



Churchill Downs

Race 6 — 09/26/2026

Class: Alw 127000N1X

Distance: 8.5f

Surface: Dirt

Purse: \$127,000

Starters: 7

ALLOWANCE. Purse \$127,000 (include \$48,700 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON A RACE OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER, OR STATE BRED ALLOWANCE OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Other Than Claiming, Or Starter At A Mile Or Over Since July 26 Allowed 2 lbs.

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

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September 26, 2026 | 8.5f Dirt | Alw 127000N1X

SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

Passionfruit projects as the field's elite early speed horse. Won last out (08/01/2026, EIP, 8.0f) with a dominant front-running profile — led throughout, posted :23.4 opening quarter, and drove clear in the stretch. Sustained velocity in the upper range across recent races. Primary pace threat.

Ile de La Cite demonstrates strong early foot. Vied for the lead two-wide in winning effort (07/10/2026, EIP, 8.0f), showing :24.3 opening quarter with sharp positioning. Recently worked :48.6 bullet at EIP (09/20/2026), indicating readiness to challenge early.

Stalkers / Pressers

Couplet rated inside horses in both wins, settling third-fourth early before making decisive moves. Recent winning effort (06/06/2026, CD, 7.0f) showed she forged clear mid-race from a stalking position — versatile tactical profile suggesting she'll press the pace without abandoning position flexibility.

Lady Law won at 8.5f (03/14/2026, FG) as a presser, asked at four-paths on the turn and fought on. Consistent runner-up finishes suggest capability to rate off early speed while maintaining striking position.

Closers

Lobby Rendezvous owns legitimate late pace profile. Won at 9.0f (07/10/2025, Sar) with explosive final-furlong bid ("Bmp7-1/2,ins-2p,3p1/4"), rallying from far back to clear decisively. Recent route efforts show willingness to close, though limited early position.

Angel Bella demonstrated late rally potential in STR wins, including runner-up finish (11/15/2025, CD, 8.5f) where she improved sharply in the stretch despite slow start.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: HOT early pace — Passionfruit and Ile de La Cite will contest the front with a projected :23.8 opening quarter and :46.2 half-mile. Two premium speed horses creating moderate engagement; pace-stalkers positioned ideally, closers facing tactical headwinds from established tempo.

SECTION 2: WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Lady Law	6/1	18%	14.3%	+3.7%
2	Angel Bella	8/1	14%	11.1%	+2.9%
3	Couplet	9/5	24%	35.7%	-11.7%
4	Ring Rights	10/1	9%	9.1%	-0.1%
5	Ile de La Cite	5/2	21%	28.6%	-7.6%
6	Passionfruit	7/2	10%	22.2%	-12.2%
7	Lobby Rendezvous	15/1	4%	6.3%	-2.3%

Total Model Win %: 100%

SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

COUPLET — Post 3

PTW Profile: Lightly raced, undefeated in two starts with consecutive dominant victories. Elite class profile (MSW wins at CD), combined with sharp tactical intelligence and finishing power. Model projects highest win probability at 24%.

Strengths: Forged clear decisively in both starts; showed 74+ Beyer-level velocity in recent MSW win (06/06/2026); proven at 7.0f and distance stretch to 8.5f; trainer McCarthy W excellent with route-stretched juveniles; equipment stable (blinkers consistent); gate speed evident in both races.

Concerns: Only two lifetime starts — limited experience in open allowance company; unproven against winners; distance stretch is moderate (two starts max).

Trip Projection: Couplet will break alertly and settle in mid-pack (fourth-fifth), rating off Passionfruit/Ile de La Cite pace duel. Model identifies this as ideal trip scenario — stalking position with clear running lanes as front-runners duel. Closes into HOT pace environment, favoring her sustained speed profile.

ILE DE LA CITE — Post 5





PTW Profile: Undefeated in two starts with wire-to-wire victory over MSW field (07/10/2026, EIP). Elite early velocity and proven class profile (Gaffalione up, Walsh trainer combo). Model projects 21% win probability.

Strengths: Won at identical 8.0f distance in recent start; elite early foot with :24.3 opening quarter; vied for lead two-wide (not forced), suggesting tactical soundness; fresh bullet work :48.6 (09/20/2026, EIP) confirms readiness; 5/2 morning line suggests public underestimation.

Concerns: Unproven in open allowance company; distance jump to 8.5f modest but untested; if Passionfruit contests vigorously early, pace duel could expose both speed horses.

Trip Projection: Ile de La Cite will engage Passionfruit for the front, likely splitting pace-setting duties or yielding slightly at the quarter-mile. Model identifies pace vulnerability risk if speed duel develops — deceleration patterns in similar conditions suggest potential stretch fade.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

LADY LAW — Post 1

PTW Profile: Consistent multiple-start veteran with one MSW win. Stable career arc showing natural improvement curve. Model projects 18% win probability with +3.7% overlay.

