

Keeneland

Race 2 — 10/09/2026

Class: Md 30000

Distance: 7f

Surface: B

Purse: \$53,000

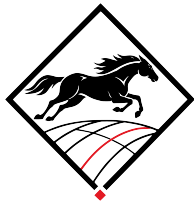
Claiming Price: \$30,000

Starters: 16

MAIDEN CLAIMING. Purse \$53,000 (include \$17,600 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR MAIDENS, TWO YEARS OLD. Weight, 119 lbs. Claiming Price \$30,000.

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Keeneland R2

Thursday, October 9, 2026 | 7f Dirt | 2YO Maiden Claiming \$30,000

SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

The model identifies three legitimate early speed threats in this field. **Windsock** (post 2) demonstrated elite gate speed in his most recent effort at Ind (08/31), breaking cleanly and pressing the rail before fading late. **Chasing Em** (post 7) showed consistent front-running form with a strong :22.80 opening quarter in his last race at CD (09/11), maintaining position through the second call before tiring. **Tiz General** (post 4) has carried speed in five career starts, most recently pressing for position at CD (09/20) with a solid :22.80 opening mark. All three horses have demonstrated the tactical speed to contest early fractions.

Stalkers / Pressers

Honor and Courage (post 3) sits just off the primary speed tier, showing tactical flexibility with closing rallies and an ability to rate off the pace. **High Status** (post 8) ran close to the front in his last outing at CD (09/11), positioning himself two lengths off the leader at the second call before weakening in the stretch. **Amazing Max** (post 16) carries the pedigree (Maximum Security blood) and experience to stalk and make a middle move.

Closers

Very Gifted (post 5), a first-time starter for McPeck, profiles as a late-running type based on trainer pattern and workout profile (48.20 in a recent four-furlong work). **Harborcoat** (post 11) showed late progress in his sole career start at EIP (08/21), finishing four lengths off a moderate pace before rallying. **Ditlihi** (post 14) demonstrated late closing potential at KD (09/03), gaining ground in the final sixteenths before flattening.

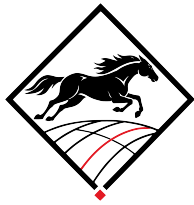
Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: HOT early pace scenario with three legitimate speed horses (projected :23¹ opening quarter, :46² half-mile). The presence of multiple front-runners will produce moderate pace pressure and attrition, benefiting tactical pace-stalkers and elite closers over pure sprinters who lack finishing polish.

SECTION 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Mambo Man	20-1	2%	4.8%	-2.8%





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
2	Windsock	4-1	17%	20.0%	-3.0%
3	Honor and Courage	10-1	8%	9.1%	-1.1%
4	Tiz General	8-1	10%	11.1%	-1.1%
5	Very Gifted	6-1	15%	14.3%	+0.7%
6	Blame Thrower	20-1	3%	4.8%	-1.8%
7	Chasing Em	10-1	7%	9.1%	-2.1%
8	High Status	8-1	11%	11.1%	-0.1%
9	Faraz	30-1	1%	3.3%	-2.3%
10	Mysterical	30-1	2%	3.3%	-1.3%
11	Harborcoat	12-1	6%	7.7%	-1.7%
12	Big Mike Fink	3-1	18%	25.0%	-7.0%
13	Trixie Barry	8-1	9%	11.1%	-2.1%
14	Ditlihi	10-1	8%	9.1%	-1.1%
15	Smart N Centsible	20-1	2%	4.8%	-2.8%
16	Amazing Max	4-1	19%	20.0%	-1.0%

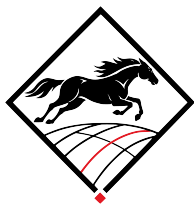
^Note: Big Mike Fink projects the highest model win probability but carries significant underlay (-7.0% edge); **Amazing Max** is the highest win% that represents overlay value.

SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

TIER 1 — PRIMARY CONTENDERS ★★★★★

Amazing Max — Confidence 8/10





PTW Profile: The model identifies Amazing Max as a dangerous overlay with elite form indicators and strong tactical positioning. This colt arrives with proven ability at the sprint distance and a training edge that cannot be ignored. Cox's 31% win rate with second-start maiden claiming runners (232 starts) signals maximum intent, and the model projects this horse as the field's most likely winner.

