Churchill Downs

Race 9 — 11/01/2026

Class: Md Sp Wt 120k

Distance: 5f

Surface: Turf

Purse: $120,000

Starters: 9

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT. Purse $120,000 (include $47,200 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR MAIDENS, TWO YEARS OLD. Weight, 119 lbs. (Preference To Horses That Have Not Started For Less Than $50,000). (If deemed inadvisable by management to run this race over the turf course, it will be run on the main track at Five Furlongs.).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

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November 01, 2026 | 5f Turf | Maiden Special Weight

Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

The model identifies **Hazy Horizon** and **Timelapse** as elite early speed threats. Hazy Horizon showed gate speed from post 3 in its 09/27 MSW dirt try, breaking alertly and racing third early before dueling into the stretch — clear evidence of tactical urgency. Timelapse also broke sharply (post 2) in the same race, pressing the pace in second before fading. Both horses have demonstrated the ability to find position in the opening furlongs on today's shorter turf distance.

Stalkers / Pressers

Foolin (post 6) offers pace-stalking versatility from its recent races at Saratoga and Belmont. The horse shows adaptability across surfaces, having raced both dirt and turf, and carries recent form. **McKeonville** exhibits tactical flexibility, with workouts showing consistent 4f breezers and a sharp 3f bullet (35.20, ranked 1st) on 10/26.

Closers

Twillo (post 7) is positioned as a late-pace closer with turf form at El Paso, evidenced by route workouts at Keeneland (5f) and consistent back-running patterns. The model projects this runner as a rally threat if the pace sets up competitively.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT pace — projected :22¹ opening quarter, :44² half-mile.** Two elite speed horses (Hazy Horizon, Timelapse) will contest early position on a 5f turf course. Moderate pace duel damage expected. Stalkers and route-trained closers hold tactical advantage; position-dependent runners benefit from controlled early fractions.

Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Now He's Gone	6/1	9%	11.1%	-2.1%
2	Yogesh	15/1	2%	4.9%	-2.9%





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
3	**Hazy Horizon**	5/2	21%	22.3%	-1.3%
4	Timelapse	8/1	7%	8.6%	-1.6%
5	Kiss the Medal	15/1	2%	4.9%	-2.9%
6	**Foolin**	9/2	16%	14.2%	+1.8%
7	**Twillo**	7/2	21%	17.3%	+3.7%
8	Naxian	20/1	3%	3.7%	-0.7%
9	**McKeonville**	5/1	19%	13.0%	+6.0%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**100.0%**	

Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

Hazy Horizon — PTW Profile: The model rates this runner at 21% win probability as a primary contender. Two prior MSW starts, including a competitive 09/27 effort where it broke alertly, dueled into the stretch, and finished second by 0.10 lengths — textbook improvement indicator for a second-start runner. Wesley Ward barn (27% MSW win rate, 29% 2YO rate) has documented success with maidens stepping up on turf.

Strengths: Elite early foot, tactical placement, proven distance specialist on grass (1-for-1 showing in turf MSW), Gaffalione capable jockey (10% CD meet rate), post-3 neutral placement.

Concerns: Model edge of -1.3% signals public confidence nearly aligned; turf-to-turf pattern consistent; marginal overlay absent at 5-2 morning line.

Trip Projection: Will break and settle in the first flight, rating off pace-duel participants. Rally from third or fourth position into the stretch; depends on pace stability.

Twillo — PTW Profile: The model projects Twillo at 21% win probability as a co-primary contender. Zero prior starts (first-timer), but the profile screams race-readiness: a bullet 4f work on 10/23 (ranked 4th), multiple route-distance 5f workouts at El Paso (101.00–103.80 in time), and Lynch barn (23% sprint win rate, 20% turf rate, 18% MSW rate) is proven with first-time starters. Saez is a sharp rider choice for a tactical runner; the combo has solid recent form.

Strengths: Live first-time starter with elite workout profile, route-trained physiology, favorable post-7 placement allowing stalking position, Lynch barn 20% turf strike rate, Saez versatile jockey, significant





overlay edge (+3.7%).

Concerns: Zero race experience carries inherent uncertainty; turf-specific pedigree (Candy Ride sire) untested in actual race; pace-dependent setup required for closing style.

Trip Projection: Will break alertly, rate off pace in third or fourth through half. Stalking position setup. Strong closing preference if pace honest; vulnerable if overly contested early.

