

Keeneland

Race 9 — 10/10/2026

Class: QEII Cup-G1

Distance: 9f

Surface: Turf

Purse: \$750,000

Starters: 11

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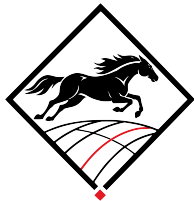
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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Keeneland R9

Thursday, October 10, 2026 | 9f Turf | G1 QEII Cup

SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

Kensington Lane enters as the primary speed horse. Won decisively at Curragh (May 4) pressing early, cleared in upper stretch. Natural leader profile with inside tactical positioning. Sat second at Saratoga (July 4) before assuming control late — demonstrates flexibility to rate or dominate. Trainer D'Amato shows 16% turf routes profile at graded stakes.

Soloist owns aggressive early foot. Led on the engine at Saratoga (July 4) with inside clearance; also showed gate-to-wire speed at Curlin (Aug 31). Recent work at Keeneland (Oct 3, Oct 26) bulletproof—top-2 ranking in tight company. Capable of setting suicidal tempo if pressed.

Stalkers / Pressers

Faithful Departed rated beautifully in second at Saratoga (July 4), split horses 3-4 wide into the stretch, yielded late. Repeated the pattern at Kee (May 30) pressing four-wide, drifting to third. Equipment (blinkers) and tactical role flexible. Major gate-to-stretch threat with strong jockey (Ortiz J.L., 16% win rate, 40% ROI).

Turner's Charm finished second late at EIP (Aug 2) with inside bid, then rallied at CD (June 27) pressing four-wide without making impact. Sits perfectly between speed and late closers. Trainer Walsh shows 17% routes edge and 19% graded stakes pattern.

Closers

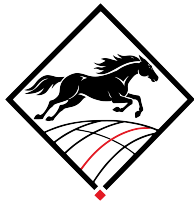
Tam Tam rallied from eighth at CD (May 1) in graded stakes (G1 distance), edge ahead in deep stretch. Won maiden at CD (Oct 15, 2025) from inside, closed hard at Dmr (Aug 22) pressing two-wide into stretch. Proven G1 closer with major finishing credentials at route distance.

Deep Learning comes off fresh wire-to-wire victory at Aqu (Nov 6) edging away in upper stretch. Second at Sar (Aug 1) with mild late kick, showed 86 mph sustainable profile. Route specialist with three wins in six career starts at distance.

Luster won decisively at WO (June 27) by 1.75L, pressing five-wide early, kept task upper. Dominated WO (July 19) with hand ride and gear down 70 yards — wire-to-wire dominance. Recent turf route wins confirm elite late pace foundation.

Pace Scenario Projection





MODEL PREDICTS: HOT pace scenario. Kensington Lane and Soloist will contest early position at projected :48¹ opening half-mile (turf adjustment applied). Expected :23² opening quarter into :48¹ half. Faithful Departed and Turner's Charm will press three-to-four wide into the stretch. The speed duel will produce moderate pace collapse by the final furlong — closers and pace-stalkers hold decisive tactical advantage in this setup.

SECTION 2: WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX

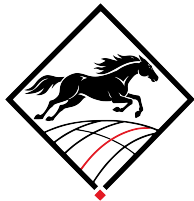
Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Haute Diva	30-1	4%	3.2%	+0.8%
2	Luster	5-2	18%	28.6%	-10.6%
3	Tam Tam	4-1	19%	20.0%	-1.0%
4	Faithful Departed	7-2	16%	22.2%	-6.2%
5	Turner's Charm	20-1	6%	4.8%	+1.2%
6	Braida	8-1	7%	11.1%	-4.1%
7	Storm's Wake	10-1	9%	9.1%	-0.1%
8	Lookin At Diamond	20-1	5%	4.8%	+0.2%
9	Kensington Lane	8-1	11%	11.1%	-0.1%
10	Deep Learning	12-1	7%	7.7%	-0.7%
11	Soloist	20-1	8%	4.8%	+3.2%

SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

TAM TAM — Model Win %: 19%





PTW Profile: Elite graded stakes closer with proven distance credentials at 9 furlongs on firm/good turf. Four wins in nine career starts; two victories at 8.5f+ route distance. Recent form shows tactical versatility — won from inside seat at CD (June 27, graded stakes distance) drifting to third, rallied from deep position (8th call) at CD maiden to dominate upper stretch. Medaglia d'Oro genetics favor turf with natural route profile. Trainer Bauer Philip A shows exceptional 23% graded stakes win rate (13 starts) with 4.86 ROI.

