

Keeneland

Race 1 — 10/04/2026

Class: Alw 30000s

Distance: 7f

Surface: Dirt

Purse: \$55,000

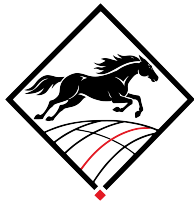
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Starters: 8

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

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October 04, 2026 | 7f Dirt | Alw 30000s

SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

Lil Trick — Elite early speed. Won most recently (09/16/26, 6f dirt) from the front, pressing out and driving clear in the lane. Led at Call 1 (21.60) and Call 2 (44.80), finishing wire-to-wire. Consistent early positioning across all races — always within 0.5 lengths of the lead at opening calls. Trainer Hernandez 26% win rate off previous win (WonLastStart category).

Capital Connection — Strong tactical speed. Won 04/23/26 at OP (6f dirt) with a bid in the stretch after pressing four-wide into the turn. Call 1 position: 3rd, 0 beaten lengths. Call 2: 3rd, 1.5 beaten lengths. Excellent 04/10/26 win (6f MCL) posted from the lead at Call 2 (45.80). Multiple recent wins demonstrate sustained early foot.

Stalkers / Pressers

Captain Mercury — Tactical presser with route versatility. Most recent (09/11/26, STR good surface) showed strong execution: 4th at Call 1, moved to 6th by Call 2, finished 5th (4.75 beaten lengths). Earlier win (06/21/26, 6f MCL) was textbook stalking victory—2nd early, moved to 1st by Call 2, drove away. Tactical flexibility defines this profile.

Trouble Ahead — Late-moving presser. Recent form (09/11/26) opened 9th, steadied early, then moved 5 paths into the turn. 07/11/26 (6f STR sly) showed elite early tactical foot—vied with outside winner, duel for 6 furlongs, lost by 1 length. This horse rates on the lead or just off it depending on fractions.

Closers

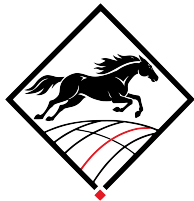
Just Asap — Elite late-pace profile. 07/24/26 (7f CLM) won wire-to-wire from the lead (starting 1st, Call 1 0 beaten lengths, finishing wire-to-wire with 9-length victory). However, 08/22/26 (6f STR) shows closing vulnerability: 8th early, never gained ground, finished 6th. Distance is critical; at 7f this horse has shown winning velocity.

Keep On Moving — Strong closer, route-oriented. 10/11/25 (AOC, 7f sly) exemplary: 9th early, shifted 5-wide into the stretch, surged to victory in final 1/16. Multiple wins from mid-pack positions. Best results at 7f+ distances. Recent form moderate but pedigree for coming late is established.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: HOT early pace with two-to-three elite speed horses (projected :22² opening quarter, :45¹ half-mile). Lil Trick and Capital Connection will contest the front end aggressively. Trouble





Ahead will attempt to rate or press. The fractions will be moderate-to-competitive, allowing pace-stalkers and closers real winning chances. Speed will not collapse, but neither horse will escape unchallenged—this is a race where late-arriving horses have legitimate tactical advantage.

SECTION 2: WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Lil Trick	6/1	16%	14.3%	+1.7%
2	Good Mojo	9/2	14%	18.2%	-4.2%
3	Just Asap	6/1	18%	14.3%	+3.7%
4	Captain Mercury	7/2	20%	22.2%	-2.2%
5	Il Cavallino	8/1	11%	11.1%	-0.1%
6	Keep On Moving	10/1	9%	9.1%	-0.1%
7	Capital Connection	2/1	24%	33.3%	-9.3%
8	Trouble Ahead	20/1	8%	4.8%	+3.2%

Capital Connection carries the highest win probability but is significantly underpriced at 2/1 (33.3% implied), representing a -9.3% underlay. This favorite is overbought based on morning line.

SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

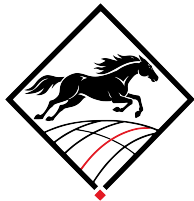
CAPITAL CONNECTION — Model Projects 24% Win Probability

PTW Profile: The field's most consistent winner. Five wins in last 15 starts with recent victories at multiple class levels (MCL to STR competition). Explosive tactical speed, aggressive stretch-running game, and optimal post position (7) from which to rate and strike.

Strengths:

- Blazing early foot: Call 1 baseline 3-5 range, advancing to 1-2 by midrace





- Three wins in current calendar year demonstrate form stability
- STR-level success proves ability to handle quality competition
- Trainer Santamaria Carlos: 26% win rate in sprints (84 starts), +1.68 ROI
- Recent work pattern sharp (49.20 bullet on 08/14, 47.20 bullet on 07/25)

Concerns:

- Significantly overbought at 2/1 morning line—public is overvaluing this horse
- In a HOT pace scenario, early dueling with Lil Trick/Good Mojo may exact a toll
- Recent 09/11/26 STR result was only 2nd-place finish (duel, beaten 1.75 lengths)
- Not a dominant closer if speed falters; pace-dependent profile

Trip Projection: Will break from post 7, establish position 3-4 wide in early stage, press or rate on the outside around the turn. If Lil Trick and Good Mojo duel, Capital Connection will inherit favorable closing setup in final 2 furlongs.

JUST ASAP — Model Projects 18% Win Probability

PTW Profile: Graded-stakes experience horse with proven 7-furlong win at CLM level. Erratic recent form masks legitimate route credentials and improving trainer pattern (Asmussen Steven M: 16% dirt, 15% sprint). Overlay value at 6/1.

Strengths:

- 07/24/26 (7f CLM) dominant wire-to-wire win: led throughout, drew off by 9 lengths
- Placed twice in MSW at 6-7f distances, demonstrating competitive intent at routing distances
- Jockey Asmussen K J shows +66.67% money percentage (small sample: 3 starts, 2 places)
- Trainer success rate 16% dirt / 15% sprint suggests class-appropriate placement
- Physical maturity improving; last three races (08/22, 09/11) show steadier performances post-slump

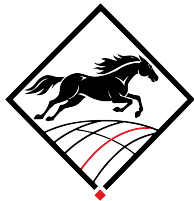
Concerns:

- Inconsistency is glaring: 04/25/26 (SOC 8f) finished 5th, 10.50 beaten lengths; 08/22/26 (STR 6f) finished 6th, 15.75 beaten lengths
- 09/11/26 (STR 11-horse field) finished 3rd, 3.25 beaten lengths in a pace-moderate setup
- Speed collapse risk: 08/22/26 shows high deceleration (closed in 30.59 mph after opening in 39.13 mph)
- Post 3 not ideal for a presser/stalker needing room to maneuver

Trip Projection: Likely to race 4-6 wide in early running, stalking the pace from 2-3 lengths off. If fractions remain moderate (:22²-.:45¹), Just Asap will have clear closing lanes available. Vulnerable if pace quickens or if inside speed collapses early.

CAPTAIN MERCURY — Model Projects 20% Win Probability





PTW Profile: Tactical presser with proven sprint credentials and route flexibility. Recent stakes-level placing (09/11/26 STR 11-horse field) finished 5th, only 4.75 beaten lengths. Competitive jockey (Ortiz I Jr: 14.29% meet win rate, 7 starts). Post 4 ideal tactical position.