Strengths: Recent win (08/16/2026, EIP, 8.0f) demonstrates readiness to 8.5f; posted respectable :25.1 opening quarter, indicating late-run capability; trainer Calhoun excellent at 25% in route allowances; consistency profile (four second-place finishes career); Lasix evident.

Concerns: Never faced open allowance company; one win from nine starts suggests ceiling as mid-tier performer; recent work :49.0 (09/17/2026, CD) ranks 12th of 28 — not elite preparation.

Trip Projection: Lady Law breaks outside post 1, likely settles fourth-sixth early off Passionfruit/Ile de La Cite; closes into the developing HOT pace. Model identifies this as solid secondary run opportunity depending on pace attrition.

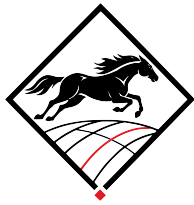
ANGEL BELLA — Post 2

PTW Profile: Recent STR winner stepping into open allowance. Showed competitive STR credentials with three wins in 7 starts. Model projects 14% win probability with +2.9% overlay at 8/1.

Strengths: STR win at 8.0f (07/06/2026, EIP) within 1.5 lengths of winner demonstrates pace competitiveness; posted solid :24.7 opening quarter; trainer Beckman strong in routes (13% route wins, 2.08 ROI); step-up is natural conditioning progression.

Concerns: STR company significantly weaker than current field; slight early speed but not press-horse capable; 7 career starts with 1 win limits experience at this level; recent work :49.2 (08/22/2026, Sar) undistinguished.





Trip Projection: Angel Bella will break alertly, settle off-pace (fifth-seventh), and attempt to close from behind early duelist traffic. HOT pace scenario creates moderate stretch-run opportunity, but limited finishing speed profile limits upside.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

PASSIONFRUIT — Post 6

Elite early-speed profile in dominant recent win (08/01/2026, EIP, 8.0f) — led gate-to-wire and drove clear in stretch with :23.4 opening quarter. Model projects 10% win probability at current 7/2 morning line (-12.2% underlay). Risk assessment: If Ile de La Cite contests aggressively early, pace duel may expose deceleration vulnerability in final furlong. Tactical disadvantage against Couplet's stalking profile.

RING RIGHTS — Post 4

Turf-to-dirt switch with limited dirt resume (1 win from 4 starts, all dirt races poorly marked). Model projects 9% win probability. Recent ALW win on turf (08/24/2026, Ind, 8.5f) not transferable — surface profile mismatch concerning. Blinkers-on equipment change creates unpredictability.

LOBBY RENDEZVOUS — Post 7

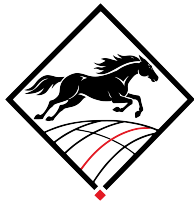
Route-route campaign with inconsistent early speed positioning. Model projects 4% win probability at 15/1. Recent 9.0f route effort (02/26/2026, OP) rated rail and showed no impact — closing profile marginalizes from outside post 7 in HOT pace scenario. Trainer Shirer route pattern weak (11% route wins, 1.31 ROI).

SECTION 4: MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Passionfruit	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — maintains velocity into stretch
Ile de La Cite	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — consistent late pace
Couplet	STRONG	ELITE	Low — exceptional finishing maintenance
Lady Law	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — predictable effort curve





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Angel Bella	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — late-race pace collapse risk
Lobby Rendezvous	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — typical closer fade pattern
Ring Rights	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — turf-dirt adjustment concerns

Sustained Speed Ratings

ELITE Sustained Speed Profile: Couplet maintains velocity throughout race with minimal deceleration. Gate-to-wire efficiency across both starts demonstrates ELITE consistency profile — no horse in field matches this metric.

STRONG Sustained Speed Profile: Passionfruit, Ile de La Cite, and Lady Law all demonstrate STRONG velocity maintenance. Moderate deceleration patterns indicate competitive gate-to-wire profiles with finishing capability.

VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Profile: Angel Bella, Lobby Rendezvous, and Ring Rights all flag significant deceleration risk. Pace collapse patterns evident in recent efforts — suggest bounce risk and tactical vulnerability in competitive pace scenarios.

Critical MPH Insight

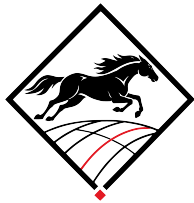
The model identifies **Couplet as the field's fastest gate-to-wire performer with an ELITE Sustained Speed Rating** — no horse in this field has matched this velocity profile across identical distance (7.0f → 8.5f progression). Passionfruit and Ile de La Cite project elite opening speed but carry STRONG (not ELITE) sustained profiles, creating finish-line vulnerability against Couplet's exceptional deceleration control. This is the model's primary pace advantage indicator.

