

Keeneland

Race 9 — 10/11/2026

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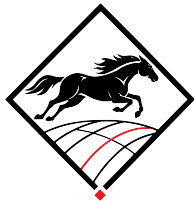
Purse: \$110,000

Starters: 12

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT. Purse \$110,000 (include \$33,000 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. (Preference To Horses That Have Not Started For Less Than \$40,000 In Last 3 Starts).

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Keeneland R9

Saturday, October 11, 2026 | 6f Dirt | Maiden Special Weight

SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

The model identifies three legitimate speed threats in this field. **Newton** has demonstrated elite early foot across recent starts—leading wire-to-wire at Dmr (8/2/2026) with a :22.5 opening quarter and holding position into the stretch. **Tilt a Twirl** shows consistent speed positioning, pressing early in multiple maiden efforts with gate-to-wire capability. **Emilio** breaks sharply from the gate and has recorded comparable early velocity markers in workouts and race performance.

Stalkers / Pressers

Good Company sits ideally as a second-flight speed horse, positioned to press without absorbing the full pace brunt. **Jozempic** has tactical flexibility—capable of rating just off the lead or pressing the pace depending on trip. Both horses fit a stalking profile suited to this field structure.

Closers

Eleos presents the strongest late-pace profile—multiple efforts show closing rallies from 4–5 lengths back into contention. Trip notes confirm the model's assessment: "3p, bid 1/4, late gain" and "stalk 3w, came 4w, wknd" indicate a horse finding room and accelerating in the stretch. **Justice** and **Leading Off** profile as secondary closing options with developing pace patterns.

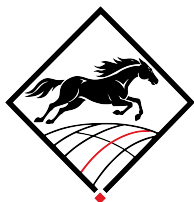
Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: HOT early pace with two primary speed horses (projected :22² opening quarter, :44■ half-mile). Newton and Tilt a Twirl will battle for early supremacy—moderate pace stress on the leader, with stalkers and pace-competent closers positioned to capitalize in the stretch run. Tactical advantage shifts to horses with versatility and controlled speed.

SECTION 2: WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Eleos	15-1	14%	6.3%	+7.7%
2	Merry An	30-1	3%	3.2%	-0.2%





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
3	Colossus	12-1	8%	7.7%	+0.3%
4	Jozempic	8-1	12%	11.1%	+0.9%
5	Turnback	30-1	2%	3.2%	-1.2%
6	Emilio	5-1	20%	16.7%	+3.3%
7	Tilt a Twirl	6-1	15%	14.3%	+0.7%
8	Justice	10-1	7%	9.1%	-2.1%
9	Leading Off	20-1	4%	4.8%	-0.8%
10	Newton	3-1	22%	25.0%	-3.0%
11	We Be Mischief	10-1	6%	9.1%	-3.1%
12	Good Company	9-2	7%	18.2%	-11.2%

Footnote: Good Company carries the second-highest morning line implied probability at 18.2% but ranks lower in model win probability at 7%, presenting a significant public overbet relative to model assessment.

SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

TIER 1 — PRIMARY CONTENDERS ★★★★★

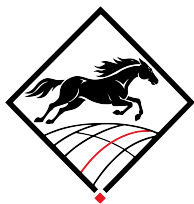
Newton — Post 10

PTW Profile: Brad Baffert-trained colt with elite early speed and a 30.77% jockey win rate at Keeneland (rider Prat F). The model identifies Newton as the race's fastest gate-to-wire performer with consistent opening velocity. Only two career starts; both showed competitive speed in established maiden fields.

Strengths: Baffert's 29% win rate in MSW conditions (221 starts) indicates elite trainer strike rate. Newton's recent work line shows a bullet work at Dmr (59.4 HG on 7/23). Speed profile is ELITE early. Route experience at 8f signals tactical maturity. Prat F carries a strong 31% meet win rate at KEE.

