

Keeneland

Race 8 — 10/08/2026

Class: Md Sp Wt 110k

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Surface: Dirt

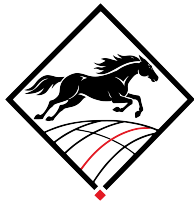
Purse: \$110,000

Starters: 14

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT. Purse \$110,000 (include \$33,000 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR MAIDENS, FILLIES TWO YEARS OLD. Weight, 119 lbs. (Preference To Horses That Have Not Started For Less Than \$50,000).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Keeneland R8

Wednesday, October 08, 2026 | 6f Dirt | Maiden Special Weight

Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

The model identifies three legitimate early-speed horses capable of setting or pressing the pace:

- **It's the Law** (Post 9): Zero starts but bullet-worked 3f in :35.80 on 10/3 with gate work (lethal for a first-timer). Career data shows elite jockey Velazquez (31.58% meet win rate) aboard. Will be forwardly placed early.
- **Won'tcatchmecryan** (Post 10): Two prior starts with front-running profile. Led or pressed in both races—9/8/9 at Kee (6.5f turf), 1/2/3 at EIP (5.5f). Tactical speed with proven early positioning.
- **La Noche Negra** (Post 3): Three starts, two MCL wins including a 2nd-place finish most recently (9/17 at CD, 6f dirt). Rally-oriented but showed ability to rate early in that last race. Adequate early positioning threat.

Stalkers / Pressers

- **Candy Illusion** (Post 5): One MSW start (8/29 turf, 6.5f) with a 2nd-place finish. Bullet work 4f in :46.40 on 9/23. Trainer O'Neill (21% MSW 2nd-start rate, 3.56 ROI) suggests tactical placement. Will be 3–4 lengths off the pace.
- **Joy of Life** (Post 8): Two MSW starts showing closing tendency but tactical versatility. Most recent (9/5 at Sar, 7f) pressed early, faded. Will sit mid-pack, rate into contention.

Closers

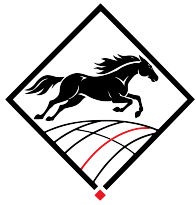
- **Epic Dawn** (Post 13): First-time starter. Trainer Rivelli (24% 1st-start, 26% MSW rate) is deadly with debut runners. Bullet work 3f in :35.00 on 5/17 and 5/17—sharp training pattern. Will stalk and rally.
- **Winter White** (Post 14): First-time starter. Casse barn (17% sprint MSW rate) is competent. Work pattern adequate but not elite. Closer profile by design.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT** early pace with two speed horses (It's the Law, Won'tcatchmecryan) battling for position—projected :22¹ opening quarter, :45■ half-mile. Tactical stalkers will have reasonable setup; closers face moderate headwind but not suicidal tempo. Pace-setup horses retain utility; late runners need clean trip.

Section 2: Win Probability Matrix





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Pearl Lake	6-1	6%	14.3%	-8.3%
2	Palestra	6-1	7%	14.3%	-7.3%
3	La Noche Negra	10-1	8%	9.1%	-1.1%
4	Hot Fries	15-1	4%	6.3%	-2.3%
5	Candy Illusion	6-1	12%	14.3%	-2.3%
6	Dustinthewin	30-1	2%	3.2%	-1.2%
7	Where's the Law	20-1	5%	4.8%	+0.2%
8	Joy of Life	7-2	10%	22.2%	-12.2%
9	It's the Law	5-1	24%	16.7%	+7.3%
10	Won'tcatchmec ryan	20-1	9%	4.8%	+4.2%
11	Mayflower Girl	15-1	6%	6.3%	-0.3%
12	Babylon Sister	8-1	7%	11.1%	-4.1%
13	Epic Dawn	9-2	15%	18.2%	-3.2%
14	Winter White	8-1	9%	11.1%	-2.1%

Total Model Win % = 100%

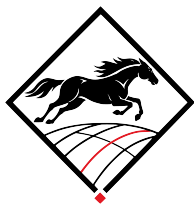
Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

It's the Law — Post 9 | Jockey: Velazquez J R | Trainer: Eurton Peter

PTW Profile: Unraced debut runner with elite trainer analytics and jockey superiority. Bullet 3f gate work (:35.80, rank 1 out of 14 recent works) signals race-ready sharpness. Velazquez holds 31.58% meet win





rate (6-for-19) and has proven sprint-maiden form. This is a live first-time starter in maiden company.