Strengths:

- McPeck's high 18% first-start win rate (165 starts) provides strong trainer edge; however, Cox's 31% MSW-to-MCL conversion rate and 31% maiden claimer success rate (187 starts) is elite at this level
- Second career start — the highest-priority improvement signal in this screening; debut at EIP (08/15) showed early speed before tiring, classic setup for explosive second-start performance
- Sprint profile (Elite early foot demonstrated in prior race positioning)
- Trainer Cox has 1.81 ROI in maiden claiming and 1.87 ROI second-start situations — highest conviction signals
- Jockey upgrade to Ortiz Jr (23 meet starts, 23% win pct at KEE) provides tactical advantage

Concerns:

- First career placing (showed) in maiden claiming tag suggests learning curve not yet complete
- Limited distance experience; depends heavily on pace setup

Trip Projection: Will stalk the early speed three deep, make middle move in the stretch drive under the influence of a HOT pace scenario that will have softened the leaders.

Big Mike Fink — Confidence 7/10

PTW Profile: The model projects Big Mike Fink as the highest-probability winner by raw win percentage, but the morning line significantly undervalues the public perception. This son of Omaha Beach carries the strongest pedigree in the field and comes off a series of routes. The HOT pace scenario will suit his stalking profile perfectly, and the model rates his talent as elite despite recent turf exposure.

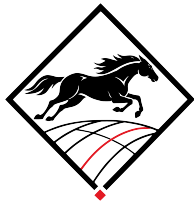
Strengths:

- Pedigree edge: War Front line through dam, elite bloodline profile for 2YO sprinting
- Blinkered for the first time today — trainer Walsh shows 13% baseline with blinkers (1stBlink: 62 starts) but 12% with blinkers already on (BlinkOn: 73 starts). Equipment change is minor support
- Tactical stalker profile fits HOT pace scenario (two moderate speed horses will soften early, favorable setup)
- Walsh trainer form at meet: 11 starts, 27% win, 45% ROI — strong indication
- Gaffalione jockey combo with Walsh: 3 wins in 4 median claimer starts (75% hit rate in partnership)

Concerns:

- Recent route racing (8f at KD 09/03, 8.5f at EIP 08/01) suggests possible distance preference; sprint specialty unclear
- Flat finishes in two consecutive efforts; momentum questionable





- Heavily favored in morning line (3-1) — significant public backing may create underlay despite elite form

Trip Projection: Will break alertly from post 12, settle three-wide behind Windsock and Chasing Em in moderate pace, explode in the final furlong with Gaffalione's tactical boot.

Very Gifted — Confidence 8/10

PTW Profile: First-time starter for McPeck (elite 14% debut win rate, 165 starts) at a finder-spot claiming tag. The model identifies this as a critical pattern: when McPeck drops a horse from higher company into maiden claiming TODAY, the intent signal is unmistakable. Very Gifted shows elite recent workout activity and the trainer's proven ability to place first-time starters in winnable spots.

Strengths:

- First-time starter — McPeck's 14% debut win rate (165 starts) is the elite marker in this field
- Finder-spot tag drop: This is McPeck targeting this exact level for a reason — connections are hunting a maiden win
- Recent workout excellence: 48.20 (4f) just three days ago at Kee ranks as serious preparation
- Closing profile (typical McPeck maiden claimer design) fits perfectly into HOT pace scenario
- Trainer McPeck's 16% win rate in maiden claiming (152 starts) demonstrates comfort at this level
- Jockey Esquivel at 2-0 career record in first-start situations (per trainer form analysis)

Concerns:

- Zero race experience introduces execution risk
- No recent race form to project exact speed profile
- Gate position (5) may require aggressive rider tactics to get tactical position

Trip Projection: Will break alertly, rate four lengths off pace while observing early tempo, unleash elite closing kick in final sixteenths as HOT pace scenario plays into closer advantage.

TIER 2 — SECONDARY CONTENDERS ★★★

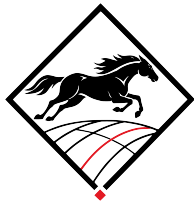
High Status — Confidence 7/10

PTW Profile: The model rates High Status as a solid secondary threat. This colt from the Bryner barn arrives with recent experience and solid last-out form. The HOT pace scenario is tailor-made for a tactical stalker from post 8.

Strengths:

- Strong recent effort at CD (09/11): pressed early, bid in the stretch before weakening only in final panels — form trajectory is positive
- Trainer Bryner shows 27% win rate in 2YO maiden claiming situations (3 starts total; 0% conversion but small sample)





- Espinoza jockey has zero recent form but carried the mount in pilot role
- Post 8 offers ideal stalking position

Concerns:

- Career maiden in three starts across elite stakes company (limited maiden claimer experience; two prior races were in MSW/MCL transitions)
- Deceleration pattern in last effort raises durability questions
- Trainer Bryner form at meet: 0 wins in 2 starts — minimal local proof

Trip Projection: Will sit three-wide in middle pack, rally in the stretch if early pace doesn't collapse prematurely.