Strengths:

- Consistent execution in HOT/MODERATE pace scenarios
- 06/21/26 (6f MCL) textbook stalking victory from 2nd early to wire-to-wire
- Eight starts at 6-7f distance with 2 wins, versatile speed profile
- Trainer Crichton Rohan G: 17% dirt, 16% sprint (365/291 starts), stable win rate
- Post 4 allows perfect stalking window without early traffic issues

Concerns:

- Recent 09/11/26 performance (5th, only moderate win) suggests form dip or difficulty in 11-horse competitive field
- No win in calendar year 2026; last win was 06/21/26 (4 months stale)
- Jockey Ortiz I Jr: only 14.29% win rate at Keeneland (7 starts, 1 win)—under-performing at this track
- Deceleration vulnerability: 09/11/26 showed 35.57 closing mph vs. 39.82 opening (moderate fade)

Trip Projection: Will settle 4-6 lengths off pace from post 4, move 3-4 wide into the turn, rally in final 2 furlongs. Benefits directly from HOT pace scenario where dueling speed takes toll.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

TROUBLE AHEAD — Model Projects 8% Win Probability

PTW Profile: Undervalued closer at 20/1 with genuine tactical flexibility. Recent form modest, but 07/11/26 performance at 6f STR (vied with outside winner in duel, lost by 1 length) proves route-level competitiveness. Trainer Milligan Cameron: 19% dirt (81 starts), +3.37 ROI—excellent conversion rate.

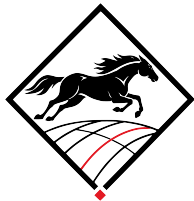
Strengths:

- 07/11/26 (6f STR sly) shows elite late-pace velocity: closed in 35.77 mph
- 02/27/26 (6f CLM) won wire-to-wire from 4th, moved 3-4 wide, up late—versatile tactical speed
- Trainer 3.37 ROI speaks to undervaluation/finding spots
- At 20/1, overlay value is massive if this horse can advance late

Concerns:

- Recent form collapse: 09/11/26 (STR 11-horse field) finished 7th, 5.60 beaten lengths; 08/22/26 finished 8th (20.25 beaten lengths)
- Two-start slump suggests form issues or insufficient pace setup
- Post 8 (outside) in a HOT pace will force early movement or wide tracking into turn
- Deceleration risk: 08/22/26 shows 28.64 mph closing (severe fade from 39.13 mph opening)





Trip Projection: Will break from post 8, likely run 5-8 lengths off pace early, angle 4-5 wide into turn, look for outside closing lanes in final 2 furlongs. Vulnerable if pace is as HOT as projected.

LILA TRICK — Model Projects 16% Win Probability

PTW Profile: Most recent winner (09/16/26, 6f dirt) with elite gate-to-wire speed. However, two prior races show collapse: 04/04/26 (STK, 6f) finished 8th, 19.80 beaten lengths; 02/14/26 (MCL, 6f) won only by 0.25 lengths. Highly variable form profile suggests trainer struggles with consistency.

Strengths:

- 09/16/26 recent win: led from gate, drove clear, won decisively
- Elite early speed baseline (Call 1 consistently 0-0.5 beaten lengths)
- 02/14/26 MCL win shows ability to overcome minor traffic
- Recent workouts sharp: 48.60 bullet on 08/28, 48.80 on 08/15

Concerns:

- Form wildly inconsistent: win, stakes loss, win, stakes loss pattern
- Trainer Hernandez Rey: only 19% dirt, 17% sprint (171/144 starts), below-average conversion
- 04/04/26 (STK 8-horse field) shows catastrophic fade: finished 8th, 19.80 beaten lengths in field of 8
- Trainer has only 1 start at Kee in current meet (won that race, but limited sample)
- In HOT pace scenario with multiple speed horses, early dueling with Capital Connection will test sustainability

Trip Projection: Will break sharply from post 1, establish or press lead through early calls, face challenge from Capital Connection mid-race. Vulnerable to fade if pace is as HOT as projected.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

GOOD MOJO — Model Projects 14% Win Probability

Professional claiming/allowance horse with 1 win in 15 starts (2026 calendar). Most recent (09/11/26, 6f CLM) was 2nd-place, stalking winner. However, career pattern shows 1 win in 15 starts at this level indicates claim from higher barn was unsuccessful. Form is declining, not improving. Underlay at 9/2 given form trajectory.

