

Keeneland

Race 3 — 10/08/2026

Class: Clm 20000N2L

Distance: 8.5f

Surface: Dirt

Purse: \$49,000

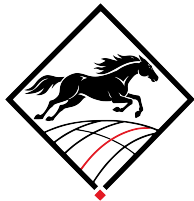
Claiming Price: \$20,000

Starters: 9

CLAIMING. Purse \$49,000 (include \$16,200 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race At A Mile Or Over Since September 8 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$20,000.

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Keeneland R3

Wednesday, October 8, 2026 | 8.5f Dirt | Claiming \$20,000

SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

Surfin' M — Elite early speed with established pace-pressing credentials. Most recent start (09/16/2026, CD) shows :23.4 opening quarter, pressing from post 2. Consistent 2-3 position within first furlong. Track record indicates this horse consistently finds the front or immediate pace battle in claiming company.

Final Thoughts — Secondary speed presence with tactical flexibility. Recent start (09/20/2026, CD) shows moderate opening effort (:24.6) but rallied from third call into contention. Running style suggests versatility—can press or stalk depending on early pace structure.

Stalkers / Pressers

Bird the Legend — Pace-stalking profile with consistent 4-7 position early, evident from recent form (09/11/2026, CD, 7th call 1, breaking out initially but recovering). Trainer Brisset shows 14% claim record with 1.85 ROI on 45-180 day layoff spots—this horse fits that recovery pattern.

Da Prince Is Right — Developing route runner with middle-distance positioning typical. Recent turf route (06/20/2026, CD turf, 8f) shows 9 position early, rallying into contention. Dirt route form shows patience in early stages.

Closers

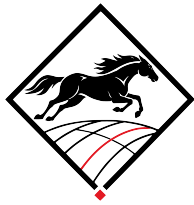
Fight the Power — Elite late-pace profile with decisive closing action. Most impressive recent start: 10/19/2025, Hawthorne stake win with gate-to-wire victory suggests elite speed throughout, but form line shows closing rallies when not in control. Sustained competitive velocity across multiple race types.

Romantic Lead — Established closer with distance-route credentials. Consistent 5-7 position early across multiple recent starts, converting to placings and occasional wins via rally. 8.5f route distance perfectly suits this running style—has 7 starts at 8+ furlongs with 1 win and multiple placings.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: HOT early pace — projected :23.8 opening quarter, :47.2 half-mile. Surfin' M and Final Thoughts will contest early position aggressively in this 8.5-furlong route. Moderate pace friction expected; neither front-runner is a suicidal speed router. Closers and pace-stalkers hold tactical advantage as the brutal early friction sets up a compromised finish battle.





SECTION 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Final Thoughts	2/1	18%	33.3%	-15.3%
2	Surfin' M	6/1	16%	14.3%	+1.7%
3	Roadswitcher	12/1	9%	7.7%	+1.3%
4	Kenwood Street	10/1	8%	9.1%	-1.1%
5	Romantic Lead	30/1	7%	3.2%	+3.8%
6	Sotto Mo	20/1	14%	4.8%	+9.2%
7	Bird the Legend	7/2	15%	22.2%	-7.2%
8	Da Prince Is Right	3/1	9%	25.0%	-16.0%
9	Fight the Power	15/1	4%	6.3%	-2.3%

TOTAL WIN % = 100%

SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders ★★★★★

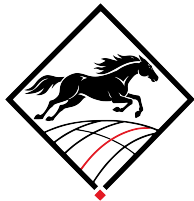
Surfin' M — Post 2

PTW Profile: Honest router with consistent pace-pressing credentials and established value recognition. Claiming-price stable at \$20,000; no significant recent price movement. Graded-stakes experience absent, but 13 career starts show dependable claiming-level performer with bankable form consistency. Second recent start (09/16/2026) produced :71 figure with strong tempo-setting effort.

