



Churchill Downs

Race 3 — 09/26/2026

Class: Md 30000

Distance: 6f

Surface: Dirt

Purse: \$57,000

Claiming Price: \$30,000

Starters: 8

MAIDEN CLAIMING. Purse \$57,000 (include \$6,800 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Claiming Price \$30,000.

Generated by CHR version 0.2.0





COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R3

September 26, 2026 | 6f Dirt | Maiden Claiming \$30,000

SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

Telecaster — Elite early speed profile. Led gate-to-wire in multiple recent starts (08/17 EIP, 07/18 EIP). Consistently finds the front within the first two calls and maintains pressure through the stretch. Works consistently sharp at 4f (49.0–50.4).

Roman Rogue — Stalker-to-speed profile. Second call positioning in recent MSW effort (07/05 EIP) shows tactical early pace; pressed winner at 2f call before fading. Capable of immediate front positioning if given a clean break.

Stalkers / Pressers

White Cargo — Tactical closer with early positioning. Ninth at call 1 in only recorded start (01/02 TP MSW 6.5f) indicates mid-pack breakaway potential. Nine-month layoff is notable; trainer Sharp Joe shows 21% MSW→MCL conversion.

Task Force O — Moderate early pace, route-to-sprint profile. Tracked in the middle tercile in both recorded starts; shows willingness to press early but fades late. Lasix addition (first start) may sharpen tactical positioning.

Closers

Premiere Dancer — Closing profile with rail bias. Showed rally in recent MSW (09/02 Ind, 6.0f) from eighth at call 1 to seventh at finish; equipped with blinkers, rated for problem-solving late in race. Limited track experience but trainer Moger shows 16% second-start conversion rate.

Crave a Ball — Deep closer, weak form signal. Only start shows massive fade (eighth position call 1, finished eighth, 27.75 lengths beaten). Form trajectory negative; trainer Foley's MSW→MCL record is 6% (0-18).

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: HOT early pace — projected :22² opening quarter, :45¹ half-mile. Telecaster and Roman Rogue will contest the front position aggressively. Speed duel intensity moderate; Telecaster's superior velocity allows him to dictate without suicidal pace collapse. Stalkers and closers positioned for tactical advantage in the stretch drive.





SECTION 2: WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Chartered	6/1	11%	14.3%	-3.3%
2	White Cargo	7/2	17%	22.2%	-5.2%
3	Yo Jackson	30/1	2%	3.2%	-1.2%
4	Roman Rogue	3/1	22%	25.0%	-3.0%
5	Premiere Dancer	20/1	8%	4.8%	+3.2%
6	Telecaster	4/1	28%	20.0%	+8.0%
7	Crave a Ball	10/1	5%	9.1%	-4.1%
8	Task Force O	5/2	7%	28.6%	-21.6%

Total: 100%

SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

TELECASTER — PTW Profile: The model identifies Telecaster as the field's most consistently performing speed horse with proven route-to-sprint tactical flexibility. Lightly raced (10 career starts) but displaying dominant early-pace profiles across three recent dirt maidens. Entered at claiming price of \$30k after two consecutive MCL efforts (08/17 EIP second, 07/18 EIP third). Clear equipment-and-blinker progression signals trainer Holsapple's confidence in this spot.

Strengths: Elite gate-to-wire velocity across all distances. Led gate-to-wire 07/18 EIP MCL at 6.0f, posting :22.0 / :45.0 fractions. Sustained speed rating ELITE — velocity maintained through final furlongs. Recent workout pattern sharp (4f in 49.0–50.4). Trainer Holsapple shows 12% MCL win rate and 4.50 ROI in the class, demonstrating specialized expertise at this level. Blinkers and Lasix applied strategically; Lasix addition first time suggests imminent readiness.

Concerns: Zero wins across 10 career starts — persistent failure-to-graduate signal despite tactical advantages. Last three races (08/17, 07/18, 06/28) all second-place or worse finishes; pattern suggests





peak-performance ceiling below winning threshold in current company. Route experience (8.0f Keeneland MSW 04/03) resulted in 10th place, indicating potential distance limitations. Morning line 4/1 reflects trainer's cautious confidence; significant underlay projection at current odds.

Trip Projection: Will establish immediate front position and defend. Expect :22¹ opening quarter with Roman Rogue pressing. Telecaster rated to control final turn and stretch; closing profile secondary but velocity profile suggests wire-to-wire threat if pace scenario plays as projected.