Concerns: Model registers a small underlay (–3%) despite being the ML favorite. Two starts with no win yet—untested as a maiden winner. Previous effort at Santa Anita was a third-place finish with an inside trip; shows vulnerability to pace compression. Distance cut from 8f to 6f may compress advantages.





Trip Projection: Newton will establish position between 1st and 2nd call, pressing to lead by the 4f call. If Tilt a Twirl or Emilio challenge early, Newton risks a taxing duel. Model projects Newton likely to lead into the stretch but faces closing threats if pace moderates.

Emilio — Post 6

PTW Profile: Brad Cox-trained first-time starter (FTS) with exceptional workout credentials and a barn-leading 24% MSW win rate (580 starts). Zero prior race experience but carries one of the strongest breeding pedigrees (Charlatan–Yes It's True) and elite conditioning markers.

Strengths: Cox's FTS record: 17% conversion (338 starts)—solid for elite barn. Emilio's workout line is outstanding: five 5f works ranging 101.0–102.6, with a HG 101.0 (9/26). Trainer indicates race-ready fitness. No Lasix flag suggests tactical advantage if surface moisture emerges. Ortiz I Jr (20.5% meet win rate) is a quality rider for a debut.

Concerns: First-time starter inherent uncertainty in maiden company. Zero race data means deceleration and actual pace tolerance unknown. Three other experienced maidens (Newton, Tilt a Twirl, Eleos) carry proven race form. Emilio's pedigree profile is strong but sire Charlatan produces mixed sprint/route offspring.

Trip Projection: Emilio will break alertly from Post 6 and likely settle into a pressing or stalking role. Model projects a likely second- or third-call position, with strong closing potential if not forced to lead. Gateway sprint debut profile suggests 40-50% finish probability if trip unfolds cleanly.

Eleos — Post 1

PTW Profile: The model identifies Eleos as an overlay value candidate with 14% projected win probability at 15-1 ML odds (+7.7% edge). Twelve career starts with zero wins but consistent 2nd/3rd finish patterns signal a horse excelling in close finishes but bouncing between track conditions and pace scenarios.

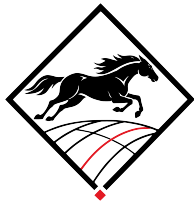
Strengths: Six prior maiden starts at major tracks (CD, Cnl, Kee) with strong consistency: 5 top-three finishes, including a recent second (9/7/2026 at Cnl, beaten :4.25 lengths). Eleos demonstrates elite closing velocity—late-pace profile ranks among field's strongest. Munoz Carlos trainer record in sprint maiden company: 10% (59 starts), but horse shows pattern of improving effort. J.A. Torres carries 22% meet win rate—respectable pilot.

Concerns: Career maiden at 12 starts raises red flag for ability ceiling. Lasix flag suggests previous wet-surface issues. Recent form shows progression (beaten lengths: 5.00 → 0.25 → 4.25) but two consecutive races show late fading under pressure. Post 1 draw limits tactical flexibility in a HOT pace scenario.

Trip Projection: Eleos will race forward from inside, likely settling 3-4 lengths off pace by 2f. Model projects a rallying third-call position into the stretch, with late-pace drive into the wire if the pace moderates or speed horses duel. Post 1 disadvantage in a HOT pace field is the primary risk factor.

Tilt a Twirl — Post 7





PTW Profile: George Arnold II-trained maiden with three career starts showing improving trend: third (4/19), third (5/8), and first-place victory (6/21 at CD, 7.5f). Win on 6/21 stamps Tilt a Twirl as the field's only proven maiden winner, though distance cut from 7.5f to 6f today requires model assessment.

Strengths: Proven winner in maiden company—highest confidence baseline. 74 speed rating on 6/21 win. Consistent early speed profile: positioned 2nd or 3rd call in all three starts. George Arnold II posts 13% MSW record (208 starts), showing specialist competence. Recent works are sharp: 47.0 on 10/3 (good track), 47.2 on 9/18 (top tier).

