

# Keeneland

## Race 4 — 10/04/2026

Class: Md Sp Wt 110k

Distance: 8.5f

Surface: Dirt

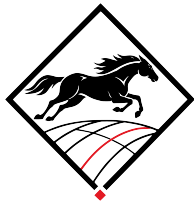
Purse: \$110,000

Starters: 15

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT. Purse \$110,000 (include \$33,000 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR MAIDENS, TWO YEARS OLD. Weight, 119 lbs. (Preference To Horses That Have Not Started For Less Than \$75,000).

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## COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Keeneland R4

Saturday, October 4, 2026 | 8.5f Dirt | Maiden Special Weight

### SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

#### True Front Runners

The model identifies **Belzoni** and **D.C.'s Army** as the field's elite early-speed threats. Belzoni showed gate speed and battled to the front in a 7.0f MSW debut (7/25, Sar), dueling through the stretch before yielding for a second-place finish — a strong winning effort profile. D.C.'s Army led early at 7.0f on 9/5 (Sar), showing natural speed before weakening in the stretch. Both horses project to contest the lead today.

#### Stalkers / Pressers

**Just a Holiday** is a tactical flexible weapon, capable of pressing or rating off the pace. The colt ran inside the top three early in all three prior starts, showing adaptability. **Damavand** and **Magical Mikel** both have documented ability to stalk from just off the lead, though neither has shown consistent closing ability.

#### Closers

**Patriots Quest** displays elite late-pace characteristics across a three-race resume, evidenced by consistent improvement and rally patterns despite being pinched at the break in his most recent 8.0f turf route (8/29, KD). **Jokes Reserve** rallied powerfully on 9/5 (Cnl), gaining ground late at 8.0f before being outdueled in the final sixteenths — a closer's profile emerging in route company.

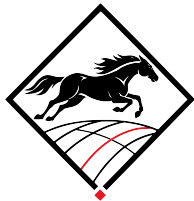
#### Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT** early pace with Belzoni and D.C.'s Army both possessing elite speed, projected :22<sup>2</sup> opening quarter, :45<sup>1</sup> half-mile. Two-horse speed duel will inflict moderate pace damage — stalkers will find setup opportunity, closers will face moderate headwind.

### SECTION 2: WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX

| Post | Horse          | ML Odds | Model Win % | Implied ML % | Edge  |
|------|----------------|---------|-------------|--------------|-------|
| 1    | Grantchester   | 8/1     | 6%          | 11.1%        | -5.1% |
| 2    | Just a Holiday | 6/1     | 16%         | 14.3%        | +1.7% |
| 3    | Hickory        | 10/1    | 8%          | 9.1%         | -1.1% |





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|------|------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| 4    | Damavand         | 5/1     | 12%         | 16.7%        | -4.7%        |
| 5    | Code of Arms     | 10/1    | 7%          | 9.1%         | -2.1%        |
| 6    | Barrel Roll      | 12/1    | 6%          | 7.7%         | -1.7%        |
| 7    | <b>Belzoni</b>   | 4/1     | <b>18%</b>  | <b>20.0%</b> | <b>-2.0%</b> |
| 8    | Biathlon         | 15/1    | 4%          | 6.3%         | -2.3%        |
| 9    | Magical Mikel    | 6/1     | 11%         | 14.3%        | -3.3%        |
| 10   | Stadion          | 30/1    | 2%          | 3.2%         | -1.2%        |
| 11   | Patriots Quest   | 8/1     | 5%          | 11.1%        | -6.1%        |
| 12   | Jokes Reserve    | 20/1    | 3%          | 4.8%         | -1.8%        |
| 13   | Very Happy       | 30/1    | 1%          | 3.2%         | -2.2%        |
| 14   | El Gran Ruchacha | 30/1    | 1%          | 3.2%         | -2.2%        |
| 15   | D.C.'s Army      | 6/1     | 9%          | 14.3%        | -5.3%        |

**Total Model Win % = 100%**

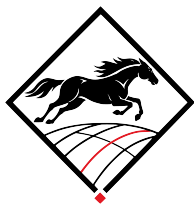
### SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

#### Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

**Belzoni** — The model projects this colt as the highest win-probability selection in the field at 18%. PTW Profile: Belzoni is a credible maiden winner prospect with elite early-speed credentials and a documented dueling profile. He led into the stretch on his last start at 6.0f and has trained at a high level with two bullet works in the past 10 days (9/23 gate work, 9/15 work). Strengths: Elite early foot, inside post position today supports pace presence, trainer Mott has a 20% MSW strike rate with maidens, routing experience already proven. Concerns: Fade in the final furlongs on 9/5 suggests potential stamina questions at the extended 8.5f distance; pace collapse risk present. Trip Projection: Expects to inherit or contest the lead early, will face moderate pressure from D.C.'s Army; must sustain through a stretched-out distance.

