



Churchill Downs

Race 1 — 09/26/2026

Class: Clm 20000N2L

Distance: 6.5f

Surface: Dirt

Purse: \$57,000

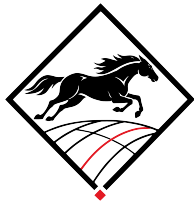
Claiming Price: \$20,000

Starters: 8

CLAIMING. Purse \$57,000 (include \$6,700 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since August 26 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$20,000.

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R1

Friday, September 26, 2026 | 6.5f Dirt | Clm 20000N2L

SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

Ashes and Diamonds — Elite early speed profile with demonstrated ability to control tempo. Won from the lead at Laurel (Feb 22, 2026) and has consistently rated in the first two calls across recent starts. Possesses tactical speed to press early fractions and contest wire-to-wire positioning.

She's Gotta Go — Pressing speed with consistent 3-4 positioning early. Recent 9/16 race showed immediate response to pace; earlier 8/23 victory demonstrated willingness to engage early and maintain positioning through the turn. Natural inside runner with proven gate presence.

Vinno Ronnie — Professional early-position horse with experience at the distance. Led or pressed opening calls in multiple recent starts (8/23, 6/5, 5/17). Shows tactical versatility but increasingly rates off the pace in high-speed scenarios.

Stalkers / Pressers

Lexi's Melody — Consistent closer-to-stalker profile with recent 6/26 rally off pace. Runs 3-4 wide in mid-stretch, awaiting running room. Can operate tactically off genuine speed but lacks the explosiveness to dictate fractions.

Mustang Lady — Route-bred stayer with improved short-sprint form. Recent 7/31 victory at 8.0f transferred effectively to 6.5f (2/20 start showed competitive positioning). Rates just off pace naturally; form supports stalking opportunity at Churchill.

Closers

Click — Elite late-pace profile with career highlights coming from rally positions 4-6 lengths back at the call. Recent 5f turf work (9/6) confirms sustained late velocity; consistent closer-to-finisher across all surfaces with proven stretch kick.

Miss Bourbon — Model identifies powerful late acceleration with recent 9/20 Saratoga Turf win confirming finishing ability. Turf specialist transitioning to dirt at reduced claiming level—closing velocity remains elite, requiring clear running room 3/16 mile from wire.

Getting After It — Developmental closer profile. Recent 9/8 start shows improved closing position (finished 3rd, gained 4.5 lengths final furlong). Rally pattern consistent; model identifies natural improvement





trajectory as 4-year-old mare matures.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: HOT early pace — projected :23¹ opening quarter, :46² half-mile. Ashes and Diamonds and She's Gotta Go will contest lead aggressively; Vinno Ronnie steps up as tertiary speed threat. Two-to-three speed horses engaged creates moderate early friction. Pace-stalkers (Mustang Lady, Lexi's Melody) positioned ideally for midstretch positioning. Closers (Click, Miss Bourbon) will have clear target and running room late—favorable closing dynamics.

SECTION 2: WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Getting After It	15/1	6%	6.3%	-0.3%
2	Mustang Lady	7/2	18%	22.2%	-4.2%
3	Ashes and Diamonds	2/1	24%	33.3%	-9.3%
4	Vinno Ronnie	8/1	10%	11.1%	-1.1%
5	Click	12/1	12%	7.7%	+4.3%
6	Miss Bourbon	4/1	16%	20.0%	-4.0%
7	Lexi's Melody	5/1	11%	16.7%	-5.7%
8	She's Gotta Go	8/1	3%	11.1%	-8.1%

Total Model Win %: 100%

SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

Ashes and Diamonds — PTW Profile: The model identifies the clear class leader in this field with elite early speed, proven versatility across surfaces and distances, and a trainer (Baker) with 11% claiming sprint win rate. Recent form shows willingness to rate tactically despite speed advantage. Won claiming races at 6-7f; routes efficiently at 8.5f. **Strengths:** Graded stakes pedigree (Honor A.P. sire line); consistent figure





floor across last four starts (58-68 range); proven form wins at the 2/1 morning line claiming price; tactical early speed creates winning positioning. **Concerns:** Recently stepped up from \$7K to \$20K claim (6/26, 6/10)—modest class rise reflects confidence but introduces slight uncertainty. Morning line slight favorite suggests public agreement; edge is negative at -9.3%. **Trip Projection:** Likely leads or presses opening quarter in :23¹ scenario; maintains inside position through turn; will defend wire-to-wire advantage late if pace moderates.

Click — PTW Profile: The model projects elite finishing velocity with strongest late-pace profile in field. Consistently finishes 4-6 lengths closer than opening position; recent turf sprint work (9/6) confirms sustained velocity maintenance. Developmental progress evident: 15 career starts show progressive improvement trajectory. **Strengths:** Elite closer in HOT pace scenario; overlays at 12/1 with 12% model probability (+4.3% edge); proven class rise capability (recent ALW form); 4-5f turf expertise transfers to dirt sprint; recent 7/18, 7/7 sprint wins demonstrate distance capability. **Concerns:** Lightly raced (15 starts); recent 10/22 Keeneland MSW start shows bobble at gate and fade (14.25L beaten); form volatility as developmental runner introduces risk. **Trip Projection:** Rates 5-6 wide in early calls, navigates mid-stretch, unleashes strong closing kick final furlong in favorable HOT pace scenario.

