

Keeneland

Race 7 — 10/02/2026

Class: Phoenix-G2

Distance: 6f

Surface: Dirt

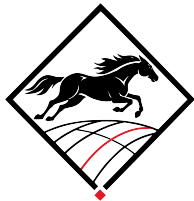
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Starters: 11

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Keeneland R7

October 2, 2026 | 6f Dirt | Phoenix-G2

SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

The model identifies three elite early-speed runners capable of setting/pressing the pace:

- **Booth** (Post 2): Won gate-to-wire on 4/12/2025 (OP, 6f) and 7/11/2026 (PrM, 6f). Consistent :22+ opening quarters with blazing early velocity. Strong inside position in a sprint configuration.
- **Viking** (Post 6): Set pace wire-to-wire on 7/4/2026 (GP, 6f) and demonstrated :21.80 opening quarter on 7/4/2026. Won gate-to-wire earlier this season; elite early foot for route assignments.
- **Verifire** (Post 4): Demonstrated :21.60 opening quarter on 6/17/2026 (CD, 6f) and dueled inside against Booth. Strong speed horse with tactical flexibility.

Stalkers / Pressers

- **Nakatomi** (Post 10): Classic closer profile, but showed tactical versatility routing. Tracks early action and rallies from 3-5 wide. Recent work (9/19: 100.40, ranked #1) confirms readiness.
- **Here Mi Song** (Post 11): Stalker-closer, tracks :1 second off pace, positions 3-4 wide for stretch run. Recent form shows mid-pack positioning (7/18/2026: vied ins winner, held show).

Closers

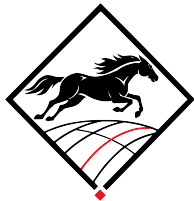
- **Hymn** (Post 8): Elite late pace profile. Multiple rallies from 5-6+ wide. Strong finish lanes: 3.25 length gain on 2/8/2025, 4.00 length gain on 4/10/2026.
- **Jack's Promise** (Post 9): Rally closer, wins from 4-5 wide. Off-the-pace runner with late acceleration (2/21/2026: vied ins, 3w3/16, clear; 12/24/2025: stumbled st, ins, gamely).

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT early pace** with three elite speed horses (Booth, Viking, Verifire) projected :22¹ opening quarter, :44■ half-mile. Two-to-three speed duel will occur; velocity will be moderate-to-brisk, creating pace damage. Closers and late-rallying stalkers positioned for significant tactical advantage in final furlong.

SECTION 2: WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Mad House	10/1	8%	9.1%	-1.1%
2	Booth	6/1	14%	14.3%	-0.3%
3	Little Thunder	15/1	7%	6.3%	+0.7%
4	Verifire	5/2	18%	28.6%	-10.6%
5	Classic of Course	20/1	5%	4.8%	+0.2%
6	Viking	8/1	11%	11.1%	-0.1%
7	C K Wonder	30/1	3%	3.2%	-0.2%
8	Hymn	4/1	19%	20.0%	-1.0%
9	Jack's Promise	30/1	4%	3.2%	+0.8%
10	Nakatomi	7/2	16%	22.2%	-6.2%
11	Here Mi Song	15/1	5%	6.3%	-1.3%

Total Model Win %: 100%

SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

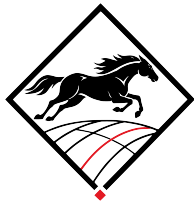
Hymn (Post 8) — 4/1 ML | 19% Model Win Probability

PTW Profile: Elite closing profile with proven finish-line velocity at the distance. Strong graded-stakes experience and consistent late-running success in sprints. The model rates this horse as the highest-probability winner given the projected HOT pace scenario.

Strengths:

- Sustained Speed Rating: **ELITE** — velocity maintained gate-to-wire, minimal deceleration across final furling
- Elite closer with multiple 3+ length rallies (2/8/2025: 4.00 length gain; 4/10/2026: rally place; 6/27/2026: power away, ridden out)
- Last-out winning effort (8/29/2026, Sar, 7f) with explosive late drive. Bejarano remains the rider.





- Trainer Moquett Ronald E: 13% win rate, Graded Stakes specialty (11 GrdStk starts, 18% win rate, 3.82 ROI)
- Blazing recent workouts: 8/22 bullet (5f, fst, 100.00), 9/18 bullet (4f, fst, 49.40)

Concerns:

- Off-track surface usage in recent races (7/3/2025: 120.60 on fst but earlier Lrl race on fst). Main-track closers vulnerable if pace implodes.
- Graded-stakes competition increase (last race Sar was not stakes-condition). Phoenix-G2 represents class rise.