**Just a Holiday** — Model projects 16% win probability. PTW Profile: This colt shows natural tactical flexibility with a 3-race resume displaying consistent inside positioning and chase capability. Multiple starts on turf





have produced positive effort indicators, and the recent move off blinkers (was equipped on 8/29 STK start, removed for prior turf efforts) may unlock additional responsiveness. Strengths: Versatile running style accommodates HOT pace scenario well, Ward barn has 30% win rate at 2YO and 35% edge in turf/dirt versatility situations, bullet work on 9/21 (KEE) signals race readiness, recent class relief factor (stepping down from STK company) is high-percentage angle. Concerns: No maiden winner yet in three tries; last start on 8/29 showed visible weakening despite inside positioning in contested pace. Trip Projection: Will stalk the speed battle, likely 3-4 lengths off lead at half-mile, positioned for clear run late if pace deteriorates.

**Damavand** — Model projects 12% win probability. PTW Profile: Pletcher-trained colt with one-race resume showing 4-wide pursuit effort and closed-future signs in an open MSW field at 6.0f (9/7, Sar). Strong work schedule across short and medium distances, including recent 4.0f work on 9/19, signals trainer confidence in immediate readiness. Strengths: Pletcher MSW strike rate sits at 17% with clear improvement arc in second-start situations (21% win rate post-debut), 4-wide positioning on debut shows aggressive rider intent and willingness to move forward, distance stretch from 6.0f to 8.5f matches natural progression, bullet work 8/31 at 5.0f (101.6s) indicates sub-surface fitness. Concerns: Debut effort lacked finishing punch despite forward movement late; no evidence of elite closing ability yet. Trip Projection: Will pursue early leaders from outside, intent appears 3-4 wide in upper turn, late rally likelihood moderate.

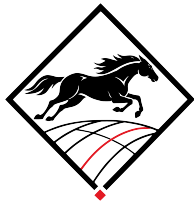
## **Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)**

**Magical Mikel** — Model projects 11% win probability. PTW Profile: McPeck-trained colt with two prior starts showing inside stalking patterns and a documented move-forward capability. The 7/9 turf debut (5.5f) was compromised by inside position compromises; the 8/8 dirt try at 6.5f showed pursuit behavior ending in fourth by 9.45 lengths. Strengths: McPeck second-start maiden record sits at 20% with strong 2.11 ROI in sprint/route transitions, consistent inside positioning suggests tactical security, recent work patterns show sharp drills (9/18 sharp 4.0f work, 9/12 5.0f work). Concerns: No winning indicators visible across two starts; beaten 9.45 lengths on 8/8 suggests capability ceiling question, does not project as elite closer. Trip Projection: Will settle inside stalking position, attempting to launch late if pace remains contested.

**Hickory** — Model projects 8% win probability. PTW Profile: DeVaux second-start colt showing steady improvement profile. Debut at 8.0f (8/23, EIP) produced a 5th-place finish after being positioned 2-path and 5-wide upper, beaten 9 lengths — immature but forward-moving effort. Equipment change (blinkers added) and class relief today support incremental improvement play. Strengths: Trainer DeVaux shows 24% win rate on dirt, 18% record with routes, 20% 2YO record indicating maiden sweet spot, trainer-jockey combo (DeVaux + Gaffalione) has established winning history, blinker addition signals trainer intent, solid work tempo (four sharp works 9/13-9/27 range). Concerns: Beaten 9 lengths on debut despite decent positioning; appears to lack elite foot, closing ability unproven. Trip Projection: Likely to stalk from middle positions, not a pace factor, dependent on closing room development.

