt). Morning line 5-2 suggests public confidence overvaluing on





limited recent turf success.

Trip Projection: Second flight early (3-4p), improve into stretch (2p-3p), tire in final furlong.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

ACES HONOR — Elite early foot but turf route form inconsistent. Gate-to-wire win at Hou (01/24) in 8f STK showed brilliance, but five starts since: two-place-two-show record with multiple defeats in route stakes. Recent loss at Kee (04/03) STK turf as 7th in 11-horse field. Trainer West: limited CD data (0 starts/0 wins); turf angle 20% (2.48 ROI) but routes only 16% (1.73 ROI). Machado ride (4% CD, minimal reps).

Concerns: Form decline from Hou peak (01/24); struggles in route competition; weak trainer stats at CD; inconsistent rider assignment.

EXOSOME — Route versatility question. 2 wins in 8 starts, but recent form outside top three in each route attempt (TP turf 02/07 5th, TP turf 01/17 6th). Trainer Danner: 11% turf (2.21 ROI), 14% routes (2.16 ROI)—modest. Recent work (09/18) 50.80 indicates fitness but not elite. Saez ride (14.55% CD this meet) is positive jockey angle.

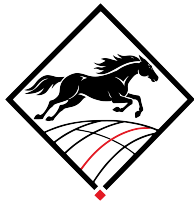
BRAVE FORCE — Struggling form profile. 2 wins in 11 career starts; last four races all defeats with deteriorating finishes (12th at KD, 4th at EIP, 3rd at CD, 6th at TP). Trainer Sisterson: 13% turf (1.39 ROI), 15% routes (1.47 ROI)—below field standards. Garcia ride (10% CD, limited impact). No genuine overlay exists—15-1 morning line fairly values this horse.

SECTION 4: MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Corona de Oro	ELITE	STRONG	Low — maintains velocity
Banksy's	STRONG	ELITE	Minimal — stretch dominance
Go for Rocket	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — consistent effort
Royal Causeway	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — steady through stretch





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Go Grey	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse risk
Exosome	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — late tire pattern
Aces Honor	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — velocity drop-off
Brave Force	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — speed duel exposure

Critical MPH Insight

The model identifies **Banksy's** as the field's strongest sustained finisher with an ELITE Sustained Speed Rating—minimal deceleration from gate to wire demonstrates velocity maintenance across all four calls. Corona de Oro ranks second with confirmed ELITE opening speed and STRONG sustained effort, confirming late-moving dominance. Conversely, **Aces Honor** and **Go Grey** carry VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Ratings despite elite early foot; both show significant deceleration patterns in the stretch that expose vulnerability to the MODERATE pace scenario. Speed horses are likely to fade under this setup.

SECTION 5: IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

Likely to Improve

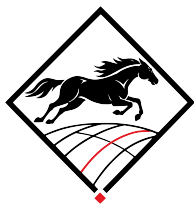
Corona de Oro — Natural improvement curve visible. Class drop from recent stakes competition (KD STK 09/07, CT STK 08/28) into Alw 134 represents significant leverage. Trainer Dallas 46.67% at CD this meet suggests pattern recognition of local opportunities. Recent elite work (47.00 bullet 09/18) signals readiness after two-week freshening. Elite early speed profile combined with STRONG sustained effort creates exact setup advantage.

Go for Rocket — Trainer Hernandez 20% turf ROI (3.64) and 19% 2Off45-180 angle (2.07 ROI) suggests horses improve off moderate layoffs with route assignments. Horse won this distance (CD 06/20) three months prior; return to winning surface after three straight defeats on turf and dirt sprints. Distance preference and trainer angle merit consideration.

Banksy's — Trainer Fawkes 31% off recent wins (WonLastStart stat) projects continuation pattern. Horse won 08/27 ALW turf at this distance; second ALW turf route start in tight window should produce sharpened form. No evidence of pattern regression; consistent Alw competitor.