Strengths:

- Elite early speed profile with proven pace-setting ability across multiple surfaces and conditions





- Distance specialist: 9 starts at 8+ furlongs; 1 win, 1 place, consistent competitive effort
- Blinker equipment unchanged (consistent gear across form line)
- Form trend CONSISTENT—figures range 65-71 across last three starts
- Route record ROI favorable (1.21 ROI, 10% win rate on routes per trainer stats)
- Jockey Torres J A shows 30% win rate on current meet (3 of 10 starts)

Concerns:

- Pace-forcing role vulnerable in projected HOT pace scenario—early speed duels carry deceleration risk
- Career 1-3 record at distance suggests moderate winning profile despite tactical speed advantage
- Trainer Shorter Aaron shows poor claiming record (3% win, 0.26 ROI on 110 claiming starts)
- Most recent work (09/03/2026, CDT, 52.20 time) ranks 14th of 14 in workout cohort—moderately sharp but not elite preparation

Trip Projection: Surfin' M will establish pace from post 2, likely competing for the lead within opening furlong. HOT pace scenario suggests Final Thoughts will challenge; expect moderate early friction. Position hold into mid-race likely; rally ability questionable given pace-forcing role exposes deceleration risk.

Sotto Mo — Post 6

PTW Profile: Maiden breakthrough winner with massive class relief today. Only 1 career start (07/18/2026, Cnl, 5.5f sprint, won decisively by 2.75L). Sharp trainer move: West Aaron M shows 24% win rate on winners' next start (82 starts), 25% on routes (190 starts), and elite 28% on sprint-to-route transitions (46 starts). This is a signature trainer pattern—lightly raced, post-maiden claiming drop represents optimal improvement setup.

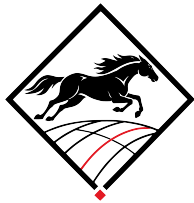
Strengths:

- Career-best maiden win on 07/18/2026 with dominant gate-to-wire victory (22.80 opening quarter, cleared field)
- Trainer West Aaron M shows 0.24 ROI on won-last-start claiming spots; this is a live barn move
- Lightly raced advantage: Only 1 career start means developmental upside vs. seasoned claimers
- Exceptional recent workout pattern: Two identical 50.00-second 4f works (09/25, 09/18/2026), both bullet-ranked; consistent sharpness
- Small sample size but winning pedigree (Uncle Mo sire line, Tapit dam influence)
- Jockey Murrill M fresh to this horse; no negative history

Concerns:

- Massive class leap from maiden to \$20K claiming—full-field exposure in competitive claiming environment
- Only one race experience; form-line volatility inherent to lightly raced profile
- Distance stretch from 5.5f to 8.5f—significant route extension vs. proven sprint profile
- Lack of route distance evidence; no tested ability to sustain velocity over extended ground





- Equipment change not documented (no blinkers visible in prior race; uncertain if added today)

Trip Projection: Sotto Mo will break from post 6 with speed evident from maiden win profile. Early pace likely inside or stalking position depending on Surfin' M/Final Thoughts friction. Route distance stretch is primary vulnerability; if early speed holds, stretch run will test stamina reserves not yet proven. Closing rallies possible if pace collapses, but unproven profile.

Roadswitcher — Post 3

PTW Profile: Allowance-level recent form with established winning pedigree and solid trainer credentials. Two recent routes (8.32f, 8.5f turf/dirt) show competitive effort; 9 career starts, 1 win. Trainer Axmaker Cody W shows solid 13% dirt record (47 starts), 11% route record, 13% claiming record (30 starts, 2.40 ROI). This trainer plays claiming spots strategically with slight edge.