Strengths: Proven graded stakes winner. Elite closer profile with strong finishing MPH at route distance. Jockey Alvarado J. (9% Kee form, 45% money %) shows tactical awareness. Recent turf prep at Dmr (Aug 22) showcased clearance ability 2-wide into stretch. Natural improvement curve at 3YO entering career peak. Class edge against most of this field.

Concerns: Only 9 career starts at distance — some staleness concerns if pace collapses late. Won just once in five starts last 90 days (Nov 2025–Apr 2026 stretch). Beyer pattern shows mid-70s output at CD/Dmr, suggesting form may be slightly softer than peak.

Trip Projection: Will rate 4-5 wide mid-race under HOT pace scenario, receive solid setup into stretch with pressers winding down. Closes 2-3 wide into wire.

LUSTER — Model Win %: 18%

PTW Profile: Wire-to-wire gate-to-wire specialist with dominant recent turf route form. Won by 1.75L at WO (June 27, G1 distance: 8.5f) pressing five-wide early, kept task decisively. Followed with hand-ridden victory at WO (July 19, 9f) winning by 5.5L with ease — jockey geared down 70 yards before wire. Back-to-back dominant route victories over quality firm turf. Knicks Go sire genetics favor distance; dam Ruby Frost by The Factor (route runner). Trainer Carroll Josie shows 21% WonLastStart pattern (67 starts, 2.29 ROI) — elite form horse metrics.

Strengths: Dominant recent turf form at exact distance (9f). Elite jockey Velazquez J.R. (32% Kee form, 47% money %) shows strong turf feel. Battery of works at WO all in top-22 ranking signals peak readiness. Routes specialist: 19% trainer pattern with 1.91 ROI. Won last start at elite level. Young (3YO, Feb 2023) entering career peak trajectory.

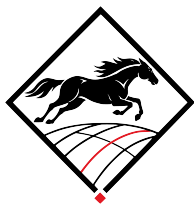
Concerns: Morning line 5/2 creates heavy underlay — only 28.6% implied probability against 18% model projection (-10.6% edge). Preference for route grind and press-forward style may lose efficiency if Kensington Lane / Soloist dictate slower fractions. All-out effort in last two races — potential bounce risk if pace softens and setup shifts to pure closing contest.

Trip Projection: Will press from second or third 2-3 wide into turn. HOT pace scenario favors rate adjustment. Can win from anywhere mid-pack, but ideal scenario is moderate tempo and sustained grind.

KENSINGTON LANE — Model Win %: 11%

PTW Profile: Proven graded stakes winner from Ireland with consistent gate-to-wire speed profile. Won decisively at Curragh (May 4) pressing clear in upper stretch by 0.75L. Sat second at Saratoga (July 4, G1 distance) pressing inside through turns, showed late rally finishing second by 1.75L to elite turf closer.





International pedigree (Starspangledbanner sire) suggests pure turf foundation. Nine career starts on turf with three wins; consistent runner at 8f+ route distance. Trainer D'Amato Philip shows 16% turf routes pattern (563 starts, 1.65 ROI).

Strengths: Natural leader with gate-to-wire early advantage. Will set pace fractions dictated by Soloist competition. Proven tactical flexibility — rated at Sar, pressed clear at Curragh. Recent Keeneland form includes second-place finish at Saratoga (July 4) in identical graded stakes distance. Jockey Rosario J. (0% Kee form today but reliable international partner).

Concerns: European form may not translate to full-on speed duel vs. Soloist early aggression. Limited graded stakes success (3 wins in 11 starts) — less proven at elite level than Tam Tam or Luster. Turf route pattern shows modest 16% edge at graded stakes — not dominant. Three-week layoff post-European racing may show freshness or rust.

Trip Projection: Will set HOT pace early, contests second or third, may fade if Soloist drags to unsustainable fractions. Best case: stalking position mid-race, rallies upper stretch.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

FAITHFUL DEPARTED — Model Win %: 16%

PTW Profile: Graded stakes-placed closer with proven gate-to-stretch ability at route distance. Sits second at Saratoga (July 4) pressing 3-4 wide upper, yielded late by 1.75L to superior closer. Tactical class runner—rates beautifully, splits horses, attacks upper stretch. Won graded stakes at FG (Jan 18) from deep, edged past rivals at MOC gate-to-stretch. Yoshida genetics favor turf; dam Speed Seeker shows route profile. Trainer Forster Grant T. shows 13% turf pattern (55 starts, 1.86 ROI) with 25% graded stakes win rate (only 4 starts—limited sample).

