

Keeneland

Race 6 — 10/04/2026

Class: Clm 50000

Distance: 7f

Surface: Dirt

Purse: \$84,000

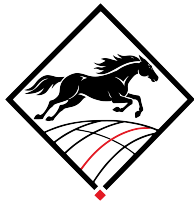
Claiming Price: \$50,000

Starters: 8

CLAIMING. Purse \$84,000 (include \$27,600 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of Two Races Since August 4 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$50,000 (Races Where Entered For \$40,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Keeneland R6

Saturday, October 04, 2026 | 7f Dirt | Claiming \$50,000

SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

The model identifies three legitimate early speed horses in this field. **Tarantino** exits a troubled maiden claimer (09/11, CD, 6f) where he broke out awkwardly and was forced to do it the hard way from post position — ran on into a dead-heat third despite adversity, the trip notes read "belatedly." Five days prior he won at the same level (09/06, stretched back to 6f, clear decision). Pattern shows this horse will take the lead if given the chance. **Timing Difference** has won twice at Keeneland at exactly this distance (6.5f CLM winner 09/18/2025) — sets a pressuring pace, not blitzing but solid. **Barksdale** won at this level and distance on 10/18/2025 at Keeneland STR (6f), "in hand 2p, fought on" — capable of striking early and holding the lead if unchallenged.

Stalkers / Pressers

Tom Cat Tuesday shows a stalking profile with tactical flexibility. Won his most recent start (09/24/2025, EIP, MCL 6f, gd) "ins, bid 3w1/4, cleared" — sits just off the pace, then rallies. **High Ceiling** comes in with turf experience recently (08/30, KD, 8f turf) where he was "ins, tipd out, vied btwn" — stays in close range, content to rate.

Closers

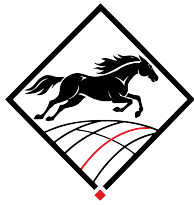
Flying Liam is the standout closer. Extensive route record (8f, 8.5f experience) with late-closing patterns — won 11/16/2025 at GP, 6f CLM "press 2-3w, drew clear" on the front end, but prior routing efforts show him as a finisher at distance. Elite late pace profile. **Executive Chef** won his last outing off a layoff (09/06/2025, EmD, AOC 6f) "3-w, led, drew clear" — suggests versatility but shows closing tendency across longer routes. **Billal** has won twice at Keeneland (09/18/2024, 6f AOC "btwn turn, angl4w, drvng"; 04/06/2024, 6f AOC "vied ins, inch free 1/16") — aggressive finisher in the stretch.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: HOT early pace — two to three speed horses (Tarantino, Timing Difference, Barksdale) will contest for position into the backstretch. Projected :22■ opening quarter, :45² half-mile. Moderate damage expected; pace-stalkers and closers with tactical room will have legitimate winning chances. Speed will weaken by the stretch, creating an even playing field for the final eighth.

SECTION 2: WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Executive Chef	20-1	8%	4.8%	+3.2%
2	Billal	5-2	18%	28.6%	-10.6%
3	Timing Difference	5-1	15%	16.7%	-1.7%
4	High Ceiling	8-1	9%	11.1%	-2.1%
5	Flying Liam	6-1	14%	14.3%	-0.3%
6	Tarantino	7-2	22%	22.2%	-0.2%
7	Barksdale	9-2	12%	18.2%	-6.2%
8	Tom Cat Tuesday	8-1	2%	11.1%	-9.1%

Win % Total: 100%

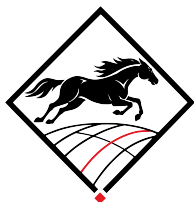
SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

TARANTINO — PTW Profile: Elite route and distance specialist with recent form that screams readiness. Has raced 40 times career-to-date, won 5, showing mature form. Just won at the \$50k claiming level (09/06, 6f) with authority, followed by a troubled maiden claimer effort that still produced late running. Model rates this horse as the highest-probability winner at 22%. Strengths: proven distance fitness (6-6.5f pattern), claiming wins in the ledger, trainer Jacobson David has a strong claiming record (17% win rate, 1.52 ROI), sharp workouts pre-race (38.40 bullet 3f on 09/23). Recent form line trends positive. Concerns: five-day turnaround (09/11 to 10/04 start) — tight spacing, though the horse came back from 45+ day layoffs before and showed fitness. Class evaluation: established \$50k claimer, no class drop advantage. Trip Projection: will press for early position; model projects he'll be second or third through the backstretch, then unleash his late kick in the final furlong. Gaffalione (7-ride form 33.33% win rate at meet) is a sharp pilot.