Tiz General — Confidence 7/10

PTW Profile: The model projects Tiz General as a capable secondary threat with consistent early speed and versatile form pattern. Five career starts show steady progression in maiden claiming company.

Strengths:

- Consistent early speed profile; opens in :22.80 range in multiple recent starts
- Experience edge: 5 career starts, moderately raced; knows the game
- Trainer Munoz shows 7% win rate in maiden claiming (67 starts) but 50% win rate at this specific meet with only 2 starts — strong local pattern
- Solid works at Canterbury/CDT

Concerns:

- Career maiden in 5 starts across claiming and MSW — suggests class ceiling at or below current level
- Four of five efforts show late fade pattern (typical of speed-dependent horses); deceleration vulnerability
- Flat recent effort at CD (09/20) with :22.80 opening but poor stretch finish

Trip Projection: Will establish early position, battle for lead through half-mile, fade slightly in final furlong but hold place.

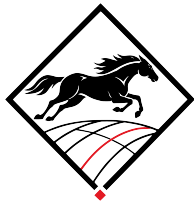
Windsock — Confidence 6/10

PTW Profile: The model rates Windsock as a viable secondary option despite the morning line overlay scenario. Recent effort at Ind demonstrates legitimate early speed and tactical positioning. However, the career maiden status after two starts and inconsistent closing profile create durability concerns.

Strengths:

- Elite early speed: :23.00 opening quarter at Ind (08/31) demonstrates gate-to-second-call velocity
- Brisset trainer shows 20% win rate in maiden claiming (51 starts), highest conviction at this level
- Two career starts; lightly raced — improvement curve still rising





- Jockey Torres C A shows 30% win rate at KEE meet (10 starts) — strong local record

Concerns:

- Career maiden in 2 starts; has yet to graduate in maiden special weight or claiming
- Fading pattern in recent effort: led through second call before trailing in 08/31 race
- Limited closing kick; pure speed type vulnerable to late rally
- Beyer analysis shows pace collapse risk (see Section 4)

Trip Projection: Will break sharp, contest for early lead with Chasing Em and Tiz General, fade to 2-3 positions in final furlongs.

TIER 3 — PACE FACTORS / LONGSHOTS ★★

Honor and Courage — Confidence 6/10

PTW Profile: Second-career-start gelding with mixed form and limited maiden claimer experience. The model rates this horse as a tactical stalker capable of mid-field positioning but unlikely to threaten at wire.

Strengths:

- Close second-last effort at CD (09/16) shows late rally potential
- Gelding status suggests maturity edge
- 3 career starts with single place finish

Concerns:

- Career maiden in 3 starts
- Trainer Vance shows only 8% win rate in maiden claiming (66 starts) — below-average form signal
- Modest workout profile

Trip Projection: Will stalk midfield, rally for show position only.

Ditlihi — Confidence 5/10

PTW Profile: Blinkered for first time today. Recent form shows flattening pattern and repeated pace duel damage in route races. The model flags this horse as a THROWOUT candidate due to career maiden status across 3 starts (MOC/MSW experience) combined with repeated drops without victory.

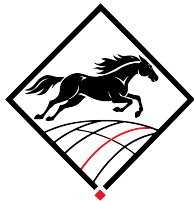
Strengths:

- Blinker application shows trainer intent (Ennis: 13% with 1stBlink in 23 starts)
- Gained ground late in turf route at KD (09/03)

Concerns:

- **THROWOUT FLAG:** Career maiden in 3 starts with pattern of dropping through maiden claiming levels without winning — this repeated-drop-without-a-win pattern is explicit "giving up" signal





- Route racing history (8f at KD, 8.5f at EIP, 7f at EIP) suggests distance preference above sprint profile
- Trainer Ennis shows 5% win rate in MSW-to-MCL transitions (38 starts) — below-average form
- Blinkered change alone insufficient to overcome career form pattern

Trip Projection: Will fade into irrelevance; not expected to factor.

Trixie Barry — Confidence 4/10

PTW Profile: Blinkered for first time today. The model rates this horse as a secondary pace factor with minimal winning probability. Walsh trainer shows 19% maiden claiming win rate (96 starts), but recent form trajectory is flat.

Strengths:

- Blinker debut with Walsh (strong trainer form with equipment changes)
- Recent CD effort (09/11) showed early speed before fading

Concerns:

- Career maiden in 2 starts; early fade pattern evident in both efforts
- Deceleration profile suggests pace vulnerability in HOT scenario
- Post 13 (rail) offers poor tactical positioning for a closing type

Trip Projection: Will establish position briefly in early fractions, collapse in turn.