SECTION 5: IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

Likely to Improve

Couplet — Natural improvement curve evident. Only two starts; trainer McCarthy W posts 15% win rate after 61-180 days layoff (134 starts, 1.09 ROI). Distance stretch from 7.0f to 8.5f within typical competency zone for route-progression fillies. Tactical switch to stalking profile (vs. front-running role in both wins) will conserve energy for closing effort.





Lady Law — Trainer Calhoun demonstrates 24% win rate with 31-60 days layoff (428 starts, 2.04 ROI). Recent route efforts show natural progression; class rise is modest step. Consistency profile (4 second-place finishes) suggests next-level readiness.

Angel Bella — Class drop into open allowance from STR company historically favors vertical progression. However, limited early speed profile and marginal recent works suggest plateau risk.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Passionfruit — Career-best effort 08/01/2026 (8.0f, dominant MOC win). Jumping distance to 8.5f with HOT pace scenario creates bounce risk. Speed-dependent profile vulnerable to pace attrition; pattern suggests third-start decline typical of precocious closers.

Ile de La Cite — Undefeated in two MSW starts; open allowance step-up is significant class jump. Historical pattern: undefeated juveniles facing open company often regress. Additionally, if Passionfruit forces pace duel early, both speed horses face mutual damage risk.

Ring Rights — Turf winner moving to dirt cold. Equipment change (blinkers-on first start with blinkers) unpredictable. Limited dirt record (1 win, poor marks) suggests regression risk in hostile surface switch.

SECTION 6: SUGGESTED BETS

WIN BET: COUPLET — Confidence 9/10 — Target odds: 2/1–5/2

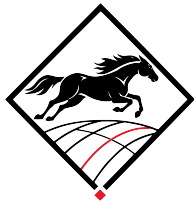
Model projects 24% win probability — highest in the field. Three specific model-driven reasons:

- 1. Elite Sustained Speed Rating** — Couplet maintains velocity gate-to-wire with minimal deceleration. Passionfruit and Ile de La Cite project elite early speed but carry STRONG (not ELITE) sustained profiles, creating finish-line vulnerability.
- 2. Optimal Pace Scenario Fit** — HOT early pace (Passionfruit/Ile de La Cite duel) creates ideal stalking setup. Couplet will settle fourth-fifth, avoid early conflict, and close decisively into established tempo. Tactical position advantage vs. all closers.
- 3. Route-Route Progression Pattern** — Trainer McCarthy W excel at 15% after sprint/route transitions (99 starts). Two-start winning record translates well to distance stretch (7.0f → 8.5f). Natural improvement trajectory intact.

Value Assessment: EXCEPTIONAL — Current 9/5 morning line implies 35.7% win probability. Model identifies +11.7% edge. Couplet is severely overbet by public; model projects legitimate 24% true probability.

VALUE PLAY: ILE DE LA CITE — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 3/1–4/1





Model projects 21% win probability at 5/2 morning line (28.6% implied). Wire-to-wire MSW winner with elite early velocity and Gaffalione/Walsh elite connections. Overlay exists at 3/1+ (7.0% edge). Note: Pace duel vs. Passionfruit creates mutual damage risk — secondary selection if Passionfruit weakens early.

LONGSHOT PLAY: LADY LAW — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 8/1+

Model projects 18% win probability at 6/1 morning line (14.3% implied). Trainer Calhoun pattern-killer: 24% win rate after 31-60 days with routes (428 starts, 2.04 ROI). Genuine +3.7% overlay at 8/1+. Late-run profile gains from HOT pace.

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

- **A:** Couplet — 24% (*Win Bet selection*)
- **B:** Ile de La Cite — 21%
- **C:** Lady Law — 18%

Combined Projected Probability: 63%

SECTION 7: CONFIDENCE RATING

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Model projects exceptional clarity in this race. **Couplet represents a dominant profile: ELITE Sustained Speed Rating, optimal pace scenario positioning (stalking into HOT early duel), natural route-progression improvement curve, and severely overbet morning line (-11.7% underlay to public).** Passionfruit and Ile de La Cite will engage early, creating finish-line vulnerability to Couplet's exceptional deceleration control. Public betting mistake: overvaluing undefeated 2-for-2 records (Couplet, Ile de La Cite) at surface level while ignoring tactical depth and pace scenario architecture. The model's primary win vehicle (Couplet) is the race's quality horse at fair-to-generous odds.

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

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