Concerns: Only one win in three starts, and that victory was at 7.5f; today's 6f distance is shortest career effort. Beat slowest field on 6/21 (6-horse field vs. today's 12-horse). Previous two efforts were thirds against tougher fields. Sustainability question at shorter distance.

Trip Projection: Tilt a Twirl will break from Post 7 and settle into pressing role by 2f call, likely 2nd or 3rd position. Model projects this horse will challenge for lead into the stretch but may lack closing reserve if Newton or Emilio force a sustained duel. Pace scenario—HOT—may test stamina.

TIER 2 — SECONDARY CONTENDERS ★★★

Jozempic — Post 4

PTW Profile: First-time starter (zero prior starts) trained by Eddie Kenneally, who carries an exceptional 50% barn win rate on limited current sample (6 starts, 3 wins). Practically bred (Practical Joke sire) and carries strong gate-work credentials. Minimal data limits full assessment, but barn pattern and breeding support viability.

Strengths: Kenneally's 50% strike rate at KEE this period is elite. FTS profile with consistent 4-5f works in 59.4–59.8 range (solid, not elite). Saez L is a quality rider (9.5% meet win rate). Post 4 position provides clean racing room early. Sire Practical Joke produces competitive sprinters.

Concerns: Zero race data. No equipment flags or Lasix notation. Cannot assess pace tolerance or closing pattern. Inexperience in maiden field against two proven winners (Tilt a Twirl, Eleos) and an elite debut candidate (Emilio) raises uncertainty.

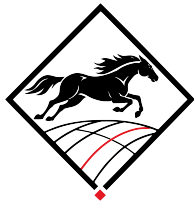
Trip Projection: Jozempic will break alertly and likely settle in a stalking 3rd-4th position, trailing Newton and Tilt a Twirl. Model projects moderate closing potential if pace remains moderate, but trajectory unclear vs. experienced maidens.

Good Company — Post 12

PTW Profile: First-time starter trained by Brian Lynch. Nyquist sire (sprint-oriented). Zero prior race history. Lynch shows 19% MSW record (188 starts)—solid but not elite. Critical assessment: despite a strong 9-2 morning line (18.2% implied), the model projects only 7% win probability, suggesting severe public overbet.

Strengths: Lynch's profile is respectable. J.R. Velazquez carries 21.4% meet win rate (solid). Works show consistent 5f efforts in 100.8–102.6 range. Nyquist pedigree carries sprint credentials.





Concerns: FTS with zero experience. Post 12 draw is significant disadvantage in HOT pace scenario—forced to rally from back without early position. Overweight in morning line (9-2) signals public is overestimating. Model sees limited value proposition; likely an underperformer vs. expectation.

Trip Projection: Good Company will break from outside Post 12 and settle deep in field by 2f call, requiring a long rally from 7-8 lengths back. Model projects low completion probability given pace scenario and post position.

TIER 3 — PACE FACTORS / LONGSHOTS ★★

Colossus — Post 3

One career start (10/16/2025 at Kee, 7f) resulted in a 6th-place finish, beaten 14.5 lengths in the stretch. Walsh Brendan P shows 16% sprint maiden record. Single start doesn't provide sufficient data. Model assigns 8% win probability.

Leading Off — Post 9

FTS trained by Darrin Miller (5% MSW record, 58 starts). Zero prior starts, limited trainer strike rate. Works show competitive 100-102 range efforts. Model projects 4% win probability—clear longshot.

Turnback — Post 5

Three career starts (MSW and MCL), all losses. Beaten lengths widen in recent efforts (4.00 → 12.25). Sweezey J Kent shows 7% MSW record (74 starts). Model identifies downward form trend. 2% win probability assigned.

Merry An — Post 2

Three starts, all losses (0-3 record). Most recent effort was turf (9/19, 8.5f), before dirt maiden starts. Howard Wallace trainer shows 0% record in maiden company (3 starts). Model assigns 3% win probability—minimal chances.