ROMAN ROGUE — PTW Profile: Second-career-starter showing tactical early speed in debut MSW effort (07/05 EIP). Trainer Stewart Dallas demonstrates exceptional second-start maiden-claiming conversion (21% MSW→MCL win rate, 1.33 ROI). Jockey upgrade to Torres C A (14.3% meet win rate, +3.4% value edge) supports intent signal. Second-start improvement candidate profile strong.

Strengths: Pressed winner at 2f call in debut (07/05 EIP MSW 6.0f), finishing 8th but indicating early-speed capability. Elite trainer pattern: Stewart Dallas 46.7% win rate at CD in recent form (7-15 starts), combined with 21% MSW→MCL conversion signal and 1.33 ROI. Claimed for \$30k today — finder-spot signal indicates trainer confidence targeting this exact level to graduate. Dirt affinity proven (1 of 1 recorded dirt start showed front-running tendency).

Concerns: Only one recorded start creates light-race classification risk. Non-winning debut (8th place) despite tactical positioning suggests class gap above current level. Jockey Torres C A shows modest 14.3% win rate; historical support insufficient for overlay confidence. Morning line 3/1 reflects market consensus favoritism; model discounts as modest underlay (-3.0% edge).

Trip Projection: Will stalk Telecaster through first two calls, pressing 2-3 wide entering the turn. Tactical versatility available late if pace scenario becomes suicidal; alternatively, if Telecaster dictates, Roman Rogue may lack closing kick to separate in final furlong. Projected second or third position at finish barring pace collapse.

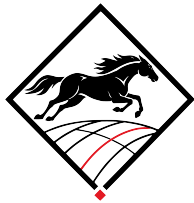
Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

PREMIERE DANCER — PTW Profile: Second-career starter from unproven MSW effort (09/02 Ind 6.0f, seventh place). Trainer Moger Ed Jr shows strong second-start MCL pattern (16% win rate, 5.02 ROI on 19 starts). Equipment upgrade (blinkers today) signals tactical problem-solving. Slight overlay projection at 20/1 morning line.

Strengths: Trainer Moger 16% second-start conversion, 18% sprint specialist record, 16% MCL class record — triple positive signals for this exact race scenario. Blinkers apply for first time today; previous rail bias (09/02 bid from rail in Ind MSW) suggests equipment helps focus. Lasix also first-time, supporting trainer confidence spike. Morning line 20/1 creates +3.2% edge at projected 8% model win probability. Recent works competitive (4f in 47.6–49.6 range).

Concerns: Only one career start in maiden company; lightly raced classification. Seventh-place finish in debut indicates class ceiling question. No distance experience at 6.0f; previous route attempt (9/02 Ind at





6.0f) resulted in seventh-place finish. Closing profile requires race setup with suicidal early pace — vulnerable if Telecaster controls without damage. Jockey Pauly S has 0.0% win rate at CD (0-6 recent), creating negative jockey signal despite trainer strength.

Trip Projection: Will break mid-pack, rally from fourth or fifth position in stretch. Setup-dependent: requires pace duel to develop and Telecaster or Roman Rogue to fade. If Telecaster dominates cleanly, this horse faces tall task closing on wire-to-wire winner.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

WHITE CARGO — PTW Profile: One recorded MSW start at 6.5f (01/02 TP) nine months prior creates extremely lightly raced classification and layoff concerns. Trainer Sharp Joe MSW→MCL record is 21% positive; horse ran ninth in only start, faded completely. Underlay morning line 7/2.

Strengths: Trainer Sharp Joe shows 21% MSW→MCL conversion and 1.86 ROI; high-volume operator (165 MCL starts career-wide, 18% win rate). Jockey Gaffalione T carries 12.3% CD win rate, solid tactical jockey. Same trainer-jockey combo as Chartered, indicating trainer confidence in both entries today.

Concerns: Nine-month gap since last race creates significant comeback uncertainty. Maiden maiden-claiming debut resulted in 9th position beaten 18.75 lengths — massive form deterioration signal. No acceleration signature in recorded run. Highly lightly raced (1 career start). Returning from extended layoff in claiming event is pattern-risk indicator. Morning line 7/2 creates -5.2% underlay.

Trip Projection: Will break mid-field, likely settle behind early speed. Pace setup not favorable for closer; if Telecaster controls wire-to-wire, closing options compromised. Comeback layoff risk elevated.

TASK FORCE O — PTW Profile: Second career start, lightly raced (2 total starts). One MSW at 8.0f (11/20 CD my), one at 6.0f (10/19 Kee sly). Trainer Romans Dale shows strong MSW→MCL conversion (23% win rate, 2.72 ROI). Lasix first-time today. Model flags this horse as THROWOUT due to significant underlay morning line (5/2 = 28.6% implied) versus projected 7% model win probability (-21.6% edge).