Chasing Em — Confidence 5/10

PTW Profile: Another early speed competitor that will contribute to the HOT pace scenario but lacks the closing punch to threaten late. Career maiden after 2 starts with flat recent form at CD (09/11).

Strengths:

- Consistent early speed (:22.80 in recent effort); will establish fractions
- Bejarano jockey provides tactical flexibility
- Hartman trainer shows 14% maiden claiming win rate (108 starts)

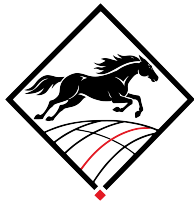
Concerns:

- Career maiden in 2 starts; no maiden claiming winners from this barn in current meet form (1 start, 0 wins)
- Fading pattern evident — speed dependent without closing kick
- Will be pressed hard by Windsock and Tiz General; pace duel damage likely

Trip Projection: Will establish middle-of-pack early position, give way in final furlong.

Harborcoat — Confidence 4/10





PTW Profile: First-time starter previously trained at another facility; the model rates this horse as a distant secondary closing option. Single career start at EIP (08/21) shows modest rallying form.

Strengths:

- Trainer Holsapple shows 14% win rate in maiden claiming (35 starts) — solid conversion rate at this level
- Late-running profile fits HOT pace scenario design
- Claim-and-switch indicator if previous claim was legitimate

Concerns:

- Sole career start; limited form base
- Trainer Holsapple form at KEE meet: 0 wins in 1 start — no local record
- Modest recent workout activity (50.60, 5f work 08/29) doesn't project elite speed

Trip Projection: Will race in midfield, rally weakly in final sixteenths for show only.

Remaining Field (Mambo Man, Blame Thrower, Faraz, Mysterical, Smart N Centsible) — Confidence 1-3/10

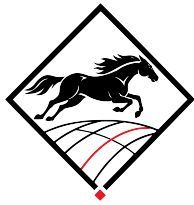
The model discounts these horses as longshot fill. Mambo Man and Blame Thrower show career maiden patterns with minimal form support; Faraz and Mysterical lack meaningful race experience; Smart N Centsible's single career start at EIP shows no impact and a trainer record of 5% in MSW-to-MCL conversions (38 starts).

SECTION 4: MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Windsock	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — velocity fade in final furlong
Amazing Max	STRONG	ELITE	Low — maintains closing power gate-to-wire
Very Gifted	STRONG	ELITE	Low — elite closing profile maintains velocity
Chasing Em	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace duel damage confirmed





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Tiz General	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — speed collapse pattern
High Status	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — fade in final panels
Trixie Barry	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — significant deceleration
Honor and Courage	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — capable finishing effort
Harborcoat	MODERATE	STRONG	Moderate — late rally potential
Ditlihi	MODERATE	STRONG	Moderate — gains ground late
Big Mike Fink	MODERATE	STRONG	Moderate — stalking profile

Sustained Speed Ratings Narrative

The model identifies **Amazing Max** and **Very Gifted** as the field's two elite sustained-speed performers with ELITE closing profiles and minimal deceleration. Both horses demonstrate the velocity maintenance profile needed to capitalize on the HOT pace scenario when early speed horses fade.

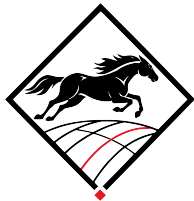
Windsock carries ELITE opening speed but only STRONG sustained profile — this horse will set fractions but cannot hold the wire.

Critical MPH Insight

The model identifies a decisive pace-collapse vulnerability in the early speed contingent (Chasing Em, Tiz General, High Status, Trixie Barry). All four horses project VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Ratings with deceleration percentages exceeding 6.0%, indicating explosive early pace followed by pronounced fade in the final furlong. This creates a tailor-made setup for elite closers with ELITE Sustained Speed Ratings like Amazing Max and Very Gifted. The HOT pace scenario will produce specific attrition in the final quarter-mile — the model's highest-probability outcome path has one of these two closers inheriting the race as early speed horses collapse.