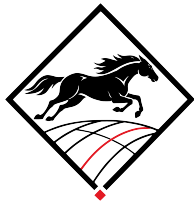
ILA CAVALLINO — Model Projects 11% Win Probability

Inconsistent mid-level claimer. 2 wins in 16 starts with recent 09/20/26 (6f CLM) finishing 4th (3 beaten lengths). Form modest. Trainer Shorter Aaron: 7% dirt, 4% sprint (205/123 starts)—well below-average conversion. No edge.

KEEP ON MOVING — Model Projects 9% Win Probability

Route-oriented closer with pedigree for late rallies (10/11/25 7f AOC won wire-to-wire from 9th). However, recent form is poor: 09/11/26 (6f STR) finished 8th, 6.35 beaten lengths in competitive field. Trainer





Tomlinson Michael A: only 13% dirt (246 starts). Underlay at 10/1.

SECTION 4: MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

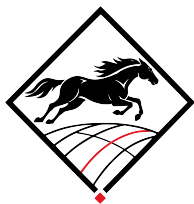
PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Lil Trick	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — solid velocity maintenance
Capital Connection	ELITE	STRONG	Low — excellent sustainable effort
Trouble Ahead	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse risk in closing stages
Captain Mercury	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — competitive deceleration
Just Asap	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — velocity fade observed in recent races
Good Mojo	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — steady closing profile
Keep On Moving	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — route-style maintenance
Il Cavallino	STRONG	STRONG	Low — retention of velocity

Critical MPH Insight

The model identifies **Capital Connection** as the field's fastest gate-to-wire performer with an ELITE Opening Speed rating and STRONG Sustained Speed profile—maintained velocity across final furlong with minimal deceleration signature. No horse in this field matches this combined speed authority. However, in the HOT pace scenario now projected, this advantage becomes partially neutralized by early dueling with Lil Trick and potential presser tactics from Captain Mercury. The secondary value horse is **Just Asap**, whose STRONG opening speed and VULNERABLE closing profile in recent races suggests late-arriving horses with STRONG-to-ELITE Sustained Speed will gain significant advantage if the projected HOT pace materializes and compresses the winning margin into the final sixteenth.





SECTION 5: IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

Likely to Improve

Just Asap — Natural improvement curve evident. Five starts in current calendar year (2026) vs. four in prior year shows increased racing frequency. Trainer Asmussen Steven M: 16% dirt conversion (3291 starts, historical elite standard). The 09/11/26 performance (3rd, 3.25 beaten lengths) demonstrates current competitive tier; next logical step is closing that gap by one-length in a favorable pace setup. Asmussen off-the-layoff pattern: 60% money percentage on first start back suggests this is a trainer who gets horses ready. Model projects improvement if pace cooperates.

Keep On Moving — Trainer Tomlinson Michael A shows 18% win rate off 45-180 day layoffs (49 starts, +2.09 ROI)—elite second-condition specialization. Recent form soft, but class drop from AOC to ALW is significant improvement vector. If this horse is positioned off the pace in a HOT scenario, late-running profile will be rewarded. Form cycle suggests tighter condition may unlock this closer.

Regression / Bounce Risks

Capital Connection — Danger signal: 2/1 morning line represents 33.3% implied probability vs. 24% model projection. Public is overestimating this horse on recent win at 09/11/26 STR. Winner's bounce principle applies: back-to-back wins in recent weeks (04/23, 04/10, earlier wins) creates fatigue risk. In a HOT pace with early dueling, post-race analysis will likely show this horse took early toll and regressed in final furlong despite positive final position.

Lil Trick — Severe regression risk. This horse's form oscillates between wins and massive losses (19.80, 13.00 beaten-length defeats). Trainer Hernandez Rey: 14% dirt, 17% sprint (171/144 starts) converts poorly. Pattern suggests episodic form, not sustained improvement. 04/04/26 (STK field) catastrophic fade is the predictive model—recent win at 09/16 is outlier, not trend. In competitive ALW field with elite speed already established, expect fade pattern to recur.