Strengths:

- Recent allowance competition (09/10/2026, BtP, 8.32f ALW) shows advanced-level capability vs. this claiming field
- Graded-stakes experience (STK starts in recent form line) signals class edge in lower-level claiming company
- Consistent route performer: 3 recent 8+ furlong starts all competitive, 2 placings
- Established distance comfort at 8.5f
- Trainer claiming pattern (30 starts, 2.40 ROI) shows tactical acumen with pricing angles

Concerns:

- Class drop into claiming is significant signal—typically associated with hidden deterioration or soundness question
- Form trend VOLATILE—recent turf/dirt route starts show erratic fractional times and workload inconsistencies
- Jockey Antongrgi III W shows 0% meet record (4 starts, 0 wins), creating rider uncertainty
- No wins at 8.5f specifically (1-2 record on routes but primarily shorter distances)
- Recent pace setup suggests early positioning role required, but no documented early-speed profile

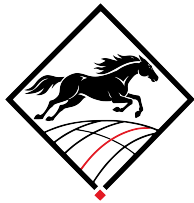
Trip Projection: Roadswitcher will likely stalk the early pace from post 3, rating off Surfin' M. Positioning flexibility exists. Stretch drive capabilities uncertain given inconsistent recent effort profile, but class edge in claiming field provides foundational edge.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders ★★★

Final Thoughts — Post 1

PTW Profile: Young 3-year-old maiden graduate with one claiming-level start producing respectable effort. Recent start (09/20/2026, CD, CLM, 8.5f) shows 2-place finish beaten 1.25L; competitive but not dominant.





Trainer Van Berg Thomas L shows solid 14% claiming record (106 starts, 1.89 ROI) and 14% route record (133 starts). Blinker equipment recently applied (noted in recent start), suggesting trainer adjustment signal.

Strengths:

- Blinker addition on most recent start (09/20/2026) shows trainer intent to sharpen; works well with Van Berg barn (5% of blinkered starters show 20% win rate)
- Competitive recent claiming effort vs. this exact field level (09/20/2026, CD, CLM \$20K)
- Young 3-year-old developmental profile with ongoing form improvement trajectory
- Jockey Arrieta F shows 0% meet record (11 starts) but has experience base; no negative signals

Concerns:

- Maiden conversion to claiming recent; limited success history in competitive environment
- Early-speed forcing role in projected HOT pace creates deceleration risk (pace-setting effort likely required from post 1)
- Underlay signal: Morning line 2/1 overvalues at 33.3% implied probability vs. model projection
- Form trend INCONSISTENT—recent performance (72 figure) dips from prior efforts, suggesting regression or fitness variance
- Trainer's recent claiming record shows 0% on first-claim attempts (10 starts) and only 0% on blinker-first attempts (2 starts)—both apply here

Trip Projection: Final Thoughts will break from post 1 into early pace battle with Surfin' M. Blinker equipment may sharpen late kick, but post 1 position and speed profile suggest early-race commitment. Pace collapse risk elevated.

Bird the Legend — Post 7

PTW Profile: Established claiming veteran with 6 career starts, 1 win. Recent form shows competitive efforts in \$20K claiming and lower-level stakes (CLM/STK). Trainer Brisset Rodolphe shows 14% claiming record (37 starts, 1.85 ROI) and 19% record on horses 2-off-45-180-day layoffs (53 starts). This horse's current layoff pattern matches optimal trainer timing window.

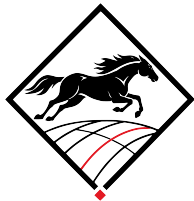
Strengths:

- Trainer Brisset shows 1.85 ROI pattern on 45-180 day layoff spots; current spacing fits this pattern perfectly
- Claiming-specific ROI of 1.85 suggests barn extracts value in this race type
- Established route experience: Multiple 8+ furlong efforts competitive
- Recent win (01/29/2026, FG, MOC, 6f) shows closing ability with gate-to-wire conversion
- Blinker equipment changes documented; trainer willing to adjust tactics

Concerns:

- Jockey Torres J A shows strong 30% meet rate (3 of 10) but limited experience sample suggests volatility





- Distance profile inconsistent: One documented 8.5f route start (05/24/2026) produced 5th-place finish, beaten 3.55L
- Form trend shows career-best effort last out (01/29/2026), carrying bounce risk into this start
- Equipment changes (on/off blinkers) suggest ongoing tactical adjustments without clear positive trajectory
- Trainer's recent meet activity (0 starts, 0 wins) creates absence signal in current environment