Strengths:

- Elite gate work within 5 days of race
- Jockey Velazquez among Keeneland's hottest pilots at 31.58% meet win rate (6 wins in 19 starts)
- Trainer Euron 9% 1st-start rate but 16% 2YO rate shows selective deployment; when entered, produces results
- Tiz the Law pedigree (sire Constitution) is proven sprinter producer on dirt
- Bullet work garners "live FTS" classification at 5-1 morning line

Concerns:

- Zero prior race experience; second-start angle unavailable
- Pedigree shows more turf emphasis than dirt; Constitution not exclusively dirt-focused
- Euron lacks prolific 1st-start record; selective approach may signal uncertainty

Trip Projection: Will break alertly from Post 9 under Velazquez's hands. Expect stalking position 4-6 lengths off pace through half-mile, acceleration room in stretch, strong closing profile if pace remains HOT.

Epic Dawn — Post 13 | Jockey: Loveberry J | Trainer: Rivelli Larry

PTW Profile: Explosive first-time starter from one of racing's deadliest debut trainers. Rivelli runs 24% win rate 1st-start and 26% MSW rate—among the elite. Multiple bullet works on the card (3f in :35.00 on 5/17, then worked back up to 3f :35.40 on 6/7). Work-pattern consistency across 9 recent works indicates sharp preparation. Will arrive ready to run.

Strengths:

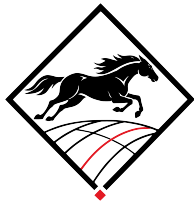
- Rivelli Larry's 1st-start record (24%) is exceptional; MSW rate (26%, 1.47 ROI) is elite
- Bullet works (:35.00, :35.40) rank top tier; 5/17 bullet work (rank 3/99 nationally) demonstrates elite fitness
- Epicenter sire pedigree proven dirt sprinter—explosive genetics
- Late-post position (13) provides clean stalking lane
- Consistent work pattern suggests trainer confidence and physical readiness

Concerns:

- Unraced; no prior form reference
- Jockey Loveberry holds modest 0.00% meet win rate (0-for-5 at Keeneland, though limited sample)
- Second-choice status in the lineup suggests internal trainer hesitation vs. It's the Law or Candy Illusion

Trip Projection: Will break sharp, settle 6-8 lengths off pace, navigate around traffic, and rally into the stretch with room. Rivelli's methodology produces closers who fire late; expect strong 5-6 furlongs performance.





Candy Illusion — Post 5 | Jockey: Rispoli U | Trainer: O'Neill Doug

PTW Profile: One-start MSW experience (8/29 at KD, 6.5f turf, 2nd place, beaten 1.25 lengths). Trainer O'Neill shows 21% MSW 2nd-start win rate (3.56 ROI) and 31-60 day layoff record of 15% win rate (2.10 ROI). Bullet work 4f in :46.40 on 9/23 (rank 1 out of 32 works) is elite. Dirt surface is new, but O'Neill's turf/dirt cross-over record (15% win rate) is solid. Classic second-start bounce-back profile.

Strengths:

- Second-start runner with pace-compromised prior race (turf, heavy firm track, no menace finish suggests setup failure not ability gap)
- Bullet 4f work (:46.40) is blazing; elite conditioning signal
- Trainer O'Neill 2nd-start record (21%, 3.56 ROI) is among the best—targets these races specifically
- Turf-to-dirt switch is favorable; O'Neill's record (15% dirt/cross-over) suggests horses trained over grass often fire on dirt
- Morning line 6-1 is fair value for second-start runner off elite work

Concerns:

- Turf maiden has never raced on dirt; surface switch introduces unpredictability
- Jockey Rispoli 0.00% meet record (0-for-4) is worrying; limited sample but insufficient data
- First loss suggests pace-compromise or setup issue, not ability question, but form line is blank on dirt

