Churchill Downs

Race 1 — 11/01/2026

Class: Md 100000

Distance: 5f

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $72,000

Claiming Price: $100,000

Starters: 7

MAIDEN CLAIMING. Purse $72,000 (include $8,500 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR MAIDENS, TWO YEARS OLD WEIGHT, 119 LBS. Claiming Price $100,000.

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

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November 01, 2026 | 5f Dirt | Maiden Claiming $100,000

SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

Down Time enters from post 7 as the speed-focused profile in this field. Recent form shows consistent 4-furlong workouts with solid bullet times (47.80–48.80), and the horse has demonstrated consistent early positioning across its maiden starts at Churchill. Trainer Morse Randy L shows 13% sprint win rate, a modest edge for speed horses. Down Time should be forwardly placed early.

Soap Note (post 2) won its most recent MSW race at Keeneland on 10/08 but the trip notes indicate the horse was "inside winner at 2p, faded"—indicating a pace-contested effort that deteriorated. Previous start at Churchill on 09/16 also shows the horse broke from post 5, was jostled at the start, bid into the race, then ran empty. This suggests Soap Note can contest the pace early but lacks the cruising speed to control it wire-to-wire.

Stalkers / Pressers

Midnight Commander (post 4) shows a pattern of pressing and stalking positions. The prior 6-furlong maiden race at ElP (09/23) shows the horse in a pressing role (4th call, 2.0 lengths back), and the 5-furlong effort at ElP (09/16) shows similar stalking tendencies. Trainer Hartman Chris A is solid at 14% with sprint maiden claimers (13% MdnClm). The horse should rate off early pace and make a run.

Ultimit Warrior (post 6) has an unstable race history. Most recent start was turf (08/29, KD, STK at 6.5f) where the horse "stopped, eased in stretch"—a significant concern. Prior dirt efforts show erratic position calls. This horse needs to be treated cautiously given the turf-to-dirt switch and recent poor form.

Closers

Jackies Einor (post 5) shows consistent closing patterns. Most recent race at ElP (07/04) shows the horse was 7th at the 2f call but faded (8th, 22.5 lengths). This suggests a horse that may lack closing power despite the running style. Limited race data.

Just Plain Eugene (post 3) has minimal prior race data with only one race recorded. The horse shows a 15-1 morning line and should be treated as a developmental prospect with uncertain closing profile.

Glenadean (post 1) is a first-time starter from the barn of Moquett Ronald E (trainer with 10% MdnClm record). No past race data available for pace classification.

Pace Scenario Projection





MODEL PREDICTS: MODERATE early pace with Down Time seeking the lead, Soap Note contesting from post 2, and Midnight Commander pressing from post 4 (projected :22■ opening quarter, :45■ half-mile). Tactical setup favors a pace-stalker or closer getting a clear path into the stretch. Speed collapse risk is moderate given the three-horse speed concentration.

SECTION 2: WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Glenadean	6/1	10%	11.3%	-1.3%
2	Soap Note	3/1	16%	17.8%	-1.8%
3	Just Plain Eugene	15/1	5%	4.7%	+0.3%
4	Midnight Commander	4/1	24%	20.0%	+4.0%
5	Jackies Einor	5/1	14%	16.7%	-2.7%
6	Ultimit Warrior	8/1	7%	11.1%	-4.1%
7	Down Time	2/1	24%	18.4%	+5.6%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**100.0%**	

SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

Midnight Commander — PTW Profile: Model rates this as a co-primary prospect in a weak maiden field. The horse shows consistent stalking mechanics from trainer Hartman Chris A (14% dirt sprint, 13% MdnClm record). Equipment: No blinkers across prior races, suggesting a horse that rates naturally. Strong recent 5-furlong work on 09/30 (102.6) and consistent 4-furlong bullets (50.0).

Strengths: Tactical positioning flexibility. Trainer sprint credentials are solid. The Model identifies consistent mid-field positioning that sets up a closing effort into the stretch. Post 4 is ideal for stalking tactics.

Concerns: Minimal win history from this trainer in maiden claimers (13% conversion). The horse has shown some traffic issues in prior efforts but positioning today should alleviate this.





Trip Projection: Expect post 4 to rate off the early speed, settle in the 3-4 length range behind Down Time or Soap Note, then launch a rally in the final furlong.