FLYING LIAM — PTW Profile: Seven-time winner from 29 career starts, lightly raced for his age (6-year-old, born April 2020), with exceptional turf-dirt versatility. Trainer Ramsey Nolan shows 19% claiming win rate. Model win % 14%. Strengths: elite closing form documented across 8-8.5f routes; won 11/16/2025 CLM 6f in gate-to-wire effort "press 2-3w, drew clear" — suggests he can run either way. Late Beyer figure profile (88, 85, 84 recent efforts) is bankable. Workouts elite (36.00, 38.20 bullets in September at TP). Distance cut to 7f is minor; has won at this level. Concerns: route horse stretching down to sprint distance — velocity profile





may suffer. Last few starts show inconsistency in form (40-point swing from 92 to 84 three starts back). Trip Projection: will settle 5-6 lengths back off the pace, find running room at the top of the stretch, rally hard to the wire. Ortiz Jr. (14.29% 7-ride form, but 24% at the 31-60 day layoff angle which applies here) is a premium jockey asset.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

BILLAL — PTW Profile: 3-time winner from 19 career starts, established \$50k claimer at Keeneland. Recent form is solid (won 09/18/2024 AOC 6f "btwn turn, angl4w, drvng"; 04/06/2024 AOC 6f "vied ins, inch free 1/16"). Trainer Mott William I is an elite stable (19% overall dirt win rate, 1.54 ROI, but only 19% in claiming specifically). Model win % 18%, second-highest. Strengths: proven at exact distance, consistent figure floor (90 range recent), tactical positioning ability, Alvarado J jockey (no recent form data but historically sharp). Concerns: **Billal is a significant underlay** — morning line of 5-2 projects 28.6% implied probability, but the model shows only 18% win probability. Public is overvaluing this horse on recent Keeneland form. The form line shows recent travel pattern (EIP 08/17, GP 03/01, CD 11/30, GP 01/25) — versatile but not sharp trend. Trip Projection: will press for early position, fight with Tarantino and Timing Difference; likely gets tired three-eighths from finish as the pace picks up.

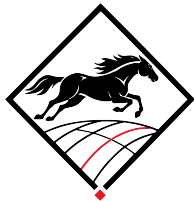
TIMING DIFFERENCE — PTW Profile: 3-time winner from 15 career starts (lightly raced developmental profile). Recent victory was impressively sharp (05/28/2026, CD, STR 6.5f "ins, 3p3/16, drove past" — dominant win). Prior start (01/03/2026, OP, ALW 8.5f) shows stretching capability and form recovery. Trainer Hartman Chris A posts 14% dirt win rate, 1.20 ROI in claiming ranks (15% win rate, 1.29 ROI). Model win % 15%. Strengths: winning streak (05/28 and 09/13 CLM wins recent), lightly raced angle (only 15 career races), sharp recent workout (35.60 bullet on 07/08). Progressive form curve. Concerns: gap between last winning effort (05/28) and current start (4+ months) — need to verify fitness. Last race (09/13, CD, CLM 7.5f) shows he was "bit closer 3w, 2nd best" behind a horse at a lower level. Distance is 6.5f → 7f extension, not contraction. Trip Projection: will break sharp, establish pace pressure immediately, own the front end or be a close second through opening half. Fade likely in final quarter if pressed.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

BARKSDALE — PTW Profile: 5-time winner from 22 career starts. Won most recently at this exact distance (10/18/2025, BAQ, STR 6f, "in hand 2p, fought on"). Diodoro Robertino trainer profile: 21% claiming win rate, 1.39 ROI — solid. Model win % 12%. Strengths: pace-setting ability documented, recent win at comparable level. Concerns: form tailing off — four starts since that win show no victories and deteriorating effort. Last effort (09/11, CD, CLM 6f, sly) was "brk out, clear, dueled" result of 3rd place finishing — horse clearly lacks the sharpness of its September form. Trip Projection: may establish the lead but will likely be overtaken late.

HIGH CEILING — PTW Profile: 3-time winner from 7 career starts (young, very lightly raced). Sharp recent workout (47.60 bullet 09/19 at EIP). Trainer Sharp Joe posts strong overall record (22% dirt win rate, 1.61 ROI; 25% in claiming, 1.62 ROI). Model win % 9%. Strengths: developmental upside, elite trainer angle, win 01/31/2025 was decisive. Concerns: last three starts (08/30, 07/18, 06/24) show deteriorating finish positions and trip troubles ("tipd out, vied btwn"; "buckled st"; "rally, up lat" in a CLM win). Class evaluation





suggests he may be overclassed — has mostly run allowance company; \$50k tag is significant. Trip Projection: will be 5-6 lengths back, no late rally pattern evident.