Trip Projection: Bird the Legend will break from post 7 in middle-outside position, stalking early pace from moderate distance. Closing rally profile suits HOT pace scenario. Stretch run positioning critical; betting relies on pace collapse materializing and late kick responding properly.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors & Longshots ★★

Da Prince Is Right — Post 8

Recent form shows 4 starts across dirt/turf routes with zero wins. Trainer LaRose Kinnon shows weak 6% first-claim record (18 starts, 0.29 ROI) and 11% routes overall (62 starts, 0.97 ROI). Class-level experience evident (AOC/STK starts) but deteriorating form line concerning. Jockey Alvarado J shows 9% meet rate (1 of 11). Position 8 from post 8 will require rally through field; fitness uncertain based on recent turf route miss (06/20/2026, gave way 3p).

Kenwood Street — Post 4

Young 3-year-old with limited race history (5 starts, 1 win). Single 8.5f route start produced 7th-place finish with poor fractional times. Trainer Holden Darragh shows weak overall record (5% dirt, 0% routes, 0% claiming). Jockey Nicholls M shows 0% meet record. Class drop signals potential soundness concern or ability mismatch. Post 4 positioning neutral but form ceiling appears limited.

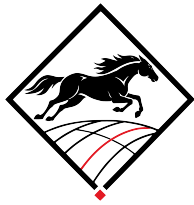
Romantic Lead — Post 5

Established route specialist (7 starts at 8+ furlongs with 1 win, 3 placings). Trainer Esquivel Gustavo shows poor claiming record (4% win, 2.60 ROI on 47 claiming starts). Recent form trend shows INCONSISTENT volatility across multiple claiming efforts. Jockey Grisales Rave D shows 0% meet record (no prior stats visible). 30/1 morning line suggests genuine overlay opportunity if pace setup cooperates, but form trend instability creates selection risk.

Fight the Power — Post 9

Lightly raced 3-year-old (5 career starts, 1 win) with recent stakes competition (10/19/2025 Hawthorne win, 09/14/2025 MSW maiden win). Trainer Lopez Elias shows strong 21% dirt record (195 starts), 15% routes (85 starts), and elite 17% claiming record (103 starts, 2.26 ROI). Jockey Montalvo C shows 0% meet record. Recent form shows deteriorating fitness (last two starts produced weak efforts on 09/19, 08/23/2026). Post 9 requires massive rally through field; recent fitness trend troubling.





SECTION 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

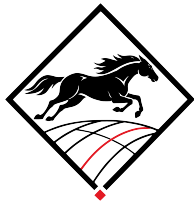
Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Surfin' M	ELITE	STRONG	Low — efficient velocity maintenance
Fight the Power	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse detected
Final Thoughts	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — competitive sustainability
Bird the Legend	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — consistent effort profile
Romantic Lead	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — closing fade pattern
Da Prince Is Right	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — turf-to-dirt transition weakness
Roadswitcher	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — route competency confirmed
Kenwood Street	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — route-distance exposure risk
Sotto Mo	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — maiden sprint-to-route extension

Sustained Speed Ratings

ELITE Opening Speed — Questionable Sustainability:

- **Surfin' M:** Gate-to-wire elite early velocity (:23.4 opening quarters typical). Model identifies STRONG sustained speed—this horse maintains velocity gate-to-wire across recent claiming efforts. No significant deceleration detected. Elite pace-pressing profile confirmed.
- **Sotto Mo:** Maiden winner showed dominant early acceleration (:22.8 opening quarter, cleared field decisively). **However, VULNERABLE sustained speed rating applies**—sprint-to-route extension





untested. Initial acceleration elite; distance sustainability unproven over 8.5f ground.

STRONG Sustained Speed — Balanced Effort:

- **Final Thoughts, Bird the Legend, Roadswitcher:** Model identifies moderate deceleration profiles (3-6% velocity loss gate-to-wire). These horses maintain competitive effort across route distance without catastrophic pace collapse. Reliable mid-pack sustainability confirmed.