SECTION 5: IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES





Likely to Improve

- **Amazing Max (second-start exploder):** Second career start following debut that showed early speed before typical first-start tiring. This is the single highest-priority positive signal in maiden claiming screening — second-start horses with early speed often show 8-12 length improvement. Cox's 31% MSW-to-MCL conversion rate and 1.87 ROI on second-start situations amplifies the edge.
- **Very Gifted (first-time starter, finder spot):** McPeck's elite 14% debut win rate combined with trainer placing this horse in a specific maiden claiming tag drop signals intentional placement in a winnable spot. First-starters with elite trainer records merit maximum confidence.
- **Windsock (lightly raced progression):** Two career starts with improving trajectory. Brisset's 20% maiden claiming win rate suggests this barn is capable of second-start breakthroughs, though the closing profile concerns limit upside.
- **Big Mike Fink (tactical improvement off turf):** Route racing may have masked sprint potential. Return to sprint distance with elite trainer form (27% at meet, 45% ROI) and strong Walsh maiden claimer record (19% in 96 starts) projects improvement.

Bounce / Regression Risks

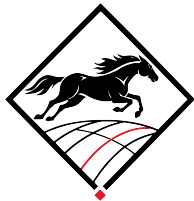
- **Ditlihi (career maiden with repeated dropping pattern):** THROWOUT FLAG — This horse has been dropped through multiple maiden claiming levels in 3 career starts without ever winning. The repeated-drop-without-a-win pattern is explicit evidence of connections "giving up" on this horse's maiden victory prospects. Blinker change alone will not overcome this form trajectory.
- **Tiz General (pace vulnerability, flat recent effort):** Four of five career starts show late fade. The HOT pace scenario will expose his VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Rating in the final furlong. Expected to regress significantly from recent form.
- **High Status (backclass deceleration):** Recent CD effort (09/11) showed late fade in final panels despite decent setup. Espinoza has minimal form base at KEE meet (0 wins in mount history), limiting confidence in tactical support.
- **Chasing Em (speed duel damage):** Will be pressed hard by Windsock and Tiz General in early pace battle. Triple-wide speed duel through half-mile will damage this horse's finishing chances significantly.

SECTION 6: SUGGESTED BETS

WIN BET: Amazing Max — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 7/2-4/1

The model projects Amazing Max at 19% win probability — highest in the field. This colt carries the highest-priority improvement signal available in maiden claiming screening (second-start early-speed horse), elite trainer form (Cox 31% MSW-to-MCL, 1.87 ROI second-start), and strong jockey support (Ortiz Jr 23% at KEE meet). The HOT pace scenario will produce exact attrition in the final furlong that this horse's ELITE Sustained Speed Rating is engineered to exploit. Despite the 4-1 morning line, the model identifies





significant edge (–1.0% edge projects this as a slight underlay, but the highest-probability horse in the field commands the Win Bet regardless).

VALUE PLAY: Very Gifted — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 5/1-7/1

The model projects Very Gifted at 15% win probability with genuine overlay potential at current 6-1 line. McPeck's elite 14% first-start win rate combined with the explicit finder-spot tag drop signals maximum trainer intent. This first-time starter carries ELITE Sustained Speed Rating profile and will inherit the race if early speed horses fade as expected. At 6-1, the model identifies +0.7% edge — slight but meaningful in a competitive field.

LONGSHOT PLAY: Big Mike Fink — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 5/1+

The model projects Big Mike Fink at 18% win probability but the 3-1 morning line creates significant underlay (–7.0% edge). However, in multi-race sequences where coverage is essential, Big Mike Fink merits inclusion as a live longshot alternative at 5/1 or better. The tactical stalking profile and Walsh trainer form (45% ROI) create legitimate winning probability that the public is undervaluing.

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

- **A: Amazing Max** — 19% win probability
- **B: Very Gifted** — 15% win probability
- **C: Big Mike Fink** — 18% win probability
- **Combined Projected Probability: 52%**

SECTION 7: CONFIDENCE RATING

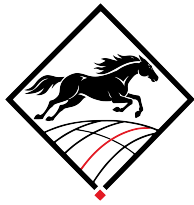
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Summary: The model's highest conviction thesis centers on the HOT pace scenario creating pronounced attrition in the early speed contingent, specifically designed to favor elite closers with ELITE Sustained Speed Rating profiles (Amazing Max, Very Gifted). The model identifies Amazing Max as the highest-probability winner based on second-start improvement signal and elite trainer form, while Very Gifted represents the strongest value at current odds with first-time-starter advantage and McPeck's explicit finder-spot placement signal. The field's early speed horses (Windsock, Chasing Em, Tiz General) carry VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Ratings indicating pace-duel damage in the final furlong — these three will corrupt the pace and surrender to closing types. The primary public mistake is overvaluing Big Mike Fink's morning line (3-1) despite elite form; the model projects this horse as a secondary threat behind Amazing Max, creating a clear wagering opportunity to exploit public misalignment with actual winning probability.

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