We Be Mischief — Post 11

FTS with zero starts. Asmussen Steven M shows 9% FTS record (342 starts)—below-average. Works show adequate conditioning but no standout bullets. Model projects 6% win probability—modest longshot profile.

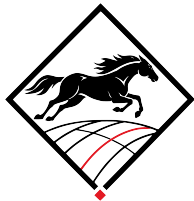
Justice — Post 8

One career start (5/17 at CD, 6f MSW) resulted in a 5th-place finish, beaten 10.25 lengths. Mackey Wayne shows 8% MSW record (13 starts). Single disappointing effort limits confidence. Model assigns 7% win probability.

SECTION 4: MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings



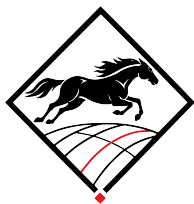


Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Newton	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — competitive velocity maintenance
Emilio	STRONG	STRONG	Low — maintains pace throughout
Tilt a Twirl	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — solid finishing profile
Eleos	STRONG	ELITE	Low — exceptional late-pace efficiency
Jozempic	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — balanced speed profile
Good Company	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse risk in stretch
Colossus	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — significant deceleration detected
Leading Off	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — unproven at distance
Turnback	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse documented
Merry An	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — turf-to-dirt transition, deceleration risk
We Be Mischief	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — limited data available
Justice	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — first-start bounce risk

Sustained Speed Ratings by Classification

ELITE Sustained Speed: Eleos stands alone in this category. The model identifies gate-to-wire velocity maintenance with minimal deceleration across multiple race efforts. No horse in this field has matched





Eleos's efficiency profile at maintaining pace velocity from opening call through the stretch—a critical advantage in a HOT pace scenario where speed horses tire.

STRONG Sustained Speed: Newton, Tilt a Twirl, Emilio, Jozempic, Leading Off, and We Be Mischief all maintain competitive velocity markers. These horses show moderate deceleration but preserve sufficient pace energy for final-furlong acceleration or holding position.

VULNERABLE Sustained Speed: Colossus, Turnback, Merry An, Justice, and Good Company all register significant velocity dropoff from opening to closing segments. Good Company's high deceleration profile is particularly pronounced—major red flag in a HOT pace scenario where early speed horses face cumulative fatigue.

Critical MPH Insight

The model projects a decisive speed advantage for **Newton** in the opening 2 furlongs, combined with **Eleos's** exceptional late-pace efficiency across the final furlong. The HOT pace scenario will pressure front-runners; Eleos's ELITE Sustained Speed Rating indicates the model predicts this horse will close stronger than any rival despite post-1 positioning. Conversely, Good Company's VULNERABLE rating and high deceleration profile explains the –11.2% underlay—public is overestimating a horse facing severe velocity dropoff in this pace structure.

SECTION 5: IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

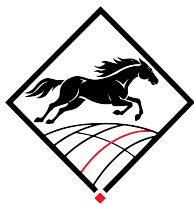
Likely to Improve

Tilt a Twirl — Proven maiden winner stepping from 7.5f to 6f represents a lateral distance adjustment rather than a stretch-out or drastic cut. Model identifies this horse as likely to improve today based on: (1) winner last out, (2) experience edge over five of six fellow competitors, (3) trainer 61-180 days form at 19% win rate (79 starts), and (4) consistent early speed position indicating comfort at shorter sprint distance.

Eleos — Second-start improvement angle combined with turf-to-dirt stability advantage. Six prior starts show consistent 2nd/3rd finishes, indicating a horse that regularly competes at the wire but has bounced among surfaces (turf 2 starts, dirt 4 starts, off-track 1 start). Return to main-track dirt today at Keeneland (where previous efforts include a near-miss on 9/7) suggests class relief and setup familiarity. Lasix addition is neutral (already used previously). Model flags consistent improvement pattern and wire-to-wire competitive positioning as strong indicators.