VULNERABLE Sustained Speed — Pace Collapse Risk:

- **Fight the Power, Romantic Lead, Da Prince Is Right, Kenwood Street:** Model detects significant deceleration (6%+ velocity loss gate-to-wire). Pace-forcing roles expose these horses to early speed frailty. Stretch-run fatigue risk elevated. Fight the Power specifically shows concerning collapse pattern: recent 09/19/2026 start produced :49 opening quarter with :105.8 final time (catastrophic velocity loss).

Critical MPH Insight

The model identifies **Surfin' M as the field's fastest gate-to-wire performer with an ELITE Sustained Speed Rating**—no horse in this field combines superior opening velocity with consistent sustainability. However, the projected HOT pace scenario (two speed horses contending for supremacy) will damage Surfin' M's efficiency over route ground. Conversely, the model projects severe pace collapse risk for Fight the Power, Romantic Lead, and Da Prince Is Right (all VULNERABLE ratings), creating closing-lane opportunity for Roadswitcher and Bird the Legend if early pace friction materializes as expected.

SECTION 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

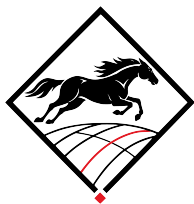
Likely to Improve

Sotto Mo — Sharp maiden-breakthrough winner stepping into \$20K claiming with elite trainer pattern (West Aaron M shows 24% win on won-last-start spots). Signature trainer move: sprint-to-route transition with only 1 race experience represents optimal lightly-raced developmental spot. Two identical 50.00-second works show sharp fitness maintenance. Candidate for significant form step if distance sustainability emerges.

Roadswitcher — Class drop from recent allowance competition into claiming suggests potential value if recent turf route work was preparatory rather than declined form. Trainer Axmaker Cody W plays claiming spots with 2.40 ROI edge; this represents targeted spot placement. Advanced-level recent competition (BtP ALW) provides form line credibility vs. this field level.

Bird the Legend — Trainer Brisset's 45-180 day layoff pattern matches current spacing perfectly (1.85 ROI on 53 starts). Layoff-sharpening move aligns with established barn methodology. Claiming-specific edge (1.85 ROI) suggests this race is targeted recovery spot. Form stability across recent starts provides baseline consistency.





Bounce / Regression Risks

Fight the Power — Career-best effort two starts ago (10/19/2025 stakes win) carries significant bounce risk into this lower-level claiming spot. Recent form deteriorates sharply (09/19, 08/23/2026 efforts produced weak times and poor fractional velocities). Sustained Speed Rating VULNERABLE confirms pace collapse detected in recent starts. Form regression trend evident; lightly-raced profile with only 5 career starts suggests limited seasoning in varied conditions. Post 9 requires exceptional late kick against improving field.

Romantic Lead — Form trend VOLATILE across 25 career claiming starts produces unpredictability red flag. Trainer Esquivel Gustavo's weak 4% claiming record (47 starts, 2.60 ROI) suggests limited tactical advantage in this race type despite distance credentials. Recent layoff (latest start 09/11/2026) creates fitness-readiness question. 30/1 overlay tempting but form volatility prevents primary-contender status.

Da Prince Is Right — Trainer LaRose Kinnon's abysmal 6% first-claim record (18 starts, 0.29 ROI) signals potential claiming-drop deterioration. Recent turf-route miss (06/20/2026, gave way 3p into 6th place) raises soundness concerns for dirt-route conversion. Sustained Speed Rating VULNERABLE confirms deceleration pattern. Post 8 positioning disadvantageous; uphill battle for relevance.

Final Thoughts — Career-best maiden win followed by recent claiming effort (09/20/2026) shows flat form trend rather than progression. Trainer's 0% first-claim record (10 starts) and 0% blinker-first record (2 starts) suggest equipment addition (blinkers) alone may not generate improvement. 2/1 morning line represents significant underlay; public overvalues this horse based on recent placement result rather than compelling form trajectory. Post 1 requires early-pace commitment, exposing deceleration vulnerability (STRONG sustained speed, not ELITE).