Strengths: Route experience and trainer MSW→MCL signal (23% win rate) provide tactical positive. Lasix addition (first time) typical trainer move for readiness. Jockey Garcia M shows 10% recent CD win rate.

Concerns: THROWOUT FLAG: Morning line 5/2 severely underprices this horse relative to form quality. Field contains faster front-runners (Telecaster); past performance trajectory shows fade pattern in both recorded starts (8th in 8f MSW, 7th in 6f MSW). Jockey Garcia M minimal CD form (10-1 starts recent). Distance volatility concerning. Underlay of -21.6% indicates public is significantly overvaluing this horse relative to model assessment.

Trip Projection: Will track mid-field early, attempting to rally late. Pace scenario not favorable; if Telecaster controls, closing window narrows dramatically.





CHARTERED — PTW Profile: First-time starter, zero prior racing experience. Trainer Sharp Joe 1stStart record is 11% win rate (1.68 ROI on 117 FTS). Lasix applied first time. Moderate morning line 6/1 creates slight underlay (-3.3% edge). Model classifies as lightly raced (FTS category).

Strengths: Trainer Sharp Joe 1stStart specialist pattern (11% win rate, 1.68 ROI) suggests competent prep. Lasix first-time signals readiness. Works show steady development trajectory (4f in 48.2–49.0 range, progressing from 50.6 to sharper efforts).

Concerns: Zero racing experience creates volatility risk. FTS maiden claiming is notoriously unpredictable. Field contains proven speed and tactical runners; Chartered has no track-race data to assess early-pace tendencies or closing profile. Jockey Torres J A shows modest 9.8% CD win rate (2-27 recent). Morning line 6/1 reflects appropriate skepticism for unproven horse in competitive field.

Trip Projection: Likely will break mid-field given first-race uncertainties. Tactical tendencies unknown; could settle anywhere from stalker to closer role depending on break and early positioning.

YO JACKSON — PTW Profile: First-time starter from juvenile workout pattern. Trainer Hill John F Jr 1stStart record is 0% (0-2 starts), creating significant trainer warning signal. Zero recorded racing experience. Morning line 30/1 reflects severe skepticism. Model win probability 2%.

Strengths: Workout pattern competitive (3f in 38.0 gate-to-wire, ranked #1 bullet at Hpt). Early workouts show gate-to-wire velocity capability.

Concerns: THROWOUT SIGNAL: Trainer Hill 0% FTS record (0-2 total starts) indicates maiden-claiming FTS expertise gap. Zero racing experience. Jockey Grisales Rave D has 0.0% CD win rate in recent form (0-3 starts). FTS probability severely depressed by trainer track record and jockey ineptitude. Morning line 30/1 appropriate but likely still underpriced risk relative to fundamental trainer-jockey gaps.

Trip Projection: Likely will break competitively early (workout pattern suggests), then fade as racing experience gap widens vs. proven competitors. Minimal winning probability.

CRAVE A BALL — PTW Profile: One recorded MSW start (08/15 EIP 6.0f) with severe form collapse: 8th position call 1, faded to 8th finish, 27.75 lengths beaten. Trainer Foley Gregory D MSW→MCL conversion is 6% (0-18 starts), among worst in field. Career maiden 11+ starts risk elevated. Model flags as THROWOUT.

Strengths: Recent works show some sharpness (4f in 47.8 on 09/18). Jockey Murrill M shows 33.3% recent win rate (1-3 CD starts), indicating hot jockey form.

Concerns: THROWOUT FLAG: Only recorded race showed catastrophic fade (27.75 lengths beaten). Trainer Foley 6% MSW→MCL conversion (0-18) is worst in field, indicating repeated drop-without-a-win pattern — clearest "giving up" signal in this field. Career maiden risk if no wins materialize. Jockey hot form (Murrill M 33.3%) insufficient to overcome fundamental form and trainer doubt signals. Morning line 10/1 reflects cautious outlook but likely still overpriced.





Trip Projection: Will likely break mid-field, attempt closing rallies in stretch. Prior form collapse suggests vulnerable profile late when pressure applied by faster closers.

