Churchill Downs

Race 2 — 11/01/2026

Class: Clm 20000B

Distance: 6f

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $58,000

Claiming Price: $20,000

Starters: 7

CLAIMING. Purse $58,000 (include $7,000 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES OR THREE YEAR OLD FILLIES. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 122 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since October 1 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price $20,000.

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R2

Saturday, November 1, 2026 | 6f Dirt | 3yo+ Fillies

SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

Ashkenazi — Elite early speed profile. Led or pressured early in 14 of last 16 starts; front-running style consistent across dirt sprints. Most recent effort (10/08, Kee, 6f CLM) shows early position maintained through first call before fading. Works bullet :46.6 on 10/27 confirms gate sharpness.

Shanett — Consistent early foot. Led at call in 8 of 9 recent dirt sprints; showed quick breaks and sustained early position (12/28, OP, 6f CLM; 03/22, OP, 6f STR). Recent work :47.4 (09/28) shows readiness for early tactical role.

Diagram — Secondary early speed threat. Pressed early in 5 of last 8 sprints at this distance (08/15, ElP, 6f CLM won wire-to-wire). Recent form shows early position battles but lacks the consistency of top two speed horses.

Stalkers / Pressers

Ashes and Diamonds — Tactical stalker with 2–3 length positioning early, then aggressive 4–5 furlongs. Pattern in recent 6–6.5f races shows stalking setup at call 1, then moving to challenge. Last start (10/22, Kee, 7f CLM) confirms mid-pack positioning ready for late run opportunity.

Menkaure — Inside stalker role. Positioned 2–3 lengths off early pace in 5 of last 7 races; shows ability to rate and time mid-stretch moves. Recent 6f effort (08/21, ElP, 6f CLM) demonstrates tactical flexibility.

Closers

Miss Pierre — Elite late closing profile. Rallied from 6+ lengths back in recent 6f efforts (08/13, Ind, 6f CLM rallied for 2nd). Record at distance shows persistent ability to split horses in final sixteenth; closing pattern established across multiple claiming levels.

Miss Clarke — Developing closer. Recent efforts show late-run pattern (09/09, Ind, 6f SOC faded 4-path stretch, but earlier 07/17, BtP, 6f ALW hard chase 3w bid driving). Form line suggests improving finishing velocity.

Pace Scenario Projection





MODEL PREDICTS: HOT PACE — Projected :22² opening quarter, :45³ half-mile. Ashkenazi and Shanett will duel for early position with Diagram pressing; expect moderate pace damage with stalkers well-positioned to capitalize on speed duel wear. Closers and tactical runners hold clear advantage in this setup.

SECTION 2: WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Miss Clarke	5/1	12%	13.3%	-1.3%
2	Ashes and Diamonds	3/1	15%	20.0%	-5.0%
3	Menkaure	2/1	22%	26.6%	-4.6%
4	**Ashkenazi**	10/1	19%	7.3%	+11.7%
5	**Miss Pierre**	8/1	17%	8.9%	+8.1%
6	Diagram	7/2	10%	17.8%	-7.8%
7	Shanett	12/1	5%	6.1%	-1.1%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**100.0%**	

SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

Menkaure — **PTW Profile:** High-class filly with consistent middle-distance profile at claiming level; two wins in 11 starts suggest bankable form floor. Versatile routing pedigree (City of Light sire) shows sustainability. Recent maiden win (01/09, TP, 6.5f MSW) confirms distance capability and competitive level.

Strengths: Model projects 22% win probability — highest in the field. Vanden Berg trainer 11% claiming ROI projects competent pattern execution. Two wins in last five starts (01/09 MSW, 02/19 STR). Trainer pattern post-MSW shows consistent placing. Sound campaigner with consistent race spacing (21–35 days between starts).

Concerns: Class drop from stakes competition (11/16, CD, 8f MSW; 04/03, Kee, 7f STR) to claiming suggests stepping down — may indicate fitness questions. Four consecutive starts at varying





distances/surfaces (turf, synthetic) prior to recent form. No explosive early speed — will need pace setup to be competitive.

Trip Projection: Expects stalking position 2–3 lengths off early pace; will need HOT pace scenario to position for stretch rally. Trainer likely routes for inside trip given tactical preference.

Ashkenazi — **PTW Profile:** Lightly raced filly (16 starts career) showing sharp recent progression at claiming level. Two wins in last 11 starts; career-best recent claiming performance suggests developmental upside. Hiles barn 14% claiming win rate (35 starts) signals targeted placement at $20K tag.

Strengths: Massive workout bullet :46.6 on 10/27 (rank 1 of 23 in work sample) — elite gate sharpness established. Early speed profile in 6 of last 8 sprints; viability as front-runner pressure horse. Model projects 19% win probability representing +10.0% edge at 10/1 morning line — genuine overlay. Lightly raced (16 starts) with natural improvement curve still available.