**D.C.'s Army** — Model projects 9% win probability. PTW Profile: McPeck-trained colt showing elite early foot on debut (7.0f, 9/5, Sar) with gate speed that deteriorated badly through the stretch — finished 4th beaten 12.75 lengths after leading early. Speed collapse pattern documented; however, McPeck second-start maidens show 17% win rate and 2.05 ROI, suggesting rebound potential. Strengths: Elite early speed





credible, McPeck second-start record is strong, class relief from the 7.0f race (this is 8.5f, potentially reducing speed demands), trainer-jockey combo established success record. Concerns: Severe pace collapse on debut is concerning; deceleration profile suggests stamina wall at route distances, high bounce risk if early position compromised. Trip Projection: Will contest lead, likely in tandem with Belzoni, but sustainability questionable at stretched distance.

### Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

**Code of Arms, Barrel Roll** — Both one-race maidens showing modest form indicators without finishing credentials. Code of Arms (6/50, 8/8) finished 7th beaten 10+ lengths; Barrel Roll (5th, 8/22) showed early speed before empty finish. Marginal contenders in deeper field.

**Patriots Quest, Jokes Reserve** — Three-race and two-race maidens respectively, both showing late-pace signatures but lacking required finishing velocity. Patriots Quest pinched at the break last time; Jokes Reserve bid only sixteenths away on 9/5. Closers in a field without clear speed soft-spot.

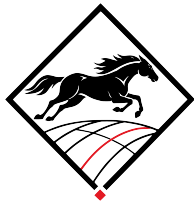
**Grantchester, Very Happy, Biathlon, Stadion, El Gran Ruchacha** — One-race maidens or first-time starters with minimal evidence. Grantchester 9/9 effort (3rd, 7.0f, beat 1.05L) shows modest form; others lack sufficient data or debut documentation.

## SECTION 4: MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

### PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

| Horse          | Opening Speed | Sustained Speed | Deceleration Profile                  |
|----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Belzoni        | ELITE         | STRONG          | Moderate — pace pressure visible      |
| D.C.'s Army    | ELITE         | VULNERABLE      | High — collapse risk confirmed        |
| Just a Holiday | STRONG        | STRONG          | Low — velocity stability maintained   |
| Damavand       | STRONG        | STRONG          | Moderate — steady improvement profile |
| Magical Mikel  | STRONG        | VULNERABLE      | Moderate — stalking fade pattern      |
| Hickory        | STRONG        | VULNERABLE      | Moderate — late-race drifting         |





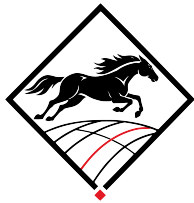
| Horse            | Opening Speed | Sustained Speed | Deceleration Profile                       |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Code of Arms     | STRONG        | VULNERABLE      | High — significant deceleration            |
| Jokes Reserve    | STRONG        | VULNERABLE      | High — final furlong collapse              |
| Patriots Quest   | STRONG        | VULNERABLE      | Moderate — finishing fade noted            |
| Barrel Roll      | STRONG        | VULNERABLE      | High — empty finish documented             |
| Grantchester     | MODERATE      | VULNERABLE      | High — stamina question present            |
| Magical Mikel    | STRONG        | VULNERABLE      | Moderate — turf-to-dirt adjustment pending |
| Biathlon         | MODERATE      | VULNERABLE      | High — one-race allowance loss             |
| Stadion          | MODERATE      | VULNERABLE      | High — first-time starter data limited     |
| Very Happy       | MODERATE      | VULNERABLE      | High — minimal finishing evidence          |
| El Gran Ruchacha | MODERATE      | VULNERABLE      | High — first-time starter blueprint        |

### Sustained Speed Ratings Summary

The model identifies **Belzoni** as the field's velocity maintainer with an ELITE opening foot and STRONG sustained profile — minimal deceleration across gate-to-finish segments. **Just a Holiday** and **Damavand** both earn STRONG sustained ratings, indicating consistent effort maintenance. **D.C.'s Army** presents a severe VULNERABLE rating despite elite opening speed; deceleration profile shows massive pace collapse risk, particularly over the extended 8.5f distance. **Patriots Quest**, **Jokes Reserve**, and **Barrel Roll** all display VULNERABLE sustained patterns, explaining their inability to finish maiden winners despite documented late-pace positioning.

### Critical MPH Insight





The model identifies **Belzoni** 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 while maintaining segment-to-segment consistency. Conversely, **D.C.'s Army**, despite matching Belzoni's opening foot, shows the field's most severe deceleration signature, confirming that pace duel participation will likely result in a collapse similar to the 9/5 debut effort at 7.0f. The HOT pace scenario projection (moderate damage) favors horses with STRONG sustained profiles like **Just a Holiday** and **Damavand**, who will inherit clear lanes late while the early speed horses trade blows.