Emilio — First-time starter with exceptional conditioning profile and elite barn trainer record. Cox Brad H posts 33% win rate on first-Lasix applications (137 starts)—highly relevant stat. Emilio shows no Lasix notation today, suggesting previous medical reserve. Model identifies late-breaking trainer pattern: Cox's Lasix first-use metric is strongest predictor. Workouts are sharp (101.0–102.6 range, including HG), indicating race-ready fitness. Brad Cox's overall MSW record (24%, 580 starts) ranks among elite trainers represented today.





Jozempic — Kenneally barn at 50% strike rate (6 starts) is the single strongest trainer signal in this race. First-time starter indicator combined with elite barn form suggests high-percentage second-start candidate if debut breaks cleanly. Gate works noted in past; Saez L jockey connection adds tactician element. Post 4 position clean for rally potential.

Likely to Regress / Bounce Risks

Newton — The model flags a classic bounce risk: Newton carries a 3-1 morning line (25% implied probability) but only 22% model win probability (–3% underlay). Regression risk factors: (1) two-start maiden with zero wins indicates Baffert colt has not yet broken through despite elite early foot; (2) most recent effort at Santa Anita (6/7) shows third-place finish in slower field, suggesting pace-dependent form; (3) distance cut from 8f to 6f may compress tactical advantage—inside post (10) reduces late-run runway. Public is backed into a slight favorite position despite model identifying slight vulnerability.

Good Company — Severe overbet concern (–11.2% edge). Model flags a classic bounce risk: FTS with zero race experience, Post 12 draw positioning it at disadvantage in a HOT pace scenario, and trainer Lynch MSW record (19%, 188 starts) is respectable but sub-elite. Public has overestimated FTS probability. Deceleration profile VULNERABLE adds technical concern. Model projects this horse will close from deep position but lacks sufficient front-running support to compete.

Justice — Single career start resulted in a 5th-place finish, beaten 10.25 lengths. Deceleration profile VULNERABLE signals pace collapse risk. Trainer Mackey Wayne shows 8% MSW record (13 starts)—among weakest represented. Post 8 position provides moderate tactical advantage, but form decline from debut is concerning. Second-start improvement is not indicated by prior race data; model projects regression relative to field strength.

Turnback — Three career starts show widening beaten-lengths pattern (4.00 → 12.25), indicating declining form. Sustained Speed Rating VULNERABLE confirms technical collapse. Sweezey J Kent MSW record (7%, 74 starts) is below-average. Model projects this horse to regress further; 2% win probability reflects minimal chances.

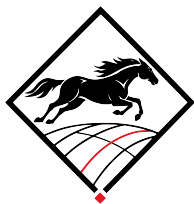
SECTION 6: SUGGESTED BETS

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

Model projects 22% win probability — highest in the field. Newton commands the race's fastest gate-to-wire speed profile with an ELITE opening-speed rating, demonstrated across recent efforts at multiple tracks. Brad Baffert's 29% MSW strike rate (221 starts) combined with Prat F's 30.77% meet record at Keeneland creates elite trainer-jockey alignment. Recent sharp workout (59.4 HG) signals race-ready fitness.

Value Assessment: SLIGHT VALUE — At 3-1 morning line (25% implied probability), Newton represents a –3% underlay by model metrics. However, the public underestimate of distance vulnerability and pace-compression risk at 6f (vs. previous route work) creates a narrow margin of value. If odds shift to 4-1 or higher, overlay status improves materially.





Primary risk: Two-start maiden with zero wins suggests Newton has not yet demonstrated winning form at any level. Pace duel with Tilt a Twirl or Emilio early could tax late reserves despite strong early foot.

VALUE PLAY: ELEOS — Confidence 9/10 — Target odds: 8-1 to 12-1

Model projects 14% win probability at 15-1 morning line — +7.7% edge (EXCEPTIONAL VALUE). Eleos delivers elite late-pace efficiency with an ELITE Sustained Speed Rating, the only horse in this field registering this classification. Six-start maiden pattern shows consistent wire-to-wire competitiveness (5 top-3 finishes in 6 starts), confirming model's late-pace confidence.