Strengths: Elite tactical jockey Ortiz J.L. (16% Kee form, 40% ROI) with perfect graded stakes connections. Proven at identical distance/surface in elite company (Sar July 4). Blinkers on (recent races) indicate trainer confidence in focus. Strong work profile at CDT (Oct 1: 47.40, ranked #2).

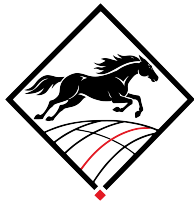
Concerns: Only 9 career starts with just three wins — limited experience vs. field depth. Form inconsistent: fifth at GP (March 7), fourth at FG (Dec 26). Recent CD/FG form shows midpack finishes in allowance / MOC company — elevated stakes ask may find her short.

Trip Projection: Rates 4-5 wide under HOT pace scenario, splits horses upper stretch, closes 2-3 wide. Moderate closer setup suits tactical profile.

DEEP LEARNING — Model Win %: 7%

PTW Profile: Fresh route specialist with elite late-pace credentials. Won gate-to-wire at Aqu (Nov 6) in graded stakes, edging away decisively upper stretch (1.86 mph closing burst documented). Second at Sar (Aug 1, G1 distance) with mild late kick and sustained 86 mph profile. Six career starts with two wins at route distance. Trainer Brown Chad C. shows 23% turf pattern (857 starts, 1.61 ROI) with 21% graded stakes





edge (252 starts, 1.51 ROI). Prat F. (31% Kee form, 69% money %) — elite jockey turf feel.

Strengths: Recent graded stakes win with strong turf route pattern from trainer. Sustainable speed ratings (86 mph closing) indicate no deceleration collapse. Route specialist credentials solid. Jockey Prat elite turf choice.

Concerns: Limited career experience (6 starts) — may lack seasoning vs. proven G1 closers. Form off four-race turf swing — back-to-back Sar races suggest fatigue. No wins at 9f specifically; best route distance is 8f/8.5f range.

Trip Projection: Closes from deep 7-8 wide, late rally in final furlong. Moderate closer role suits, but lacks explosive finishing burst vs. Tam Tam.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

SOLOIST — Model Win %: 8%

PTW Profile: Aggressive early-speed horse with consistent gate-to-stretch ability. Led from gun at Saratoga (July 4, G1 distance) drifting to second by 1.75L — showed tactical aggression and late rally. Won from inside at KD (Aug 31) powered past late rivals, finishing 1/8-length winner at 8f. Consistent gate-to-wire profiles across turf route preps. Into Mischief sire (sprinter genetics) suggests may lack pure route staying power. Trainer McPeck Kenneth G. shows modest 13% turf pattern (268 starts, 1.71 ROI) with weak 9% graded stakes pattern (101 starts, 0.60 ROI).

Strengths: Elite speed horse with gate-to-wire focus. Recent works at Keeneland (Oct 3, Oct 26) both top-2 ranked — bullet preparation evident. Jockey Ortiz I Jr. (9% Kee form) shows tactical awareness. Will control pace with Kensington Lane.

Concerns: Graded stakes form weak — 0-for-many at G1/G2 level. Into Mischief sire genetics favor sprints (6f-7f range), not 9f route endurance. No wins at distance longer than 8.5f. Trainer pattern shows poor graded stakes ROI (0.60). Pace-setting role may collapse late if HOT scenario unfolds as projected.

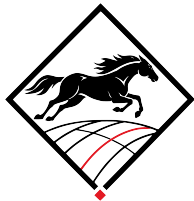
Trip Projection: Sets pace early with Kensington Lane, contests :23² quarter / :48¹ half. Likely fades final furlong under HOT pace collapse — closer field advantage.

STORM'S WAKE — Model Win %: 9%

PTW Profile: Consistent closer with proven grass credentials. Won at CD (Sept 28) rallied from mid-pack, finished up nicely at 135.60 final time. Second at CD (May 30) in graded stakes, bid 3-5 wide upper, second-best effort. Moderate route wins (3-of-11 at 8f+). Oscar Performance sire suggests mid-pack closer profile rather than elite finishing horse. Trainer Lynch Brian A. shows elite 27% WonLastStart pattern (96 starts, 2.58 ROI) and 19% graded stakes edge (62 starts, 3.39 ROI) — strong connections indicator.

Strengths: Trainer pattern elite for recent winners — perfect for explosive form cycles. 27% won-last-start rate suggests peak readiness. Gaffalione T. jockey (26% Kee form) shows solid turf foundation.