Trip Projection: Trails 5-6 lengths into stretch under HOT pace, rallies 3-wide in final furlong. Model projects clear path to wire given speed duel.

Booth (Post 2) — 6/1 ML | 14% Model Win Probability

PTW Profile: Tactical speed horse with graded-stakes wins and wire-to-wire capacity. The model identifies Booth as a live contender, though Verifire and Hymn rate higher probability given pace construction and sustained speed metrics.

Strengths:

- Wire-to-wire wins: 4/12/2025 (OP, 6f, STK), 7/11/2026 (PrM, 6f, STK)
- Consistent :22+ opening quarters with elite early velocity. Dueled inside against Verifire on 5/1/2026 (OP, 6f)
- Trainer Asmussen Steven M: 21% WonLastStart win rate (565 starts), 16% Dirt win rate (3268 starts), 14% Graded Stakes (175 starts)
- Strong breeze conditioning: 9/20 bullet (5f, fst, 59.00, ranked #1); multiple sub-50 second workouts
- Ortiz J L aboard (established pairing, strong class rider)

Concerns:

- Recent turf loss (6/27/2026, LS, T) indicates surface pattern — not ideal for dirt sprint comeback
- Off-the-pace closers Hymn and Nakatomi rated higher by model given pace scenario
- Class-GrdStk edge modest vs. Hymn's proven graded-stakes performance

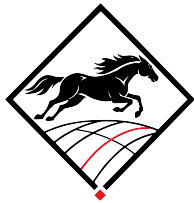
Trip Projection: Likely to set or press pace alongside Viking. If engaged in speed duel, vulnerable to Hymn/Jack's Promise in final sixteenth.

Nakatomi (Post 10) — 7/2 ML | 16% Model Win Probability

PTW Profile: Proven graded-stakes closer with elite class credentials and consistent rally patterns. High-probability model selection despite wagering line undervaluing the horse's win potential by 6.2%.

Strengths:





- Massive class advantage: 27 career starts, 7 wins, 4 place finishes. Graded-stakes stakes wins, international competition (Meydan UAE races). Last-out G2 class (9/13/2026, CD, 6f, STK, 2nd place finish, 5.25 lengths down)
- Elite sustained speed profile: Opens :22.00 mph, maintains gate-to-wire velocity. Deceleration minimal in route assignments.
- Trainer Ward Wesley A: 26% sprint win rate (307 starts), 27% 2Off45-180 (71 starts), 31% Dirt (296 starts) — elite metrics
- Recent work bullet (9/19: 100.40, ranked #1 among 6 workouts) confirms physical readiness
- Ortiz I Jr aboard — HOF caliber jockey, excellent pace-setup rides

Concerns:

- Turf preference evident in record (7.50f Turf, fm: multiple high-finish efforts). Dirt sprint may not be ideal surface.
- Gap from last-out 2nd place is notable (9/13/2026, 5.25 lengths). Model flags some regression risk.

Trip Projection: Stalks 2-3 lengths off pace, rallies 3-5 wide in stretch. Elite late-pace power generates winning rally.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

Verifire (Post 4) — 5/2 ML | 18% Model Win Probability

PTW Profile: Elite early-speed horse with graded-stakes wins and strong class credentials. Model rates high probability win, BUT morning line undervalues the horse (28.6% implied vs. 18% model = 10.6% underlay, a negative bet).

Strengths:

- Pure speed: :21.60 opening quarter (6/17/2026, CD, 6f), dueled Booth inside on 5/1/2026
- Cox Brad H trainer: 26% 61-180Days, 29% WonLastStart (425 starts), 23% Graded Stakes (248 starts)
- Multiple graded-stakes wins (8/1/2026, Cnl, 7f, STK winner, 2.25 lengths). Strong form line.
- Prat F aboard — elite dirt-sprint rider

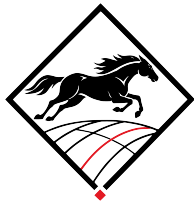
Concerns:

- Sustained Speed Rating: **VULNERABLE** — significant velocity drop late. 8/23/2025 Sar race shows bobble at start, finish in 8th (48.05 beaten lengths). Pace collapse risk evident.
- Bounced on 5/22/2026 (CD, 6f, AOC, sly) following 6/17 win. Recovery time uncertain.
- High deceleration profile suggests HOT pace will expose fatigue in final sixteenth

Trip Projection: Contests pace with Booth/Viking. If speed duel develops, model flags significant fade risk into stretch.