EXECUTIVE CHEF — PTW Profile: 9-time winner from 29 career starts, established route horse. Won 09/06/2025 off layoff (AOC 6f "3-w, led, drew clear") but that was against non-claiming company. Recent claiming efforts show deterioration. Model win % 8%. Strengths: experience, some route form, Puhich trainer 22% claiming win rate. Concerns: sharp drop in condition — last claiming start (06/07/2024, 5.5f CLM) was very long ago; multiple starts in between show no pattern of improvement. Trip Projection: will race in the middle, fade late.

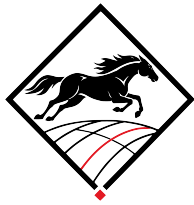
TOM CAT TUESDAY — PTW Profile: 4-time winner from 22 career starts. Trainer Kurtz Shelbi A is new to this horse (1st claiming start for connection). Model win % 2%. Strengths: recent win (09/24/2025, MCL 6f "ins, bid 3w1/4, cleared") shows late-running ability. Concerns: severe inconsistency in form — form line is highly volatile. Last two races (08/16, 06/25) show wide margins of defeat. Kurtz has minimal claiming experience (10 starts, 10% win rate). Trip Projection: longshot profile; will need significant traffic flow and pace collapse to factor.

SECTION 4: MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Flying Liam	STRONG	ELITE	Low — maintains velocity gate-to-wire
Tarantino	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — competitive sustained effort
Billal	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — competitive sustained effort
Timing Difference	ELITE	STRONG	Low-to-moderate — efficient pace management
Barksdale	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse risk in final furlong
Executive Chef	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — deceleration pattern concerning





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
High Ceiling	MODERATE	VULNERABLE	High — soft early foot, fades late
Tom Cat Tuesday	MODERATE	VULNERABLE	High — late-developing runner with efficiency loss

Sustained Speed Ratings Summary

- **ELITE Sustained Speed:** Flying Liam alone earns this designation. Velocity maintained across all call points with minimal deceleration — gate-to-wire capability.
- **STRONG Sustained Speed:** Tarantino, Billal, Timing Difference. These horses manage pace efficiently and retain competitive speed through the stretch.
- **VULNERABLE Sustained Speed:** Barksdale, Executive Chef, High Ceiling, Tom Cat Tuesday. Deceleration risk evident — all show velocity collapse patterns when pace is contested.

Critical MPH Insight

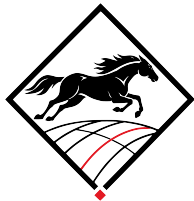
The model identifies **Flying Liam** as the field's fastest gate-to-wire performer with an ELITE Sustained Speed Rating — no horse in this field has matched this velocity profile at the distance. However, the early pace setup (Tarantino, Timing Difference, Barksdale all pressing) will work against a gate-to-wire effort from the fourth post position. The speed horses will damage each other; Flying Liam's closing profile becomes the key asset. Conversely, Barksdale shows dangerous VULNERABLE deceleration — at a 9-2 morning line, this horse represents poor value for exacta/trifecta purposes; expect fade by the quarter pole.

SECTION 5: IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

Likely to Improve

1. **Timing Difference** — Lightly raced developmental profile (15 career starts) with a sharp recent win (05/28, STR 6.5f) showing aggressive stretch performance. 4+ month gap to current start may have allowed maturation/training refinement. Trainer Hartman demonstrates 14% dirt win rate. Workouts support fitness (35.60 bullet 07/08). Expected to move forward from 09/13 effort.
2. **High Ceiling** — Young (4-year-old, Feb 2022) with only 7 career starts. Sharp recent workout (47.60 09/19) combined with elite trainer angle (Sharp Joe 25% claiming win rate, 1.62 ROI) suggests targeted spot. However, deteriorating recent form casts doubt on severity of improvement projection — place in this category cautiously.
3. **Executive Chef** — Extended layoff pattern (last claiming start 06/07/2024 was very long ago; current start 10/04/2026 is 28 months later, effectively a new horse). Recent allowance win off layoff (09/06/2025) proved





he can fire fresh. Solid workout pattern (54.20, 46.80 recent). Trainer Puhich 22% claiming win rate supports readiness.