Concerns: Inconsistent recent form — won 11/02 (CD, 5.5f CLM) then faded 10/10 (Kee, 6f CLM) and 10/08 (Kee, 6f CLM). Three losses in 5 starts suggests potential bounce risk. Early speed style vulnerable if HOT pace materializes and duel exhausts reserves.

Trip Projection: Will break sharp and battle for early position; expects 2–3 length lead or pressing position at call 1. Tactical role exposes to pace collapse risk in final furlong if speed duel develops.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

Ashes and Diamonds — **PTW Profile:** Established middle-distance claimer with two wins in 18 career starts. Recent form trend CONSISTENT — figures bankable across 6–8f sprints/routes. Asmussen barn 16% claiming ROI (1,054 starts) confirms high-volume precision claiming operation.

Strengths: Elite late pace profile evident in 09/26 win (CD, 6.5f CLM edged 5w1/8). Tactical stalking setup ideal for HOT pace scenario with speed duel. Jockey upgrade to Asmussen K J (9/26) confirms live barn signal. Two wins in last 4 starts. Model projects 15% win probability.

Concerns: Underbet at 3/1 on recent win — public confidence justified. Moderate deceleration pattern in recent efforts suggests pace vulnerability in final sixteenth. Inconsistent trip luck (rail trip 09/10 no response; 3-4w positioning 09/26 win) signals trip dependency.

Trip Projection: Expects tactical stalking position 2–3 lengths off pace; will angle out in stretch to capitalize on HOT pace scenario fatigue.

Miss Pierre — **PTW Profile:** Elite closer at distance with proven rally pattern. Two wins in 16 career starts but high-class competition record. Nickel barn shows 30% sprint ROI specialist approach (10 starts). Recent efforts inconsistent but early form (10/18, WO, 7f OCL won) confirms capability.

Strengths: ELITE Sustained Speed Rating confirms strongest velocity maintenance through stretch in this field. Model projects 17% win probability. Late closing pattern ideal for HOT pace breakdown scenario.





Franca jockey pairing recent (08/13 for 2nd place finish) signals established connection.

Concerns: Extended layoff prior to 08/13 (100+ days) raises fitness concerns. Inconsistent recent performance — won 10/18 but faded 08/21 (WO, 8f CLM inside no factor; 08/13 Ind rallied for second but efforts against weaker fields). No early speed to position if pace proves slower than projected.

Trip Projection: Closes from 6+ lengths back; requires HOT pace scenario to set up stretch positioning advantage. Tactical reliance on speed duel damage.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

Diagram — Lightly raced 3yo (12 total starts) with emerging sprint profile at claiming level. Two recent wins (08/15 ElP wire-to-wire; 07/04 ElP showed 2p collared 1/8 then yielded). LaRose Kinnon barn 17% claiming ROI (41 starts) shows specialist approach. Model projects 10% win probability. Blinker change on signals trainer intent, but recent deceleration pattern (06/20 27.30 lengths finish; 05/24 20.25 lengths) shows consistent fade vulnerability. Bounce risk elevated post-08/15 peak effort.

Miss Clarke — Young filly (3yo, born April 2023) with progressive record (4 wins in 15 starts) but recent form shows decline. Faded 09/09 after running 4-path; returned 08/05 with speed effort. Evans barn 22% claiming ROI (49 starts) confirms specialist but inconsistent recent execution. Model projects 12% win probability. Machado jockey 0/5 at current meet introduces ride dependency concern. Form trend VOLATILE with recent layoff (100+ days) creating reacclamation questions.

Shanett — Lightly raced 3yo (9 total starts) with mixed early speed but minimal recent winning pattern (last win 12/28, OP, 6f CLM over 10 months ago). Recent efforts show early position then fade (08/18 stalked 3p faded; 10/08 duel 2w outkicked weakened). Model projects 5% win probability. Vanden Berg trainer 0/2 in last 10 days signals readiness questions. Fernandez jockey 0/4 at current meet. Three consecutive fade finishes establish consistent deceleration pattern.

SECTION 4: MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Miss Pierre	STRONG	ELITE	Low — maintains velocity through stretch
Ashkenazi	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — solid closing effort





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Ashes and Diamonds	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — balanced effort
Menkaure	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — consistent velocity
Diagram	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse risk
Miss Clarke	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — fading pattern
Shanett	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — late-race fade

Critical MPH Insight

The model identifies **Miss Pierre** as the field's strongest sustained finisher with an ELITE Sustained Speed Rating — the lowest deceleration profile among all rated horses in this field. Her ability to maintain velocity from the mid-point through the wire provides a significant edge in a HOT pace scenario where early speed will be compromised. Conversely, **Diagram, Miss Clarke, and Shanett** all show VULNERABLE ratings, confirming significant deceleration risk in the final furlong — speed collapses evident across recent efforts make these horses poor bets despite early positioning advantages.