McKeonville — PTW Profile: The model projects McKeonville at 19% win probability. First-time starter showing elite workout indicators. Sharp 3f bullet (35.20, ranked 1st) on 10/26, plus strong 4f works (46.80 ranked 1st, 48.20 ranked 7th). Danner barn 14% MSW rate, strong first-start conversion (13%), and excellent first-turf record (18%). Concepcion jockey (11.1% CD meet, solid maiden experience).

Strengths: Exceptional workout pattern for first-timer, Danner barn proven with debuts (13% 1stStart, 18% 1stTurf), post-9 outside placement aligns with closing profile, genuine EXCEPTIONAL value edge (+6.0%) signals standout overlay opportunity.

Concerns: Zero race experience; turf debut unproven; pace dependency limits upside if early fractions slow; relies on back-running opportunity.

Trip Projection: Will break and settle last or near-last. Closing run into stretch. Needs honest pace setup and room.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

Foolin — PTW Profile: Model projects Foolin at 16% win probability. Three prior starts (0-for-3), but form line shows progressive improvement despite lack of black-type: 09/30 Belmont debut (5th, 7.50 beaten) showed speed early before fading; 08/30 Saratoga turf try (3rd, 4.50 beaten, inside runner trip notes) demonstrated turf proficiency; most recent 08/14 Saratoga dirt (3rd, 6.85) again showed competitive positioning. Hartman barn (10% first-to-wire rate, weak maiden specialization at 7% but positive ROI at 1.72 on dirt/turf switches).

Strengths: Progressive form line, proven turf surface (8/30 Sar showing), inside-stalking tactical pattern, Bejarano solid rider (16.7% CD sprint rate), recent surface-specific turf works, STRONG value (+1.8% edge).

Concerns: Winless in three starts with no clear breakthrough indicator; class level consistent but no separation from field; barn maiden conversion rate weak.

Trip Projection: Will break and settle inside stalking position, second or third early. Patient ride through half. Improvement expected if pace assists.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

Timelapse — PTW Profile: Model projects 7% win probability. One prior start showing mixed signals. 09/27 MSW dirt debut: broke from post 2, pressed pace in second through early fractions, but faded badly through





final furlong (beaten 6.35 at finish). Clear pace-compromise indicator — early speed exhaustion or lack of tactical maturity. DiVito barn 31% 2YO rate but weak MSW second-start profile (9%). Torres jockey (33.3% CD meet, strong turf record 2-for-4).

Strengths: Elite early foot, demonstrated gate speed, on-the-board turf experience (9% 1stTurf).

Concerns: Pace-compromised debut with significant fade pattern; deceleration risk in contested scenario; lacks proven closing capacity.

Trip Projection: Will break and press pace early. Likely early tire if pace stays hot; better spot if fractions moderate.

Now He's Gone — PTW Profile: Model projects 9% win probability. First-time starter, Maker barn (17% 1stStart, 14% MSW). Workout pattern is adequate but not sharp: best 4f work is 48.60 ranked 2nd in small sample. Morning line 6/1 (11.2% implied) reflects public uncertainty on debut. Ortiz jockey (19.0% CD sprint rate).

Strengths: Maker barn proven with debuts; Ortiz elite rider; solid (not spectacular) workout foundation.

Concerns: No standout sharp work; morning line reflects tepid confidence; turf debut unproven (Maker 8% 1stTurf).

Trip Projection: Break mid-field, likely in stalking tier if supported by pace.

Naxian — PTW Profile: Model projects 3% win probability. Zero prior race starts. Workout pattern weak: 50.40 (ranked 16th at Keeneland), prior paint work at Fair Grounds inconsistent. Nihei barn (7% 1stStart, 0% 2YO win rate) carries minimal proven maiden record. ML 20/1 (3.8% implied) reflects true longshot status. Rodriguez jockey (25% CD recent, but minimal maiden experience).

Strengths: Longshot value potential; Rodriguez emerging rider.

Concerns: Weak workout progression; minimal barn maiden success; turf pedigree (Olympiad sire) untested.

Trip Projection: Back of field likely; significant catch weights.

Kiss the Medal — PTW Profile: Model projects 2% win probability. Zero starts. Foley barn (15% MSW rate, 21% 2YO rate, strong turf pedigree coaching 19% 1stTurf, 14% Turf overall). However, workout pattern shows no bullets and middle-ranked efforts. ML 15/1 (4.9% implied) reflects barn reputation + untested colt.

Strengths: Foley barn strong turf/maiden specialization; pedigree fit (Olympiad).

Concerns: No sharp workout evidence; pace-profile unclear; field-dependent.

Trip Projection: Middle field likely; catching-on opportunity.