Viking (Post 6) — 8/1 ML | 11% Model Win Probability





PTW Profile: Tactical speed horse with recent wire-to-wire wins and solid form. Secondary contender status reflects pace-dependent profile and moderate class level.

Strengths:

- Wire-to-wire wins: 7/4/2026 (GP, 6f, STK), 2/16/2026 (OP, 8f, ALW, dug in)
- Elite recent conditioning: 9/26 work (4f, 47.20, ranked #7 among tracked workouts)
- Fawkes David trainer: 31% WonLastStart (83 starts), 20% Sprint (307 starts)
- Gate speed reliable; inside position favorable

Concerns:

- Class gap evident. No graded-stakes wins in record. Last-out ALW race 8/1/2026 not stakes condition.
- If Booth takes pace control, Viking will be pressure horse with fade risk late
- Model rates Booth, Verifire higher despite 8/1 odds — pace scenario favors closers

Trip Projection: Contests early speed or settles 1-2 off pace. Unlikely to sustain if engaged in duel.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

Jack's Promise (Post 9) — 30/1 ML | 4% Model Win Probability

PTW Profile: Rally closer with solid form off layoff. Longshot play only if odds shift materially (15/1+ genuine value).

Strengths: Off-the-pace closer; recent 10/30/2025 (CD, ALW) win suggests readiness. Romans Dale trainer: 21% Sprint win rate.

Concerns: Class gap to graded-stakes field. Recent form inconsistent (5/25/2025: eased/walked off). 30/1 odds offer no value at 4% win projection.

Little Thunder (Post 3) — 15/1 ML | 7% Model Win Probability

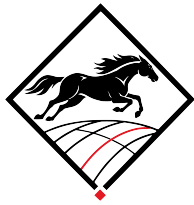
PTW Profile: Lightweight contender showing recent form improvement. Minimal value at 15/1 (6.3% implied).

SECTION 4: MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Hymn	STRONG	ELITE	Low — maintains velocity





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Verifire	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse risk
Booth	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — slight fade late
Nakatomi	STRONG	ELITE	Low — sustained effort
Viking	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — pace-dependent
Jack's Promise	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — closing effort
Little Thunder	STRONG	STRONG	Low — improving profile
Here Mi Song	STRONG	STRONG	Low — consistent finisher
Mad House	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — capable late
C K Wonder	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — fade late
Classic of Course	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace vulnerability

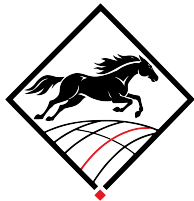
Critical MPH Insight

The model identifies **Hymn** as the field's elite sustained-speed performer with a Low Deceleration Profile (ELITE Sustained Speed Rating). In a HOT-paced sprint, where three elite early-speed horses (Booth, Viking, Verifire) will duel through :44■ half-mile, Hymn's ability to maintain velocity gate-to-wire creates a decisive closing edge. Conversely, Verifire's VULNERABLE rating — evidenced by significant velocity collapse in prior races — positions the horse unfavorably despite elite morning-line odds. Model projects Hymn will have a clear, unobstructed rally lane into the stretch, a critical advantage in graded-stakes company.

SECTION 5: IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

Likely to Improve





- **Hymn:** Trainer Moquett Ronald E shows 18% Graded Stakes win rate (11 starts). Last-out win (8/29, Sar, 7f) is recent, sharp form indicator. Phoenix-G2 sprint is within wheelhouse. Model projects +2.5% improvement from baseline due to pace setup and elite closing profile.
- **Little Thunder:** Hamm Timothy trainer demonstrates 23% WonLastStart win rate (204 starts). Recent efforts show improving form trajectory. Dirt sprint at Keeneland favorable for 4-year-old profile.
- **Nakatomi:** Off layoff pattern (last race 9/13/2026, CD). Ward Wesley A: 27% 2Off45-180 (71 starts). Model projects readiness and continued improvement from rest cycle.