SECTION 5: IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

Likely to Improve

Menkaure — Trainer 17% route/sprint ROI (12 starts combined) signals high-level claiming precision. Three-start recent pattern (02/19 STR, 01/09 MSW win, 11/16 MSW third) shows developmental arc aligned with class drop. Distance specialist at 6f with MSW win baseline; stepping down to $20K CLM is targeted spot drop (MODERATE claiming price movement). Expect sharpening for 2nd start post-class adjustment. Natural improvement curve consistent with lightly raced profile.

Ashkenazi — Massive workout bullet :46.6 (10/27, rank 1) paired with claiming price drop signal (steady $6f CLM pricing) suggests trainer targeting fresh spot. Rick Hiles 14% claiming ROI (35 starts) confirms live barn signal. Lightly raced upside at 16 starts career — natural improvement curve still available. Back-to-back Keeneland tries (10/8, 10/10) show consecutive outings that may have exposed fitness gaps; return to home track Churchill likely sharpens execution.

Ashes and Diamonds — Two wins in last four starts (09/26 CD, 10/22 Kee wins) establish TRENDING UP form pattern. Asmussen barn post-claimed horses show 14% claiming ROI — signature claiming move





pattern with tactical stalking route. High-volume barn experience with 1,054 claiming starts projects consistent execution.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Diagram — Career-best or very-close recent effort spike (08/15 ElP wire-to-wire win) creates bounce risk in immediate follow-up. Two consecutive fade efforts post-win (06/20, 05/24) establish pattern of regression post-peak. Recent workouts mediocre (50.00, 50.60, 51.80 range) vs. historical :48–:49 baseline — fitness decline signal evident.

Miss Clarke — Extended layoff pattern (100+ days, 02/07 TP to next start 09/09 Ind) followed by immediate fade suggests re-acclimation needed. Young filly still developing; recent efforts (09/09 faded, 08/05 speed win) show VOLATILE trend without clear directional pattern. Machado jockey 0/5 at current meet introduces ride dependency question.

Shanett — Three consecutive fade finishes in sprint efforts (08/18, 06/24, 05/25) establish consistent deceleration pattern. Last win 12/28 (over 10 months ago) suggests form stale at claiming level. Vanden Berg barn 0/2 in last 10 days signals readiness questions. Low recent work quality (multiple :50+ times) does not support sharp return to competitive form.

SECTION 6: SUGGESTED BETS

WIN BET: MENKAURE — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 3/1–4/1

Model projects 22% win probability — highest in the field. Three recent starts show form floor consistent with this class level; MSW graduate stepping into claiming rank at targeted price level ($20K) aligns with trainer Vanden Berg's 17% route/sprint ROI profile. HOT pace scenario positions stalker profile perfectly for mid-stretch positioning and stretch rally. Sound campaigner with 21–35 day spacing pattern confirms fitness. Highest probability selection.

VALUE PLAY: ASHKENAZI — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 10/1–12/1

Model projects 19% win probability at projected 10/1 morning line (+10.0% edge). Massive workout bullet :46.6 (rank 1 of 23) paired with elite early speed profile and genuine 10/1 overlay creates compelling value play. Lightly raced (16 starts) with natural improvement curve. Hiles barn 14% claiming ROI confirms live training move. Risk: early speed style vulnerable if pace duel exhausts reserves — but overlay justifies bet at double-digit odds.

LONGSHOT PLAY: MISS PIERRE — Confidence 6/10 — Target odds: 12/1+

Model projects 17% win probability at projected 8/1 morning line (+6.0% edge). ELITE Sustained Speed Rating provides long-term closing profile edge if pace unravels. Recent layoff (100+ days to 08/13) raises fitness question, but if sharp return established in early efforts, stretch closing setup offers value. Activate at 10/1+; pass at 8/1 or lower.





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

- A: **Menkaure** — 22% (highest model probability)
- B: **Ashkenazi** — 19% (live overlay value)
- C: **Ashes and Diamonds** — 15% (tactical setup, recent wins)

Combined projected probability: 56%

SECTION 7: CONFIDENCE RATING

★★★ (3 out of 5 stars)

The model's core projection centers on a **HOT pace scenario** with Ashkenazi and Shanett battling early — this pace setup favors stalkers and closers, positioning **Menkaure as the highest-probability winner at 22%** via stretch rally. However, field depth is moderate; no horse shows overwhelming form dominance. **Miss Pierre's ELITE Sustained Speed Rating** represents the model's secondary edge opportunity if pace truly breaks down. Primary public betting mistake: undervaluing **Ashkenazi at 10/1** when workout bullet, lightly raced upside, and 19% intrinsic value offer genuine +10.0% overlay. **Menkaure at morning-line 2/1 is fairly priced** to slightly undervalued given 22% projection — value emerges only if odds drift to 3/1 or higher.

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

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