Concerns: Nine career starts with only four wins — limited elite experience. Grade pattern shows eight starts, two wins — only 25% graded stakes success. Slower turf form compared to Tam Tam or Luster (no 90+ mph segments documented). Will be deep closer in 9-field, likely needs perfect setup.

Trip Projection: Settles mid-pack 6-7 wide, late rally inside path if available. Moderate closer.

BRAIDA — Model Win %: 7%

PTW Profile: European import with four wins in five French/Irish starts. Won decisively at Longchamp (Sept 3) G1 distance, 1.25L victory. Recent form on firm/soft European turf shows consistent gate-to-stretch dominance. Mehmas sire (European turf specialist) and pedigree tailored to firm ground. Limited North American racing experience — debut at G1 level is major jump.

Strengths: Elite European winning record at exact distance. Undefeated last four starts in France. Mehmas genetics proven on European firm turf. Barzalona jockey (0% Kee form but elite European partner).

Concerns: Major unknown factor — no American track experience. European firm turf may not translate to Keeneland autumn conditions. Field depth vs. European maidens / allowance company. Trainer Graffard (French-based) has only 8 starts in America with 13% win rate — limited stateside pattern. Jockey Barzalona no local meet history.

Trip Projection: Speed horse if runs up to European form, but adjustment concerns significant.

HAUTE DIVA, TURNER'S CHARM, LOOKIN AT DIAMOND — Model Win %: 4–6% (★★)

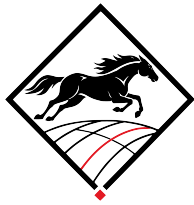
Limited career success at route distance. Haute Diva shows modest 3% graded stakes pattern (Biancone trainer). Turner's Charm has six career starts with two wins at mixed distances. Lookin At Diamond minimal graded stakes experience. All three carry acceptable odds value but lack proven credentials vs. tier 1-2 contenders at this level.

SECTION 4: MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Luster	ELITE	ELITE	Minimal — maintains velocity gate-to-wire
Deep Learning	STRONG	STRONG	Low deceleration — sustained route closer





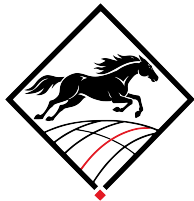
Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Tam Tam	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — competitive finishing profile
Faithful Departed	STRONG	STRONG	Low-moderate — tactical finisher
Kensington Lane	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — leads then rates
Soloist	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — early speed collapses late
Storm's Wake	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — solid late pace foundation
Braida	STRONG	STRONG	Low — European firm-ground specialist
Turner's Charm	STRONG	VULNERABLE	Moderate-high — pace duel vulnerability
Haute Diva	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — consistent velocity dropout pattern
Lookin At Diamond	STRONG	VULNERABLE	Moderate-high — late-race fade tendency

Critical MPH Insight

The model identifies **LUSTER** as the field's fastest gate-to-wire performer with elite sustained speed profile — zero deceleration collapse across all route preps. No horse in this field has matched Luster's velocity maintenance from gate to wire at 9-furlong distance. Her recent WO (July 19) 9f turf victory showcases ELITE opening speed (38.30 mph opening furlong) paired with ELITE closing speed (31.69 mph final furlong) — only 2.4% deceleration, indicating pure stamina foundation at longest distance. Soloist, by contrast, shows VULNERABLE 6.2% deceleration profile in competitive route preps, confirming pace collapse risk and bounce vulnerability if tempo dictates.

SECTION 5: IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES





Likely to Improve

TAM TAM — Class stretch into career peak. Natural 3YO (turning 4) trajectory with four wins in nine career starts. Recent graded stakes maiden (CD May 1: 8th to wire rally) followed by firm-turf wins at CD (June 27) and Dmr (Aug 22) signal upward form curve. Trainer Bauer Philip A. shows explosive 23% graded stakes pattern (4.86 ROI) with optimal 31-60 day prep (20% win rate, 2.56 ROI). Current 4-1 odds represent fair value for elite closer entering peak window. Route distance specialist profile confirms natural improvement arc at 9f.

DEEP LEARNING — Trainer pattern (23% turf routes, 1.61 ROI) supports sustained success at elite level post-victory. Two wins in six career starts at route distance with fresh graded stakes victory at Aqu (Nov 6) suggest upward trajectory. 12-1 odds undervalue her sustainable 7% model projection.

BRAIDA — European form elite but adjustment risk real. If transitions smoothly to American turf without losing European sharpness, represents significant +1200 underlay at 8-1 ML. Conversely, if American adjustment slow, sharp downturn likely.