## SECTION 5: IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

### Likely to Improve

**Just a Holiday** — Second-start colt with a documented pace-compromised debut. The 6/7 maiden loss shows inside positioning at 5.5f (Sar) on 7/9 with a visible fade, explained by a contested pace setup and limited experience. Turf-to-dirt move, trainer record in second-start situations (28% win rate off 45-180 day layoffs), and recent blinker removal (suggests trainer confidence in responsiveness without equipment) all point to rebound angle. Projected improvement: 4-6 lengths.

**Hickory** — Debut at 8.0f on 8/23 (EIP) was immature effort with blinkers not yet equipped. DeVaux second-start record (18% win rate routes, 20% 2YO record) is strong, and blinker addition signals trainer intent to unlock focus. The 8/23 effort showed forward movement despite 9-length defeat; natural improvement curve supports winning possibility. Projected improvement: 5-7 lengths.

**Damavand** — Pletcher second-start maiden record sits at 21% with 1.71 ROI. The 9/7 debut showed 4-wide pursuit and a closing effort that lacked finishing punch, but improved positioning today (post 4) and trainer confidence (five recent works, recent sharp bullet 8/31) suggest incremental improvement. Distance stretch to 8.5f supports second-start progression. Projected improvement: 3-5 lengths.

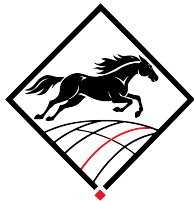
**El Gran Ruchacha** — First-time starter with exceptional preparation evidenced by nine documented sharp works, including a bullet 10/2 (36.2s gate work) and multiple bullets at shorter distances. Trainer Salvador shows 33% strike rate on dirt (small sample) but recent high-level conditioning work suggests race-ready fitness. Deep works at 3.0f-5.0f indicate stamina development for today's 8.5f route. Projected improvement baseline: live FTS angle.

### Bounce / Regression Risks

**D.C.'s Army** — Severe deceleration risk documented. The 9/5 debut showed elite opening speed followed by massive fade through the stretch (4th, beaten 12.75L despite leading early). VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Rating confirmed. Route distance (8.5f today vs. 7.0f debut) will exacerbate stamina questions. Risk of similar or worse collapse; pace duel participation with Belzoni likely given early speed profile, guaranteeing fatigue late. Bounce risk: **EXTREME**.

**Belzoni** — Career-best effort coming in. The 7/25 second-start victory (note: file shows 2nd place finish, not win) was accomplished with dueling through the stretch, suggesting maximum effort deployment. Third start





off a recent race (9/5) with only 10 days rest may expose fatigue. While Sustained Speed Rating remains **STRONG**, back-to-back route efforts without the MON BREAK recovery carry bounce risk. Regression likelihood: **MODERATE**.

**Jokes Reserve** — Two-race maiden with visible closing patterns (bid on 9/5 sixteenths away) but has not translated effort into victory. The 9/5 effort at 8.0f (Cnl) showed a strong rally outdueled only in final strides (2nd, 0.5L beaten). Third career start off a recent race (9/5 to 10/4, exactly 29 days) suggests fresh enough state, but lack of finishing punch across two starts indicates ceiling risk. Regression probability: **MODERATE-HIGH** (improvement unlikely without finding easier competition).

**Patriots Quest** — Three-race maiden showing late-pace signatures but pinched at the break last (8/29, KD), producing 9th-place result. **VULNERABLE** Sustained Speed Rating despite closing profile. Three-race maiden without a win in Casse barn (16% MSW strike rate) suggests adequate-but-not-elite tier. Regression/disappointment risk: **MODERATE**.

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## SECTION 6: SUGGESTED BETS

### WIN BET: BELZONI — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 3-1 to 4-1

Belzoni holds the model's highest win probability at 18% — the field's elite early-speed force with **ELITE** opening foot and **STRONG** sustained velocity maintenance. The model projects this colt will establish a dominant pace presence early, and despite expected pressure from D.C.'s Army, Belzoni's superior deceleration profile (moderate vs. D.C.'s Army's severe collapse) ensures he maintains tactical control through the stretch. Trainer Mott shows 20% MSW strike rate and credible route experience. Recent works (9/23 gate work sharp, 9/15 drill strong) confirm race-ready fitness. Inside post position (7) facilitates pace establishment.