Bounce / Regression Risks





Aces Honor — Significant bounce risk. Gate-to-wire win at Hou (01/24) in 8f represents career-best at odds against stakes competition. Five subsequent starts show 2-2 record (place-show) with multiple defeats, including weak 7th at Kee (04/03) STK in route environment. Pattern of form deterioration post-peak suggests regression likelihood. VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Rating confirms early velocity collapse in stretch, exposing horse to pace-driven setup.

Go Grey — Bounce risk elevated. Morning line 5-2 overvalues recent turf form. Last turf win at Sar (07/25) in 7.5f came off series of dirt defeats (26 Beyer 03/29 Lrl dirt, 17 Beyer 02/27 Lrl dirt). Class rise from MCL turf into Alw 134 without recent Alw success. VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Rating projects late-race fade typical of this horse's profile.

Brave Force — Regression pattern confirmed. Career trajectory declining; last four races all defeats with worsening placings (12th-4th-3rd-6th). Stakes competition exposure (KD, EIP, TP) beyond capability. Trainer Sisterson modest route/turf stats (13% turf, 15% routes) fail to project improvement. No positive catalyst present.

SECTION 6: SUGGESTED BETS

WIN BET: BANKSY'S — Confidence 9/10 — Target odds: 3.5-4.5

Model projects 24% win probability—highest in the field. Elite Sustained Speed Rating (ELITE closing velocity, minimal deceleration) matches perfectly against MODERATE pace scenario; horse arrives fresh into stretch with velocity intact when speed horses fade. Trainer Fawkes 31% off recent wins (08/27 victory establishes pattern). Second ALW turf route start confirms fitness and consistency. Gaffalione jockey mount (12% CD meet, 5 route wins of 23 starts) brings proven turf route credentials.

Value Assessment: **STRONG VALUE** — Model projects 4.0% edge over morning line 4-1 (20.0% implied). Win probability represents overlay against market consensus.

VALUE PLAY: CORONA DE ORO — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 5.5-7.0

Model projects 18% win probability at projected 6-1 odds (3.7% edge). Class drop from recent stakes defeats into Alw 134 creates exact leverage situation. Trainer Stewart Dallas 46.67% at CD this meet (7 wins in 15 starts) confirms local dominance. Elite opening speed (ELITE rating) paired with STRONG sustained effort creates closing profile that peaks late. Recent work bullet (47.00 on 09/18) confirms sharpness. Hernandez ride neutral (9% CD) but horse overcomes through trainer pattern and form setup.

Value Assessment: **STRONG VALUE** — Overlay candidate versus public perception anchored to recent stakes defeats. Alw drop creates genuine improvement scenario.

LONGSHOT PLAY: GO FOR ROCKET — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 12.0-18.0

Model projects 8% win probability at 15-1 morning line (1.7% edge). Genuine longshot overlay at double-digit odds. Trainer Hernandez 20% turf ROI (3.64) combined with 19% 2Off45-180 angle (2.07 ROI)





projects specific improvement profile: route turf returns with moderate layoff. Won this exact distance (CD 06/20 MCL turf 8.5f) three months prior. Multiple elite works (07/16, 07/06 both 46.60-46.80) confirm fitness. Longshot overlay justified by trainer pattern + distance history + work indicators.

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

A: Banksy's — 24%

B: Corona de Oro — 18%

C: Royal Causeway — 19%

Combined Projected Probability: 61%

SECTION 7: CONFIDENCE RATING

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Model's core projection centers on a field where gate-to-wire closers dominate under MODERATE pace setup. **Banksy's** emerges as the field's cleanest closer with elite sustained speed profile, winning recent form, and exact trainer pattern (31% off wins). **Corona de Oro** represents the secondary value angle with significant class drop and trainer Dallas's overwhelming 46.67% CD win rate this meet. The primary public betting mistake: overvaluing **Go Grey** at 5-2 based on limited recent turf success and overestimating **Aces Honor** at 3-1 despite clear form deterioration and VULNERABLE speed profile. Model projects pace scenario favoring closers—speed horses (Aces Honor, Go Grey) will fade into stretch as neither sustains elite early velocity. This is a closer's race; Banksy's possesses the strongest credentials.

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

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