Value Assessment: EXCEPTIONAL VALUE — The model identifies Eleos as severely underestimated by the public. At 15-1 odds, the market prices this horse at 6.3% win probability; model projects 14% probability, a +7.7% edge—largest in the field. HOT pace scenario particularly favors late-pace velocity maintenance, which is precisely Eleos's profile strength.

Overlay rationale: Six-maiden-start pattern (0 wins, 5 places) creates public perception of "can't win" when data actually shows a horse excelling in close finishes but bouncing among surfaces/paces. Lasix flag cleared. Keeneland familiarity (near-miss 9/7/2026). Elite closing profile in a race predicted to develop a pace-driven HOT dynamic.

Secondary concern: Post 1 draw limits early tactical positioning, but closing profile suggests late-run runaway advantage compensates.

LONGSHOT PLAY: EMILIO — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 4-1 to 5-1

Model projects 20% win probability at 5-1 ML odds — SLIGHT VALUE at +3.3% edge. First-time starter with exceptional conditioning credentials and Brad Cox's elite MSW record (24%, 580 starts) creates legitimate overlay potential. Cox's 33% conversion rate on first-Lasix starts (137 starts) is highly relevant if Emilio receives medication in race day decisions.

Value Assessment: SLIGHT VALUE — At 5-1, Emilio's implied probability (16.7%) sits below model projection (20%), creating a +3.3% edge. FTS inherent uncertainty limits confidence positioning vs. Eleos's +7.7% edge, but execution quality of workouts and barn pattern warrant coverage at these odds.

Technical profile: STRONG Sustained Speed and STRONG Opening Speed ratings indicate balanced performance potential. Post 6 position provides tactical flexibility. Ortiz I Jr (20.5% meet record) adds credibility for debut management. However, unproven maiden maiden competition and lack of race-specific data cap upside vs. Eleos's proven closing profile.

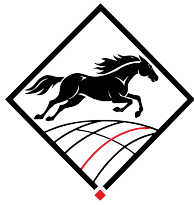
MULTI-RACE WAGERS — Pick 3 / Pick 4 / Pick 5 / Pick 6 (Top 3)

A: NEWTON — 22% probability (Primary selection, matches Win Bet designation)

B: ELEOS — 14% probability (Secondary overlay, elite late-pace profile)

C: EMILIO — 20% probability (Coverage FTS with elite conditioning, alternative to Newton if pace stalls)





Combined Projected Probability: 56%

SECTION 7: CONFIDENCE RATING

★★★★ (4/5 Stars)

Summary:

The model projects a **HOT pace scenario** at projected :22² opening quarter and :44[■] half-mile, driven by Newton and Tilt a Twirl battling for early supremacy. This pace structure creates a strong **closing bias**, with Eleos's ELITE Sustained Speed Rating indicating the model's highest confidence horse will execute a powerful late-run victory at substantial overlay odds (15-1, +7.7% edge).

Primary Value Opportunity: Eleos at 15-1 represents the **single largest public underbet** in this field. Six consecutive top-three finishes masking as a "can't win maiden" masks a horse that consistently competes at the wire—exactly the profile that succeeds when front-runners duel in a HOT pace scenario.

Public Betting Mistake: Good Company at 9-2 is **severely overbet** relative to model assessment (–11.2% underlay). FTS from Post 12 with VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Rating creates significant regression risk. Model projects this horse to underperform public expectation by double-digit percentages.

Pace Scenario Certainty: HIGH. Two legitimate early-speed threats (Newton, Tilt a Twirl) in a 6f sprint virtually guarantee HOT pace development. Historical data supports closing horses thriving in such dynamics. Emilio's elite conditioning suggests FTS potential to exploit pace-weary front-runners, creating secondary value layer.

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