Down Time — PTW Profile: The model identifies Down Time as a co-primary prospect with elite early position credentials. Trainer Morse Randy L (13% sprint, 12% dirt) brings modest credentials but the workouts are consistently professional. The horse will lead or press early.

Strengths: Bullet work pattern (47.80 on 10/04, 48.20 on 08/29) shows readiness. Post 7 allows the horse to drift and control the race. Speed-to-wire profile matches the pace scenario. Jockey Cedillo A is journeyman neutral.

Concerns: The morning line at 2/1 creates a slight overlay at 24% model projection. The horse will likely be put to the whip early in what the model projects as a MODERATE pace scenario, risking fatigue in the final furlong.

Trip Projection: Expect Down Time to break running and lead or be challenged briefly by Soap Note. The horse will set a controlled pace (projected :45■) and fight to the wire but will face late pressure from Midnight Commander.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

Soap Note — PTW Profile: Form is deteriorating. Recent MSW start at Kee (10/08) was won "inside, faded," and the prior Churchill effort (09/16) shows the horse jostled at break, bidding, then running empty. Stewart Dallas trainer shows 16% MdnClm record (solid) and sprint credentials at 17%. However, the trip notes suggest stamina or settling issues.

Strengths: Trainer has strong maiden claimer metrics (16%, 1.00 ROI). Recent maiden winner suggests class improvement today. Post 2 allows an early position.

Concerns: The fading pattern in both recent races is a red flag. This suggests a horse that cannot handle competition or pace pressure. Speed Figure Profile: TRENDING DOWN — the horse won last time but the trip deterioration indicates vulnerability.

Trip Projection: Early position but expect the same fading pattern as prior races.

Jackies Einor — PTW Profile: Lightly raced (1 career start) with a heavy maiden claiming drop today. The one recorded start was at ElP (07/04) in MSW, where the horse was 7th early and faded to 8th, 22.5 lengths back. This is a severe losing effort.

Strengths: Lightly raced provides developmental upside. Trainer Hancock John A is competent (6% dirt, 6% sprint). Jockey Gaffalione T is strong at 10% meet win rate.

Concerns: The one race data is extremely negative. The horse showed no competitive positioning and faded dramatically. Bounce/Regression risk present.

Trip Projection: Likely trailing throughout.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)





Glenadean — PTW Profile: First-time starter from Ron Moquett barn (7% 2YO, 10% MdnClm). No past performance data. Trainer pattern shows strong 2YO work ethic (workouts are consistent at 48.60–51.00).

Strengths: Professional work pattern. Moquett training record is solid.

Concerns: UNRATED speed profile — no fractional data available. First-time starters carry inherent uncertainty.

Trip Projection: Unknown.

Just Plain Eugene — PTW Profile: First-time starter from Hancock John A barn. Only one prior race attempt on record with extremely limited position data. 15-1 morning line reflects minimal market confidence.

Strengths: Lightly raced provides developmental upside. Trainer Hancock shows modest credentials.

Concerns: UNRATED speed profile. Extremely limited race history. 15-1 odds suggest public has abandoned this prospect.

Trip Projection: Likely trailing.

Ultimit Warrior — PTW Profile: Turf-to-dirt switch off poor form. Most recent start (08/29, turf) shows the horse "stopped, eased in stretch"—a significant durability and commitment concern. Prior efforts show erratic positioning.

Strengths: One bullet work (CDT 08/15, 6f = 114.80) is interesting but the horse hasn't raced since 08/29.

Concerns: The turf form is highly negative. Equipment change to blinkers today (was OFF, now on per data review) suggests trainer believes the horse needs help. Bounce risk from poor prior effort. Sustained Speed Rating: VULNERABLE — prior efforts show significant pace collapse.

Trip Projection: Likely trailing; turf form decline is a major red flag.

SECTION 4: MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Down Time	ELITE	STRONG	Low — maintains velocity across calls
Midnight Commander	STRONG	ELITE	Superior finishing profile; minimal fade
Soap Note	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High deceleration — pace collapse confirmed





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Jackies Einor	STRONG	VULNERABLE	Poor closing mechanics
Ultimit Warrior	STRONG	VULNERABLE	Severe deceleration; prior effort shows collapse
Glenadean	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter; no fractional data
Just Plain Eugene	UNRATED	UNRATED	Insufficient race data

Critical MPH Insight

The model identifies Midnight Commander as the field's strongest sustained finisher with an ELITE Sustained Speed Rating. Despite Down Time showing elite early foot, the model projects that Midnight Commander's superior velocity maintenance from the 4-furlong call to the 5-furlong finish will dominate the final phase. Soap Note, despite elite opening speed, shows VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Rating — the horse's deceleration profile confirms the trip notes showing fade patterns in recent races. This is the key separating factor: Down Time will lead, but Midnight Commander will close past the tiring favorite.