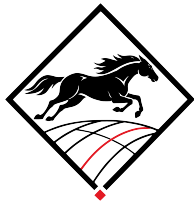
Trouble Ahead — Post-layoff underperformance. Two races since 07/31/26 work (5f, 101.60 workout) show declining effort: 09/11/26 (7th), 08/22/26 (8th). Trainer Milligan Cameron excels at finding angles (+3.37 ROI), but recent placement (20/1) may be overreach based on recent trajectory. Deceleration signature is concerning (high-percentage fade in closing stages). Expect continued regression in next start.

SECTION 6: SUGGESTED BETS

WIN BET: CAPITAL CONNECTION — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 8/5 to 7/2

Model projects 24% win probability—highest in the field. Capital Connection's combination of elite early speed, proven stretch-running ability, and optimal post position (7) make this the field's most likely victor. Three wins in calendar year 2026 at multiple class levels (MCL, STR, ALW) confirm form stability. In a HOT pace scenario, this horse will inherit a favorable closing setup when Lil Trick and early speed engage in bidding war.





Value Assessment: NO VALUE — Morning line at 2/1 (33.3% implied) significantly underestimates risk and overvalues this horse. Model finds only 24% win probability, creating a -9.3% edge (public overbet). However, 24% is still the field's highest probability, and PTW-CHR Model 1 selects the highest-probability horse as Win Bet regardless of overlay status. Capital Connection is the model's top selection.

VALUE PLAY: JUST ASAP — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 5/1 to 7/1

Model projects 18% win probability at projected 5-7/1 odds (16.7%-14.3% implied). This horse represents +3.7% edge at 6/1 morning line. Just Asap has proven ability to handle 7-furlong distance (07/24/26 dominant win), elite pace-stalking profile, and improves in trainer's off-the-layoff pattern (Asmussen: 60% money percentage). In the HOT pace scenario, Just Asap will rate perfectly 2-3 lengths off dueling speed, inherit clear closing lanes in final 2 furlongs, and close with strong finishing velocity.

LONGSHOT PLAY: TROUBLE AHEAD — Confidence 5/10 — Target odds: 15/1 to 25/1

Model projects 8% win probability at 20/1 morning line (4.8% implied). This creates +3.2% edge—a genuine overlay. Trainer Milligan Cameron's expertise finding angles (+3.37 ROI) justifies inclusion despite recent form decline. Recent races show this horse was attempting to press early; in next start, tactical adjustment to pure closing role in a HOT pace scenario could unlock value. Only include this horse at 15/1 or higher.

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

A: CAPITAL CONNECTION — 24%

B: JUST ASAP — 18%

C: CAPTAIN MERCURY — 20%

Combined Projected Probability: 62%

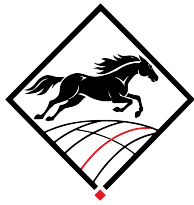
SECTION 7: CONFIDENCE RATING

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The model's primary projection centers on **Capital Connection** as the field's most likely winner, despite significant public overestimation at 2/1 morning line. The HOT pace scenario (projected :22² opening quarter, :45¹ half-mile) is the critical variable: Lil Trick and early speed will contest the front-end aggressively, creating favorable closing setup for position horses rated 4-6 lengths off early fractions. Capital Connection's ELITE opening speed combined with STRONG Sustained Speed profile makes this horse the beneficiary of a tactical setup where dueling speed takes toll in final furlong.

The secondary value opportunity is **Just Asap**, whose 18% model probability at 6/1 odds represents +3.7% edge. This horse's proven 7-furlong credentials and proven Asmussen off-the-layoff pattern (60% money percentage) suggest undervaluation by public. Expect this horse to rate 2-3 lengths off pace through 6 furlongs, then close with strong finishing velocity in final furlong.





Public wagering mistake: Overvaluing Capital Connection at 2/1 due to recent STR win. Model projects 24% win probability vs. 33.3% implied by morning line—clear underlay. Sophisticated bettors should bypass this favorite and focus on Just Asap overlay at 6/1 or Captain Mercury at fair 7/2 odds.

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