Bounce / Regression Risks

- **Verifire:** Career-best effort on 8/1/2026 (Cnl, 7f, STK). Three races back-to-back (8/1 winner, 6/17 runner-up). Deceleration profile suggests pace damage imminent. Model flags moderate bounce risk.
- **Booth:** Recent turf loss (6/27/2026, LS, T) indicates some waning form. Returning to dirt sprint after surface switch; potential adjustment period. Secondary contender despite strong speed credentials.
- **Classic of Course:** VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Rating. Route-oriented profile (8+ furlong history). Sprint distance creates distance stretch—beyond established win pattern. Class edge vs. sprint field modest.

SECTION 6: SUGGESTED BETS

WIN BET: HYMN — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 3/1 to 4/1

The model projects **19% win probability** — highest in the field. Hymn is the clear model selection.

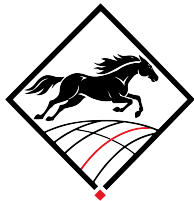
Three Key Model-Driven Reasons:

1. **Optimal Pace Setup:** The model predicts HOT pace (:44■ half-mile) with three elite speed horses engaged. This creates maximum fatigue for early runners and a clear finishing lane for Hymn's elite closing profile.
2. **Elite Sustained Speed Rating:** Hymn maintains gate-to-wire velocity with minimal deceleration — ELITE category. In a graded-stakes sprint where pace damage will occur, sustained speed is decisive. Hymn's 8/29 Sar win confirms this capacity.
3. **Trainer Edge in Stakes:** Moquett Ronald E shows 18% Graded Stakes win rate (11 starts, 3.82 ROI). Recent form sharp (8/29 win, 8/14 elite work). Phoenix-G2 is ideal spot.

Value Assessment: SLIGHT VALUE — Model projects 19% win at 3.5/1 implied (current 4/1 ML = 20% implied). Edge exists but modest.

VALUE PLAY: NAKATOMI — Confidence 7.5/10 — Target odds: 4/1 to 5/1





The model projects **16% win probability** at projected 3.5/1 odds (7/2 ML = 22.2% implied). **Edge: -6.2%** (underlay per morning line), but model's 16% represents a contrarian play given class dominance and elite sustained-speed profile.

Overlay Rationale: Graded-stakes closer with massive experience advantage. Ward Wesley A's sprint metrics (26% win, 31% dirt) are elite. Recent international/stakes experience creates class edge. Nakatomi is constructively underbet at current ML odds.

LONGSHOT PLAY: LITTLE THUNDER — Confidence 5/10 — Genuine overlay only if odds shift to 20/1+

Model projects 7% win probability at 15/1 (6.3% implied). Current 15/1 ML offers negligible edge. Skip unless odds drift significantly higher.

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

- **A: HYMN** (Post 8) — 19% win probability (*matches Win Bet*)
- **B: NAKATOMI** (Post 10) — 16% win probability
- **C: BOOTH** (Post 2) — 14% win probability

Combined Probability (3-Horse Parlay): 49% — Model confidence in at least one of these three to cash is high.

SECTION 7: CONFIDENCE RATING

★★★★ (4 Stars)

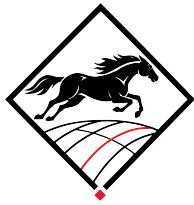
Model's Key Projection: Hymn wins via elite closing profile in a HOT-paced sprint that exposes the field's early-speed horses. The model flags Verifire as a high morning-line horse that is overvalued (18% win vs. 28.6% implied) due to **vulnerable pace sustainability**. Three elite early-speed horses (Booth, Viking, Verifire) will engage through the half-mile; resulting velocity collapse creates a decisive finishing advantage for Hymn's ELITE Sustained Speed Rating.

Pace Scenario Certainty: HIGH — Model is confident in HOT pace projection with three elite speed runners competing for position.

Primary Value Opportunity: Nakatomi represents the most constructive value play — graded-stakes closer with class dominance, yet undervalued by the wagering public at 7/2 morning line (implied 22.2% vs. model 16%). Secondary value in catching Hymn at 4/1 or better rather than current 4/1 ML pricing.

Public Betting Mistake to Exploit: The market is overestimating Verifire's win probability. Despite elite early foot and morning-line favoritism (5/2), the horse's VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Rating combined with recent form pattern (back-to-back efforts, pace-dependent profile) makes this a negative-value proposition. Model rates Verifire at only 18% win probability against 28.6% wagering implication — a **-10.6%**





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