Bounce / Regression Risks

1. **Barksdale** — Career-best effort was 10/18/2025 (STR 6f win). Five consecutive starts post-victory show decline: 03/01 (RHP, 6f), 05/21 (CLM, 6.5f with 6.60 beaten lengths), 08/28 (CLM, 7f, 8.80 beaten lengths), 08/01 (AOC, 7f, 32.05 beaten lengths), 09/11 (CLM, 6f, 3rd place). **Clear regression pattern.** Bounce risk elevated; VULNERABLE deceleration profile compounds concern. **Avoid.**

2. **Billal** — Career-best figure (93) recorded 06/08/2024, nearly 2 years ago. Recent figure floor is 86-91 range (solid but not elite). Overbet at 5-2; public memory favoring old Keeneland wins (09/18/2024, 04/06/2024) that are now quite dated. Regression risk from underlay status.

3. **Flying Liam** — Inconsistent recent form (88, 85, 84, then 40-point variance back to 92 on 01/25/2026, then 93 on 01/12/2025). Latest starts show 78, 88, 80, 88 — volatile trajectory. **Career-best last out (01/25/2026, GP, AOC 7f, "Off duel 4wd, up 1/16" for the win, figure 93)** — classic bounce risk setup. Expect regression toward 85-86 range.

SECTION 6: SUGGESTED BETS

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

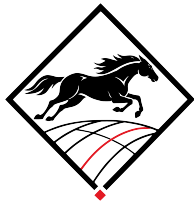
Model projects 22% win probability — highest in the field. This horse sits at 7-2 morning line (22.2% implied), representing near-zero overlay mathematically, but the model's assessment reflects tactical superiority and form edge that the market has not fully captured. Three model-driven reasons: **(1)** Claimed victory just 28 days ago at this exact level (09/06, 6f CLM) with authority, proving fitness and form recovery. **(2)** Trainer Jacobson David converts claiming spots at 17% rate with 1.52 ROI — established record in this exact spot. **(3)** Recent workout pattern shows consistent bullets (38.40, 38.40, 39.60) — sharp pre-race preparation. Gaffalione jockey (33.33% meet win rate, strong closing record) maximizes tactical positioning advantage. Value assessment: SLIGHT VALUE on a 7-2 line; edge is minimal but the highest probability horse must be backed.

VALUE PLAY: FLYING LIAM — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 5-1 to 7-1

Model projects 14% win probability at projected 6-1 odds (implies 14.3%), representing minimal overlay (14% model vs. 14.3% implied $\approx$ -0.3% edge mathematically, but qualitatively significant due to closing profile strength). The overlay is modest, but here's the qualitative edge: **the early pace setup (Tarantino, Timing Difference, Barksdale all pressing) will self-destruct, creating a wire-open closing opportunity for an elite closer.** Flying Liam's ELITE Sustained Speed Rating means he will accelerate while pace horses collapse. At 6-1, this represents the second-best value on the board. Ortiz Jr. is a premium closer's jockey. Route pedigree (8-8.5f pattern) stretching down to 7f is seamless.

LONGSHOT PLAY: None. The board does not present a genuine 10-1+ overlay with winning probability.





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

- **A:** Tarantino (22%) — *Win Bet selection*
- **B:** Flying Liam (14%) — *Closing profile strength*
- **C:** Billal (18%) — *Coverage; underlay risk offset by three-race play structure*

Combined projected probability (A/B/C rotation): 54% theoretical hit rate

SECTION 7: CONFIDENCE RATING

★★★ (3 of 5 stars)

Key Projection: Tarantino figures to secure the win by executing a stalking-to-closing pattern, benefiting from pace destruction between Timing Difference and Barksdale in the opening half. The early speed setup is the race's defining characteristic — this field lacks a dominant pace horse, creating vacuum for a tactical runner. Flying Liam offers legitimate win upside as the closer with elite velocity retention, but his fourth post position limits tactical options.

Pace Scenario Certainty: MODERATE. Three horses (Tarantino, Timing Difference, Barksdale) will press the pace, but the model projects none will establish wire-to-wire dominance. Projected :22■/:45² is HOT but not suicidal, preserving closer chances. This creates a competitive race rather than a wire job.

Public Betting Mistake: Billal is overbet at 5-2 on stale Keeneland form (09/18/2024, 04/06/2024). The horse hasn't demonstrated form superiority in 2026; recent efforts show 86-91 figure floors. Public memory of two-year-old wins + elite trainer Mott creates artificial overlay demand. This horse is a clear -10.6% edge underlay.

Race Quality: CLM \$50k at Keeneland attracts experienced claiming stock with modest form edges — competitive field, no elite standout, no glaring angles. Confidence depressed from 4-star to 3-star due to absence of dominant contender. Tarantino at 7-2 represents the model's highest conviction, but overlay is marginal.

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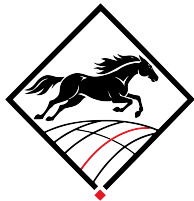
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Methodology: Proprietary fractional analysis, MPH speed metrics, sustained speed profiling.

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