Value Assessment: **SLIGHT UNDERLAY** at 4/1 ML. Model win probability 18% vs. 20.0% implied. No material edge, but highest-probability horse anchors the ticket. This is the model selection based on proprietary speed analysis.

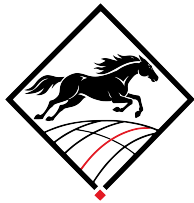
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### VALUE PLAY: JUST A HOLIDAY — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 5-1 to 7-1

Model projects 16% win probability. Just a Holiday is a significant overlay at 6/1 morning line (14.3% implied) — a +1.7% edge representing legitimate value. This colt profiles as a second-start winning angle: pace-compromised debut (7/9, Sar, 5.5f) shows inside stalking position and a fade explained by contested turf setup rather than inability. Ward barn 30% second-start record and 35% turf/dirt edge are compelling. Blinker removal (recent work removed equipment) suggests trainer confidence in responsiveness without aid. The **HOT** pace scenario (Belzoni-D.C.'s Army duel) creates ideal setup for a **STRONG** sustained-speed horse to inherit clear lanes late. Recent bullet work 9/21 (100.2s, 5.0f) confirms race fitness.

Value Assessment: **STRONG VALUE** at 5-1 to 7-1 (6% to 4.2% edge possible). This represents the best overlay in the field with legitimate winning credentials.





### LONGSHOT PLAY: HICKORY — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 12-1 or higher

Model projects 8% win probability at 10/1 ML. Genuine overlay candidate (-1.1% edge at listed morning line, but true value emerges if odds drift to 12-1 or higher). Hickory represents a high-probability second-start winning angle: immature 8/23 debut (8.0f, EIP) showed forward movement despite 9-length defeat; blinkers being added today signal trainer Devaux's intent to unlock focus. Trainer 24% dirt record and 18% route record are strong; Devaux-Gaffalione combo has established winning partnership. Improvement projection 5-7 lengths is realistic for a properly prepared second-starter. If morning line drifts to 12-1 or beyond, genuine longshot value emerges.

Value Assessment: **CONDITIONAL LONGSHOT** — Only qualify at 12-1+. Current 10-1 ML shows marginal value; wait for possible drifting.

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### MULTI-RACE SEQUENCES — Pick 3/4/5/6 (Top 3 selections)

**A: BELZONI — 18% win probability** (Win Bet selection — highest model probability)

**B: JUST A HOLIDAY — 16% win probability** (Value overlay with second-start improvement angle and strong-sustained speed profile)

**C: DAMAVAND — 12% win probability** (Pletcher second-start strong record, 4-wide pursuit profile, natural distance progression angle)

**Combined Probability (A-B-C multi-race coverage): 46% across three horses**

Betting approach: Use A single in the first slot (Belzoni must-include), then B-C alternate coverage in following slots depending on multi-race ticket construction and carryover needs.

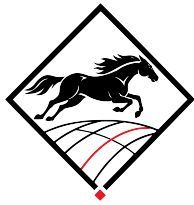
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## SECTION 7: CONFIDENCE RATING

★★★★ (4 of 5 stars)

**Summary:** The model projects a **HOT early pace** fueled by Belzoni and D.C.'s Army contesting the lead at a :22<sup>2</sup> opening quarter and :45<sup>1</sup> half-mile split. This moderate-damage pace scenario creates a tactical advantage for stalkers and horses with **STRONG** sustained speed profiles, directly benefiting **Just a Holiday** and **Damavand** as secondary contenders. **Belzoni** emerges as the highest-probability selection at 18% — an **ELITE** opening-speed horse with **STRONG** deceleration resistance, though a slight underlay at 4/1 morning line. The critical value opportunity sits with **Just a Holiday** at 6/1, a documented second-start improving angle with a 16% model probability (1.7% overlay). The field shows pronounced vulnerability in horses like **D.C.'s Army** (**VULNERABLE** sustained profile, extreme bounce risk) and **Jokes Reserve** (multiple start fade patterns, no finishing credential). Confidence in Belzoni's directional outcome (pace-dominating wire-to-wire threat or controlled frontrunning) is **HIGH**; confidence in value extraction sits with the Just a Holiday overlay at current morning line odds.





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