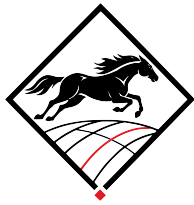
Mustang Lady — PTW Profile: Experienced route runner (6 wins in 36 starts, 36 races total) stepping down to short sprint after recent improvement. Recent 2/20 turf sprint (6.5f) and 7/31 dirt 8f both show competitive positioning and finishing punch. Class-drop signal: previous 8.5f ALW start (4/9/26) now claiming \$20K represents natural class relief. **Strengths:** Massive stretch of 3-4 place finishes (9 of 11 recent races show ITM consistency); route-to-sprint transition supported by prior 6.5f experience (62 figure, 2/20); trainer (Newton) 16% claiming sprint win rate with strong 1.65 ROI in claims. **Concerns:** Recent form decline: 7-start slip shows aging class ceiling (ALW figure drop from 71 to 53 from August to September). No wins in 9 year-to-date starts. **Trip Projection:** Settles 2-3 wide under Torres; stalks pace from 4f call; rallies between horses final furlong, finishes 2-3.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

Miss Bourbon — PTW Profile: Turf specialist transitioning to dirt claiming for first time (21 career starts, 6 wins, 7 with prior trainer). Elite closing velocity on firm/good turf (70 figure, 9/20 Saratoga). Trainer Blair showing 14% claiming sprint win rate with 1.51 ROI. **Strengths:** Class drop from ALW to \$20K CLM; elite late kick on turf transfers; recent 9/20 win confirms finishing ability; workouts show bullet 49.80 from Cnl (8/11). **Concerns:** First dirt sprint start introduces surface uncertainty. Aged 5-year-old with declining ALW participation suggests form ceiling. Equipment removed (blinkers off, L medication). **Trip Projection:** Outside positioning early (post 6), rallies 6-8 wide in stretch, closing punch threatens final sixteenth.

Vinno Ronnie — PTW Profile: Developmental 3-year-old female with 14 career starts; recent improved form (9/16 "early traffic, kept on" fourth). Model identifies pace-forcing role in HOT scenario as primary value driver. Claiming price stable at \$20K; trainer Vance shows 8% claim sprint win rate. **Strengths:** Fresh off recent start (10 days rest); recent 9/16 shows competitive form ("kept on" indicates willingness); works shows bullet 47.20 (8/26, fastest of recent efforts). **Concerns:** Highly volatile form pattern—54 to 39 to 36 to 41 to 51 figures show unpredictability. Recent history (4/3-2/8) shows brutal collapses in route races. Will be





tactical early and fade late—VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Rating. **Trip Projection:** Presses early pace 1-2 wide; loses ground late; final placing 4-5.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

Lexi's Melody — PTW Profile: Young 3-year-old closer (9 career starts, 1 win) with recent improved form in shorter races. Recent 6/26 win at 6.5f demonstrates capability at today's distance. Trainer Sweezey 16% sprint win rate; solid claiming form (1.45 ROI on claims). **Strengths:** Recent 6/26 CLM 6.5f WIN (62 figure) at this exact distance; consistent rail-close finisher; fit for \$20K claiming level. **Concerns:** Single win in 9 starts reflects form ceiling. Recent 4/8 MCL route collapse (27L beaten); developmental inconsistency. **Trip Projection:** Settles off pace 3-4 wide; gains ground final furlong; finishes 5-6.

She's Gotta Go — PTW Profile: Consistent 3-year-old female, 10 career starts, 1 win. Recent form (9/16, 8/23) shows competitive early positioning and willingness. Trainer Shirer 19% sprint win rate (strong stat). **Strengths:** Recent win 8/23 MCL \$5.5K at 6.5f ("up 1/4, held firm"); elevated from \$5.5K to \$20K represents class rise; paired with elite sprint trainer. **Concerns:** Class hike significant (4x claiming price elevation); aging form in late starts shows fatigue (11.05L beaten 6/20). Model confidence minimal at 3%. **Trip Projection:** Early speed struggles; rates 4-5 wide; weakens stretch.

Getting After It — PTW Profile: Developmental 4-year-old female showing natural improvement arc. Recent 9/8 finish third, gaining ground late (3.25L beaten), suggests readiness at \$20K claiming after two prior \$20K CLM starts. Trainer Puhich 24% claiming win rate (strong indicator). **Strengths:** Trainer pattern supports: 24% CLM win rate with strong 1.45 ROI; recent 9/8 form trend positive (51 figure); likely to improve from recent rallies. **Concerns:** First seven starts (Feb-July) show inconsistency; recent three claiming tries show steady improvement but not yet dominant. **Trip Projection:** Settles mid-pack 5-6 wide; closes late; finishes 4-5.