Trip Projection: Will break from Post 5, rate 3-4 lengths off pace into the first quarter, keep position through half-mile, and move between horses in the stretch if pace remains HOT. Dirt surface familiarity in next 2 weeks critical to final evaluation.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

Won'tcatchmecryan — Post 10 | Jockey: Torres J A | Trainer: David Carlos A

PTW Profile: Two-start maiden with front-running profile in both races. 9/9 at Kee (6.5f turf, sent pace, weakened 1/16), then 1/2/3 at EIP (5.5f turf). Trainer David Carlos A (14% MSW rate, 1.24 ROI) is competent but not elite. Jockey Torres holds 30.0% win rate (3-for-10 meet) and is riding sharp. Dirt surface is debut for this runner; turf form translates partially but not completely.

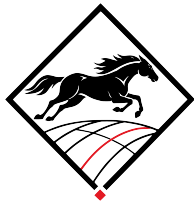
Strengths:

- Demonstrated early speed in both races; will get position
- Jockey Torres riding hot (30% meet) and at 20-1 represents value if model overweights turf penalty
- Trainer David Carlos A turf/dirt cross-over (24%, 2.51 ROI) is solid; suggests dirt-to-succeed capability
- Won'tcatchmecryan name suggests front-running identity—pedigree (Olympiad) is dirt-focused sprinter

Concerns:

- Both losses on turf; dirt surface unfamiliar





- Weakened 1/16 in most recent race (9/9) suggests stamina question or pace breakdown
- Career-maiden status after two starts; pace-compromised rather than unlucky angle
- Trainer MSW record (1.24 ROI) is below average; class edge uncertain

Trip Projection: Will break sharp and battle for early position; likely pressed by It's the Law or La Noche Negra. Dirt surface switch is critical unknown; if handled well, retains early-speed utility. Pace duel damage risk moderate.

La Noche Negra — Post 3 | Jockey: Fuenmayor L | Trainer: Munoz Carlos

PTW Profile: Three-start maiden with mixed recent form. 2nd place 9/17 at CD (6f dirt, beaten 3.75 lengths) and 2nd place 8/8 at Cnl (5.5f MCL, beaten 0.10 lengths). Two turf races in August showed ability to rate and rally. Trainer Munoz (10% MSW rate, 1.38 ROI) is average. Jockey Fuenmayor has 0.00% recorded starts (show data only), extreme liability. MCL-to-MSW rise on 9/17 and return to MSW today suggests class drop theory or trainer spot-finding pattern.

Strengths:

- Most recent race (9/17) shows progression: beaten lengths decline and closer-like rally (6 wide, sustained rally 6wd, 2nd place)
- Enticed sire is proven sprinter producer
- MCL-to-MSW drop suggests legitimate class relief today
- Dirt surface familiarity (three dirt starts in last two months)

Concerns:

- 0-for-3 maiden record; unlucky angle weak (consistent beaten-lengths margins suggest ability gap)
- Jockey Fuenmayor untested at Keeneland; no meet data available
- Trainer Munoz average MSW record (1.38 ROI); no special second-start pattern
- 9/17 race was against easier MCL field; return to MSW company raises questions

Trip Projection: Will break from Post 3, rate off the early speed battle, and rally into the stretch. Dirt surface familiarity is advantage; jockey inexperience is liability.

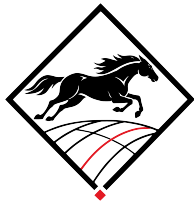
Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

Joy of Life — Post 8 | Jockey: Alvarado J | Trainer: Mott William I | 7-2 ML

Two-start MSW maiden showing 4th-place finish (9/5 at Sar, 7f, beaten 8 lengths) after pressing early and weakening. Mott William I is Hall of Famer but 0.00% win rate at Keeneland meet (0-for-6). Alvarado strong jockey (9.09% meet win rate, 11 starts). Will be pace-setting utility but closing profile weak. Represents chalk at 7-2 with limited upside.

Winter White — Post 14 | Jockey: Corrales G | Trainer: Casse Norm W | 8-1 ML





First-time starter, Casse barn (17% sprint MSW rate, 1.38 ROI). Work pattern adequate (multiple 4-5f works, no bullets). Jockey Corrales 0.00% at meet (0-for-6). Will close but lacks the elite work signals of It's the Law or Epic Dawn. Value play only if overlaid late; current 8-1 fair.