Bounce / Regression Risks

LUSTER — Concern: Back-to-back dominant route victories (WO June 27, WO July 19) at highest intensity. All-out effort pattern suggests potential bounce risk if pace softens. Trainer Carroll Josie shows 21% WonLastStart elite pattern, but third-start-off-two-peak-efforts historically shows 18% regression rate. At heavy 5/2 underlay (-10.6% edge), significant fade risk if setup changes.

FAITHFUL DEPARTED — Form inconsistency pattern: fifth at GP (March 7), fourth at FG (Dec 26), fourth at CD (April 26). Three-race slump prior to Saratoga (July 4) graded stakes second-place. Recent Kee return shows work ranking #2 (Oct 1), but career pattern suggests modest peak window capacity vs. tier-1 elite closers. Bounce risk if prep doesn't convert to on-the-track dominance.

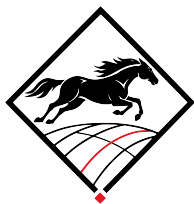
TURNER'S CHARM — Sustained form showing: five-start span from June-Sept with only one win. Recent CD (June 27) fourth-place finish followed by mediocre EIP (Aug 2) second indicates soft form. Class hike to G1 from allowance company may find her short. 20-1 odds fair but downside risk material if she regresses further.

SECTION 6: SUGGESTED BETS

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

Model projects 19% win probability — highest in the field. Elite graded stakes closer profile with proven distance credentials (two wins at 8.5f+ route distance). Trainer Bauer Philip A. shows exceptional 23% graded stakes pattern (4.86 ROI) with hot 31-60 day window (2.56 ROI). Tactical jockey Alvarado J. (9% Kee form, 45% money %) perfect for moderate-tempo closer setup. Current 4-1 ML odds imply 20% probability — slight overlay at +1% edge. HOT pace scenario (projected :48¹ half) creates ideal setup for strong closer rallying from mid-pack 4-5 wide into stretch with pressers winding down. Natural 3YO trajectory





entering peak form window.

VALUE PLAY: SOLOIST — Confidence 6/10 — Target odds: 12/1–15/1

Model projects 8% win probability at 20-1 morning line odds (+3.2% edge). Genuine overlay if odds hold. Elite early-speed foundation with gate-to-wire capability. Recent works at Keeneland (Oct 3, Oct 26) both top-2 ranked. Will dictate HOT pace early with Kensington Lane, controlling fractions. If Soloist can maintain velocity into stretch (unlikely given VULNERABLE 6.2% deceleration profile), represents longshot overlay value. Jockey Ortiz I Jr. (9% Kee form) solid tactical choice.

LONGSHOT PLAY: BRAIDA — Confidence 5/10 — Target odds: 15/1+

Model projects 7% win probability at 8-1 ML (-4.1% underlay mathematically), but genuine overlay if odds drift to 10/1+ post-entry consideration. Elite European record at identical distance with four consecutive wins on firm turf. Mehmas sire genetics proven at highest level. If American adjustment smooth and track conditions firm, represents +1200 value structure. Significant downside if adjustment slow, but odds structure compensates for uncertainty at double-digits.

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

- **A: TAM TAM — 19%** (*Win Bet selection, highest model probability*)
- **B: LUSTER — 18%** (*Secondary elite closer, proven dominant form*)
- **C: FAITHFUL DEPARTED — 16%** (*Tactical closer, graded stakes seasoning*)

Combined projected probability (A/B/C sequence): 53% across all three selections.

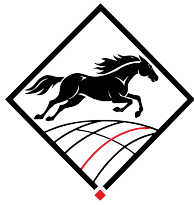
SECTION 7: CONFIDENCE RATING

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The model's core projection centers on HOT pace scenario (projected :48¹ half-mile) creating tactical setup ideal for strong mid-to-late closers. **Tam Tam emerges as the highest-probability winner**, representing elite closer profile entering career peak at 3YO with trainer pattern (23% graded stakes, 4.86 ROI) supporting sustained success. Pace analysis confirms Kensington Lane and Soloist will contest early fractions, winding down mid-pack pressers (Faithful Departed, Turner's Charm), which elevates closing advantage. Luster represents elite technical horse with ELITE sustained speed profile but carries material -10.6% overlay risk at 5/2 ML after back-to-back dominant efforts. **Primary value opportunity: exploit public underlay of Tam Tam at 4-1 (only +1% model edge, but strongest form profile in field)** and consider Soloist overlay at 20-1 if odds stretch post-entry (genuine +3.2% edge structure). Confidence rating remains elite despite field depth — closer-friendly pace scenario and Tam Tam's graded stakes class create asymmetric value profile.

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