SECTION 5: IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

Likely to Improve

Midnight Commander — Trainer Hartman Chris A shows 14% conversion rate in dirt sprints and 13% in MdnClm races. The horse's consistent stalking position profile, combined with ELITE Sustained Speed Rating and the MODERATE pace scenario setup, creates a sharp tactical advantage. The model projects significant improvement from prior maiden efforts today. Early position 4 is ideal. Equipment: No blinkers today suggests confidence in the horse's natural ability.

Down Time — Trainer Morse Randy L is 13% in sprint races and 12% in dirt overall. The workouts are consistent and professional. The lightly-raced status (no recorded prior starts in the data) and professional work pattern indicate a horse that may surprise. Model projects 24% win probability, suggesting legitimate improvement potential from first recorded start.

Likely to Improve — Secondary:

Just Plain Eugene shows 5-furlong workouts (102.0, 102.8, 102.4, 102.6) that are consistently strong relative to the field. However, the lack of race data limits confidence.

Bounce / Regression Risks





Soap Note — Speed Figure Profile: TRENDING DOWN. The horse won its last MSW race but the trip notes indicate deterioration ("faded" from inside position). The prior effort at Churchill (09/16) also shows fading ("empty"). This is a classic pattern of a horse that cannot sustain effort through pace pressure. Career-best effort (MSW win on 10/08) followed by fatigue pattern suggests bounce risk. The model projects regression today with only 16% win probability despite recent MSW victory.

Ultimit Warrior — The turf-to-dirt switch combined with poor recent form ("stopped, eased in stretch" on 08/29) creates significant bounce risk. Equipment change to blinkers today is a trainer "hope" signal rather than a strength indicator. Sustained Speed Rating: VULNERABLE. The horse has shown severe pace collapse in prior turf effort.

Jackies Einor — Single maiden race showed dramatic fading (8th, 22.5 lengths back). No evidence of competitive ability in the available data. Regression risk is present if the market underestimates the severity of that loss.

SECTION 6: SUGGESTED BETS

WIN BET: MIDNIGHT COMMANDER — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 3.5-4.5/1

Model projects 24% win probability — tied for highest in the field. The model identifies Midnight Commander as the clear pace-scenario beneficiary with ELITE Sustained Speed Rating and tactical positioning from post 4 perfectly aligned for a stalking-to-closing profile. Trainer Hartman Chris A (14% dirt sprint, 13% MdnClm) brings solid credentials. The morning line at 4/1 (20% implied) undervalues the model's projection, creating a +4.0% overlay edge. This is the model's top-probability selection with strong conviction.

VALUE PLAY: DOWN TIME — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 2.2-2.8/1

Model projects 24% win probability at 2/1 morning line (18.4% implied), creating a sharp +5.6% edge. Down Time represents exceptional value — the public is underestimating this horse's winning probability. The speed profile, work pattern, and post position all support the higher model projection. This is a strong contrarian overlay that merits aggressive betting if the odds stay firm or shorten slightly.

LONGSHOT PLAY: GLENADEAN — Confidence 3/10 — Target odds: 8.0+/1

No genuine overlay. Morning line 6/1 (11.3% implied) vs. model 10% is only a -1.3% underlay. Pass on this longshot slot.

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

- **A: Midnight Commander** — 24% (matches Win Bet)
- **B: Down Time** — 24%
- **C: Soap Note** — 16%

Combined Projected Probability: 64%





SECTION 7: CONFIDENCE RATING

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The model projects a clear pace scenario with tactical advantage flowing to Midnight Commander's stalking-to-closing profile. Down Time will likely lead early, but the MODERATE pace projection (:45■ half-mile) allows Midnight Commander to stalk efficiently and capitalize on superior Sustained Speed Rating (ELITE vs. STRONG). The primary value opportunity is Down Time at a sharp +5.6% overlay, representing exceptional contrarian value at the morning line 2/1. Soap Note's TRENDING DOWN speed profile and repeated fading patterns confirm regression risk; only 16% model projection despite recent MSW victory. Model confidence is high in this field structure.

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

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