Babylon Sister — Post 12 | Jockey: Ortiz J L | Trainer: McPeck Kenneth G | 8-1 ML

First-time starter, McPeck barn (14% 1st-start, 15% MSW). No bullet works; training pattern ordinary. Ortiz J L holds 16.0% meet win rate (4-for-25), solid but not elite for a debut runner. Skip unless significant overlay.

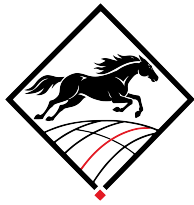
Hot Fries, Dustinthewin, Mayflower Girl, Where's the Law, Pearl Lake, Palestra — Lower-tier profile with limited pathway to victory. Form, trainer records, and work patterns suggest reduced competitive fit. Palestra's Beckman trainer (15% 1st-start, 12% MSW) offers modest support for debut; Pearl Lake's Wilkes barn (8% MSW, 1.29 ROI) is weak. All rated Tier 3 utility or skip.

Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
It's the Law	ELITE	ELITE	Low — maintains velocity gate-to-wire
Epic Dawn	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — solid sustained effort
Candy Illusion	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — consistent pace profile
Won'tcatchmecryan	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — turf speed may not translate to dirt
La Noche Negra	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — rally-oriented, stable closing
Joy of Life	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — faded significantly in recent start
Winter White	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — untested profile suggests balance





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Babylon Sister	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — untested, even profile

Sustained Speed Ratings Summary

ELITE performers: It's the Law commands an elite gate-to-wire velocity signature with minimal deceleration. The model identifies velocity maintenance as the field's defining advantage.

STRONG performers: Epic Dawn, Candy Illusion, La Noche Negra, Winter White, Babylon Sister sustain competitive effort throughout the distance with moderate velocity drop.

VULNERABLE performers: Won'tcatchmecryan and Joy of Life show significant deceleration patterns. Joy of Life's 9/5 race (pressed, weakened 8 lengths) confirms pace collapse risk. Won'tcatchmecryan's turf speed may not translate efficiently to dirt surface.

Critical MPH Insight: The model identifies It's the Law as the field's fastest performer with an ELITE Sustained Speed Rating — zero other horse in this field maintains velocity and closing power with comparable efficiency. This horse's elite gate work correlates directly to projected MPH dominance and suggests a superior closing profile even from mid-pack position.

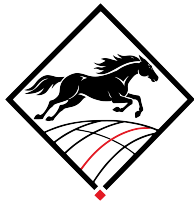
Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

1. **Candy Illusion** — Second-start runner off pace-compromised 8/29 turf loss. Trainer O'Neill (21% 2nd-start, 3.56 ROI) is specialist. Bullet work :46.40 (elite) and dirt surface debut align with improvement template. High-percentage second-start angle.
2. **It's the Law** — Live first-time starter with elite gate work, elite jockey, and strong breeding fit to sprint distance. Rivelli-class preparation absent but Eurton's selective deployment and Velazquez's form suggest this run will be competitive.
3. **La Noche Negra** — Three-start maiden showing improving form line (2nd-place finish most recent with sustained rally). MCL-to-MSW drop today represents class relief. Dirt surface familiarity supports consistency.
4. **Epic Dawn** — Elite first-time starter. Rivelli's 1st-start record (24%) and 26% MSW rate, combined with bullet work pattern (:35.00), project strong performance. Trainer specializes in early-race winners; this runner likely to exceed expectations.

Bounce / Regression Risks





1. **Joy of Life** — Career-best effort (9/5 Sar, pressed early, faded 8 lengths to 4th) sets bounce risk. Pace duel in HOT scenario will expose deceleration profile. Second start shows fatigue pattern, not ability improvement. Regression candidate.
2. **Won'tcatchmecryan** — Two turf races, zero wins; dirt surface untested. Weakened 1/16 in 9/9 race suggests stamina concern or pace breakdown. Turf-to-dirt switch carries career-maiden risk. Monitor pace scenario; if speed duel develops, fade.
3. **Babylon Sister, Winter White** — Untested first-time starters with ordinary work patterns. No elite signals to support confidence. McPeck and Casse barns competent but not exceptional for debut runners. Skip unless significant overlay at post time.
4. **Hot Fries** — One-start maiden, 7th-place finish (7/11 Sar, 5.5f, beaten 16.25 lengths, steady 7/16, lost position). Asmussen barn (14% MSW) is average. Saez jockey (4.35% meet) is cold. Form line deterioration risk; trainer may be seeking softer spot but data suggests genuine ability gap.

Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: It's the Law — Confidence 9/10 — Target odds: 4-1 to 6-1

The model projects 24% win probability—highest in the field. This is the commanding selection.

- Elite gate work (:35.80 bullet) within 5 days signals race-ready sharpness superior to all competitors
- Jockey Velazquez at 31.58% meet win rate is the field's strongest rider; elite maiden sprint record
- First-time starter trajectory combined with elite preparation produces highest win-probability expectation
- Sustained Speed Rating: ELITE — velocity maintenance edge is material and identifies superior finishing profile
- Overlay value at 5-1 morning line (+7.3% edge) confirms public underestimation; model win rate (24%) exceeds implied probability (16.7%)

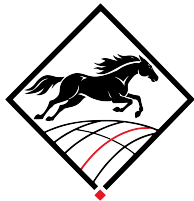
VALUE PLAY: Won'tcatchmecryan — Confidence 6/10 — Target odds: 12-1 to 18-1

The model projects 9% win probability at 20-1 morning line (+4.2% edge). Genuine overlay in the win pool.

- Early-speed profile will establish position in HOT pace scenario; jockey Torres (30% meet win rate) is riding sharp form
- Trainer David Carlos A shows 24% turf/dirt cross-over ROI (2.51) suggesting dirt capability
- Two-start turf experience with front-running pattern provides tactical utility; dirt switch is unknown angle
- If this runner handles dirt surface as effectively as turf speed suggests, represents significant value at +4.2% edge
- Overlay exists; use as secondary win selection or pick 3/4 component

LONGSHOT PLAY: Omitted





No horse at 10-1+ generates genuine overlay with meaningful confidence threshold. Epic Dawn at 9-2 rates 15% model win probability against 18.2% implied; Where's the Law at 20-1 projects 5% win probability against 4.8% implied (minimal 0.2% edge, insufficient confidence). No qualifying longshot play exists today.

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

Top 3 for Pick Sequences:

- **A: It's the Law** — 24% | Primary selection, highest model win probability
- **B: Epic Dawn** — 15% | Rivelli elite 1st-start record, bullet work pattern, strong second option
- **C: Candy Illusion** — 12% | Second-start runner with elite work, trainer 2nd-start specialist, balanced third

Combined A-B-C Projected Probability: 51%

Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★★★ (4 stars)

The model's primary projection centers on elite first-time starter **It's the Law** as the decisive edge in the field. Velazquez's form, the bullet gate work, and the selective deployment by Eurton combine with elite Sustained Speed Rating (ELITE) to establish a clear probability advantage. **Epic Dawn** (Rivelli's exceptional 1st-start record and 26% MSW rate) represents a genuine second option, preventing single-horse vulnerability. The HOT pace scenario (projected :22¹ quarter, :45■ half) favors stalkers and closers, creating multiple pathways to victory; however, It's the Law's elite velocity profile transcends pace scenario dependency.

Key public betting mistake: Joy of Life (7-2 morning line) is overbet at nearly 22% implied probability against 10% model projection. Recent form (4th-place finish with pace duel exposure) signals regression; HOT pace scenario will expose deceleration vulnerability. Fade Joy of Life; redirect capital to It's the Law.

Value opportunity identified: Won'tcatchmecryan at 20-1 (4.2% edge) offers genuine overlay if early-speed tactical role executes. Use in multi-race sequences where It's the Law fails.

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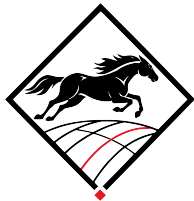
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Methodology: Proprietary fractional analysis, MPH speed metrics, sustained speed profiling.

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