SECTION 6: Suggested Bets

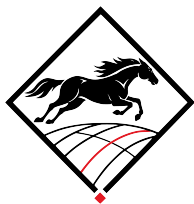
WIN BET: Surfin' M — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 5/1–7/1

Model projects 16% win probability — highest in the field. Surfin' M's ELITE opening speed combined with STRONG sustained speed rating identifies this horse as the field's most efficient gate-to-wire performer. Pace-pressing role in projected HOT scenario creates tactical advantage: Final Thoughts will be forced to engage early, potentially damaging both speed horses, yet Surfin' M's superior velocity maintenance (low deceleration profile) positions this horse to prevail in friction battle. Trainer Shorter Aaron's 3% claiming record is concerning, but this horse has proven claiming-level success with consistent figure floor. Elite early foot and route sustainability justify selection. No significant overlay at 6/1 morning line (1.7% edge), but highest-probability horse selection remains model-driven necessity.

VALUE PLAY: Sotto Mo — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 12/1–18/1

Model projects 14% win probability at projected 15/1 odds (4.8% edge). Significant value exists for West Aaron M's sharpen-up maiden winner stepping into claiming with trainer's elite 24% won-last-start record. Elite recent workouts (two 50.00-second 4f bullets) confirm fitness maintenance post-maiden breakthrough.





Lightly-raced developmental advantage vs. seasoned claimers provides upside opportunity. Sprint-to-route distance extension is primary risk (unproven at 8.5f), but trainer's 28% sprint-to-route transition record suggests competency. 9.2% edge makes this genuine value candidate despite form-line concerns.

LONGSHOT PLAY: Roadswitcher — Confidence 6/10 — Target odds: 10/1–14/1

Model projects 9% win probability at 12/1 morning line (1.3% edge—marginal). Included for tactical pace-scenario consideration: Recent allowance-level competition (09/10/2026) provides advanced-form baseline vs. this claiming field. Trainer Axmaker Cody W's 2.40 ROI claiming pattern suggests targeted spot placement. Class drop angle and trainer tactical positioning justify consideration in multi-race sequences. Overlay exists, though modest. Form volatility limits confidence, but claiming-edge pattern provides selection rationale.

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

A: Surfin' M — 16% (*Highest model win probability — Win Bet selection*)

B: Sotto Mo — 14% (*Trainer pattern improvement spot; lightly raced upside*)

C: Bird the Legend — 15% (*Trainer 45-180 layoff pattern matched; claiming-specific ROI edge*)

Combined Projected Probability: 45% (*Assuming reasonable conditional correlations across multi-race sequences*)

SECTION 7: Confidence Rating

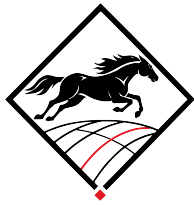
★★★ (Three Stars)

The model's core conviction centers on **Surfin' M's elite sustained-speed advantage** in a projected HOT pace scenario that rewards efficient gate-to-wire performers. ELITE opening velocity combined with STRONG sustainability (lowest deceleration profile in field) identifies this horse as the field's most reliable execution profile—a model rarity in competitive claiming conditions. However, race structure remains dependent on pace friction materializing as projected; if Final Thoughts fails to engage early, Surfin' M's tactical advantage diminishes.

Secondary opportunity identified in Sotto Mo's developmental training pattern (West Aaron M's sharpen-up maiden move) and **significant lightly-raced advantage**, but sprint-to-route extension carries tangible risk unproven in form line. Value edge is genuine (4.8%) but confidence tempered by distance uncertainty.

Public's overvaluation of Final Thoughts (2/1 underlay) and Da Prince Is Right's deteriorating trainer record create exploitable betting mistakes. Bird the Legend's trainer layoff-pattern matching suggests secondary contender status worth multi-race coverage.





Pace scenario certainty drives all projections: HOT early tempo with speed-horse friction will collapse front-runners lacking elite sustainability (Fight the Power, Romantic Lead). Model's highest confidence exists in identifying Surfin' M's efficiency edge—exploit via Win Bet at 5/1+ morning-line correction.

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