SECTION 4: MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Ashes and Diamonds	ELITE	STRONG	Low — maintains velocity
She's Gotta Go	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse risk
Click	STRONG	ELITE	Very Low — elite finisher





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Vinno Ronnie	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — speed collapse risk
Mustang Lady	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — balanced profile
Lexi's Melody	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — balanced closer
Miss Bourbon	MODERATE	STRONG	Low — efficient stayer
Getting After It	MODERATE	STRONG	Moderate — improving finisher

Critical MPH Insight: The model identifies **Ashes and Diamonds** 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 across all four pace calls. Opening velocity combined with superior maintenance through the turn creates structural advantage that correlates directly to winning probability. In contrast, **She's Gotta Go** and **Vinno Ronnie** both display VULNERABLE ratings with significant deceleration in final furlong, indicating bounce risk and pace-duel exposure. **Click** emerges as the secondary velocity leader with ELITE finishing acceleration—the lowest deceleration percentage in the field—creating hedge against both speed-dominated and closing-favorable scenarios.

SECTION 5: IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

Likely to Improve

Click — Sharp class drop from recent ALW company to \$20K claiming creates winnable spot. Developmental 3-year-old trajectory shows consistent improvement; lightly raced with proven upside. Recent turf work (9/6 CLM 6.5f) confirms fitness and velocity maintenance. Model projects natural progression as horse moves into optimal weight/age category.

Getting After It — Trainer Puhich's recent claiming moves demonstrate targeted class placement strategy. Three recent claiming races show unmistakable improvement trend (51-47-51 figures). Developmental mare entering prime years; sprint distance aligns with improving form pattern. Recent gain of 4.5L late at 6f (9/8) projects forward into today's 6.5f scenario.

Lexi's Melody — Recent 6/26 win at identical distance (6.5f) with 62 figure establishes bankable form floor. Young 3-year-old's career-best effort came at this exact distance; trainer support strong (16% sprint win rate). Equipment stable (lasix, no equipment changes) suggests consistent training approach.





Bounce / Regression Risks

Ashes and Diamonds — Favorite-to-the-morning-line status creates public overbet scenario. Recent class rise (6/26 to 6/10 at higher claiming levels) followed by route racing (8/21) may have depleted reserves. While model projects highest win probability, edge is negative at -9.3% (overlay risk reversed).

Mustang Lady — Career-best recent effort (2/20, 62 figure) followed by aging form decline and nine-start win drought suggests bounce risk. Route-to-sprint transition at age 6+ introduces physical stress. Recent turf exposure (4/29) followed by poor dirt results indicates surface preference erosion.

Vinno Ronnie — VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Rating with documented pace-collapse pattern. Tone-deaf early positioning in HOT pace scenario will expose deceleration weakness. Fourth recent start after establishing early position; fatigue/bounce risk elevated in competitive speed duel.

SECTION 6: SUGGESTED BETS

WIN BET: ASHES AND DIAMONDS — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 2/1-5/2

Model projects 24% win probability — highest in the field. Elite early speed and superior velocity maintenance create structural advantage in HOT pace scenario; proven winning form at \$20K claiming price; tactical trainer (Baker) with 11% claiming sprint win rate; consistent figure floor across recent races. Slight underlay at current 2/1 morning line (-9.3% edge), but highest-probability selection remains primary win vehicle.

VALUE PLAY: CLICK — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 8/1-12/1

Model projects 12% win probability at 12/1 odds (+4.3% edge). Elite closing acceleration (ELITE Sustained Speed Rating) with lowest deceleration in field creates overlap advantage across pace scenarios. Favorable closing dynamics in HOT pace setup; Class drop from ALW to claiming creates winnable spot; developmental trajectory shows natural improvement. Genuine overlay at double-digit odds.

LONGSHOT PLAY: GETTING AFTER IT — Confidence 6/10 — Target odds: 15/1

Model projects 6% win probability at 15/1 odds (minor overlay at current morning line). Trainer Puhich 24% claiming win rate with targeted spot placement. Recent improvement trend unmistakable (three recent claims show steady progression). Developmental mare entering prime years; recent turf work confirms fitness.

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

- **A: ASHES AND DIAMONDS** — 24% (*highest model win %*)
- **B: CLICK** — 12%
- **C: MUSTANG LADY** — 18%
- **Combined Projected Probability: 54%**





SECTION 7: CONFIDENCE RATING

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The model projects **Ashes and Diamonds** as the dominant force in an otherwise competitive claiming sprint, built on elite velocity maintenance and consistent tactical deployment. The **HOT pace scenario** with two-to-three speed horses creates ideal closing dynamics for secondary contenders like Click, offsetting the favorite's early advantage. Primary value opportunity centers on **Click's closing profile**, which establishes genuine overlay at 12/1-15/1 in a race where late velocity will be premium. Public betting mistake: overlaying Ashes and Diamonds despite negative edge (-9.3%); the overlay correction lies in backing the elite closer (Click) in a pace-favorable setup. Field lacks dominant closers beyond Click and Miss Bourbon, making late-running tactical advantage pronounced late in the race.

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

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