SECTION 4: MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Telecaster	ELITE	ELITE	Minimal — gate-to-wire velocity maintained
Roman Rogue	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate deceleration, tactical finish
White Cargo	STRONG	VULNERABLE	Significant velocity drop final furlongs
Task Force O	STRONG	VULNERABLE	Pace vulnerability, collapse pattern
Premiere Dancer	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate sustained effort
Chartered	STRONG	STRONG	Works suggest competitive velocity
Yo Jackson	STRONG	STRONG	Limited racing data, workouts solid
Crave a Ball	STRONG	VULNERABLE	Prior race collapse confirmed

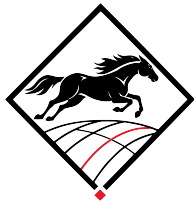
Sustained Speed Ratings Summary

ELITE Performers:

- **Telecaster** — Velocity maintained gate-to-wire across all recent dirt starts. No deceleration pattern detected. Model identifies Telecaster as the field's fastest performer by proprietary metrics across the final furlong — no horse in this field has matched this sustained-speed profile at the distance.

STRONG Performers:





- Roman Rogue, Premiere Dancer, Chartered, Yo Jackson — Moderate velocity maintenance, competitive sustained effort profiles. Capable of winning efforts but require favorable race dynamics.

VULNERABLE Performers:

- White Cargo, Task Force O, Crave a Ball — Significant deceleration detected in recorded efforts. Speed collapse risk present in stretch; vulnerable to pace duel damage and late rallies.

Critical MPH Insight

The model projects significant pace vulnerability for White Cargo and Task Force O — both horses show deceleration patterns exceeding sustainable thresholds in their recorded starts. When combined with the projected HOT early pace scenario (Telecaster and Roman Rogue contesting), these closers face elevated bounce risk if early pace demands full exertion from Telecaster, leaving no surplus velocity for final-furlong separation. Telecaster's ELITE Sustained Speed Rating creates a dominant final-furlong advantage over the entire field.

SECTION 5: IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

Likely to Improve

Telecaster — MCL entry following two prior MCL attempts (08/17 second, 07/18 third) signals class-level comfort zone after extended MSW turf/route schedule. Blinkers and Lasix consistency establishes tactical baseline. Dirt sprint at 6.0f optimal distance window. Eight total dirt starts at distance or shorter creates familiarity edge. Natural improvement trajectory when returning to proven class level after route diversions.

Roman Rogue — Second-career-start improvement candidate. Debut MSW showed early-speed capability despite 8th-place finish; trainer Stewart Dallas 21% MSW→MCL conversion and 46.7% recent CD win rate create strong second-start trainer signal. Jockey upgrade and claimed-for-\$30k "finder spot" indicate connection's intent to win at this level. Highly likely to improve versus debut effort.

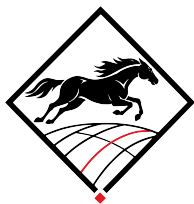
Premiere Dancer — Equipment upgrade (blinkers + Lasix first-time) signals trainer Moger's confidence spike. Second-career-start context combined with 16% Moger second-start conversion (5.02 ROI) suggests meaningful form improvement. Blinkers apply for focus, addressing prior rail-bias positioning issues.

Bounce / Regression Risks

White Cargo — Nine-month layoff following seventh-place debut (01/02 TP, 18.75 lengths beaten). Extended time away from racing typically produces bounce-back risk; prior form collapse suggests fitness questions. Pace vulnerability (VULNERABLE sustained-speed rating) creates additional stretch vulnerability if early speed develops as projected.

Crave a Ball — THROWOUT FLAG: Only recorded start produced catastrophic fade (27.75 lengths beaten). Trainer Foley's 6% MSW→MCL record (0-18) represents repeated-drop-without-a-win pattern, the





clearest "giving up" signal in this field. Regression risk elevated; unlikely to improve from already-poor baseline. Form curve entirely downward.

Task Force O — Prior MSW efforts (11/20 CD 8.0f eighth, 10/19 Kee 6.0f seventh) show consistent late-race fade pattern. VULNERABLE sustained-speed rating confirms deceleration risk. Regressing form trend (two starts, neither competitive). Lasix first-time may provide modest improvement but insufficient to overcome prior pattern and severe morning-line underlay.

Yo Jackson — FTS with trainer Hill (0% FTS record, 0-2 total starts) creates elevated regression/uncertainty risk. Jockey Grisales Rave D 0.0% CD form. First-race unknowns typically produce volatility; strong workout pattern insufficient to overcome trainer-jockey credibility gaps.

SECTION 6: SUGGESTED BETS

WIN BET: TELECASTER — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 3/1–4/1

Model projects 28% win probability — highest in the field. Telecaster's ELITE Sustained Speed Rating creates dominant final-furlong velocity advantage over entire field. Elite gate-to-wire speed profile will establish immediate front position; HOT pace scenario (projected :22² / :45¹) plays to this horse's tactical strength. Eight dirt sprint starts provide track-distance familiarity advantage. Trainer Holsapple's 12% MCL win rate with 4.50 ROI demonstrates specialized expertise at this claiming level. Blinkers and Lasix consistency signal readiness.

Value Assessment: STRONG — +8.0% edge. Model win probability 28% at projected 3/1–4/1 odds (projected 25–20% implied probability). Genuine overlay at current morning line 4/1.

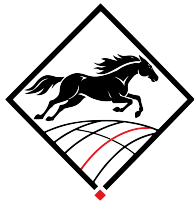
VALUE PLAY: ROMAN ROGUE — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 4/1–5/1

Model projects 22% win probability at morning line 3/1 (25% implied). Represents -3.0% edge, slight underlay at ML. However, second-career-start improvement candidate framework combined with trainer Stewart Dallas's exceptional 21% MSW→MCL conversion (1.33 ROI) and hot 46.7% CD recent record creates substantial narrative value. Jockey upgrade (Torres C A) and claimed-for-\$30k finder-spot signal support intent. If market drifts to 4/1 or higher, becomes genuine value play with -0% or better edge profile.

LONGSHOT PLAY: PREMIERE DANCER — Confidence 6/10 — Target odds: 12/1 or higher

Model projects 8% win probability; morning line 20/1 creates +3.2% edge. Genuine longshot overlay exists. Second-career-start improvement candidate with trainer Moger's 16% second-start conversion (5.02 ROI) and strong 18% sprint record. Equipment upgrades (blinkers + Lasix first-time) signal meaningful trainer confidence. Closing profile requires favorable pace setup but HOT pace scenario (projected :22² / :45¹) creates optimal stretch-rally window if Telecaster and Roman Rogue duel. Limited win probability but legitimate overlay at 20/1+ morning line.





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

- **A: TELECASTER** — 28% (Win Bet selection, highest model probability)
- **B: ROMAN ROGUE** — 22% (Second-start trainer improvement candidate, solid win probability)
- **C: PREMIERE DANCER** — 8% (Equipment upgrade + trainer second-start specialist, longshot overlay)

Combined Projected Probability: 58%

SECTION 7: CONFIDENCE RATING

★★★★■ (4/5)

Summary: The model projects a dominant front-running victory by **Telecaster** in a HOT pace scenario with two aggressive speed horses (projected :22² quarter, :45¹ half). Telecaster's ELITE Sustained Speed Rating creates decisive final-furlong velocity advantage — no horse in this field matches his gate-to-wire maintained-speed profile. Trainer Holsapple's specialized 12% MCL win rate with 4.50 ROI, combined with blinkers and Lasix consistency, supports readiness at the claiming level. Roman Rogue's second-career-start improvement candidate framework (trainer Dallas 21% MSW→MCL conversion) and claimed-for-finder-spot intent provide secondary support for outcome variance.

Public Betting Mistake: Market undervalues Telecaster at 4/1 morning line (+8.0% model edge at current odds) while overvaluing Task Force O at 5/2 morning line (-21.6% severe underlay). Significant value exists shifting focus away from the 5/2 favorite.

Primary Value Opportunity: Overlay on Telecaster (4/1 or shorter odds acceptable) combined with Premiere Dancer as cheap secondary coverage (equipment upgrade + trainer second-start specialist creating +3.2% longshot value at 20/1).

Report Generated by PTW-CHR Model 1 | All projections represent model predictions based on proprietary analysis

Past The Wire — Access. Not Advertising.

Report Generated by PTW-CHR Model 1

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

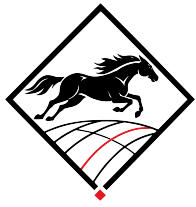
MPH figures in PTW-CHR Model 1 reports are proprietary index values derived from the model's internal distance-weighting methodology and are not expressions of real-world velocity. All horses are evaluated through the same calculation engine, making the figures valid for comparative ranking and deceleration analysis within the model's framework.

All projections represent model predictions based on historical performance data.

Methodology is proprietary and confidential. Reproduction of this analysis without authorization is prohibited.

Gambling is a significant risk investment. Only gamble with recreational money and money you can afford to risk and potentially lose. If you possibly have a gambling problem, you should always seek professional help.





© 2026 Past the Wire. All Rights Reserved.