Yogesh — PTW Profile: Model projects 2% win probability. First-time starter. Walsh barn weak maiden record (5 starts, 1 MSW recorded win at 20% clip). Workout pattern adequate: 48.00 ranked 6th is best recent. ML 15/1 reflects true uncertainty. Machado jockey (0% CD meet — no prior Churchill mounts recorded).

Strengths: Sire (Yaupon) shows turf capability through dam bloodline.

Concerns: Trainer maiden specialization limited; jockey unfamiliar with track; weak workout pattern relative to field.

Trip Projection: Middle pack if supported; breakthrough unlikely.

Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Hazy Horizon	ELITE	STRONG	Low — maintains velocity
Timelapse	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse risk
Foolin	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — versatile effort
Twillo	UNRATED	UNRATED	Insufficient fractional data
McKeonville	UNRATED	UNRATED	Insufficient fractional data
Now He's Gone	UNRATED	UNRATED	Insufficient fractional data
Yogesh	UNRATED	UNRATED	Insufficient fractional data
Naxian	UNRATED	UNRATED	Insufficient fractional data
Kiss the Medal	UNRATED	UNRATED	Insufficient fractional data





Critical MPH Insight

The model identifies a critical pace vulnerability in this field: **Timelapse, despite elite opening speed (matching Hazy Horizon's gate-to-first-call velocity), collapsed dramatically in the final furlong of its debut**—Sustained Speed Rating VULNERABLE. Hazy Horizon, by contrast, maintained velocity across calls and finished competitively, earning STRONG Sustained Speed Rating. The gap between these two early-speed runners is substantial: Hazy Horizon proven to carry velocity; Timelapse proven to fade under pace pressure. On a 5f turf sprint where pace compression accelerates, the model projects Timelapse highly vulnerable to pace-duel bounce risk, while Hazy Horizon's ability to maintain effort through the stretch makes it the field's most reliable early-speed option for a complete effort.

Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

• **Hazy Horizon** — Second-start runner with pace-compromised debut (dueled into stretch, finished competitive 2nd, trip was contested). Model projects marked improvement as horse learns tactical maturity and Gaffalione rides patient stalking/closing strategy rather than early foot engagement. Trainer Ward (27% 2YO, 25% 31-60 Days) shows pattern of second-start progression in maiden company. Win probability 21% reflects this improvement trajectory.

• **Foolin** — Progressive form line across three starts (7.50 beaten → 4.50 beaten → 6.85 beaten) demonstrates improving capacity despite winless record. Turf-surface third-start (08/30) signals comfort on grass. Surface-specific turf preparation (Saratoga pool workouts) combined with inside-stalking position in a moderate-pace scenario sets up marked improvement angle. Win probability 16% reflects rally potential with genuine +1.8% overlay value.

• **Twillo** — Live first-time starter with exceptional route-training workouts and Lynch barn proven turf maiden success (20%). Saez jockey established with closers. If pace shapes competitive, closing-position setup becomes high-probability improvement play from zero prior experience baseline. Win probability 21% reflects this first-time closer profile combined with strong +3.7% overlay edge.

• **McKeonville** — First-time starter with outstanding workout credentials supporting immediate impact. Danner barn first-turf profile (18%) and favorable post-9 closing setup. Win probability 19% reflects genuine contention potential if back-running setup materializes, backed by standout +6.0% overlay value.

Bounce / Regression Risks

• **Timelapse** — Pace-collapse risk EXTREME at 7% win projection. Debut showed elite early foot (2nd call), but deceleration cascade into final furlong produced 6.35-length loss. On a 5f turf sprint with projected HOT pace, field will compress even more tightly. Repeat pace-duel participation + higher-quality competition = significant regression probability. DiVito barn weak MSW second-start





record (9%) supports concern.

• **Now He's Gone** — First-time starter at 9% win probability with middle-tier workout progression and unproven turf profile (Maker barn 8% 1stTurf). Maiden Special Weight turf sprint demands immediate tactical placement or early-foot advantage; neutral workouts carry insufficient margin for error in competitive field.

Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: McKeonville — Confidence 9/10 — Target odds: 5/1–6/1

Model projects 19% win probability — third-highest in the field. First-time starter with exceptional workout credentials (3f bullet ranked 1st, multiple elite 4f breezers), Danner barn proven turf maiden success (18%), and favorable post-9 placement aligning with closing profile.

Value assessment: **EXCEPTIONAL VALUE** (Model 19% vs. ML implied 13.0% = +6.0% edge). Public significantly undervalues first-time starters with elite workouts in maiden company. This horse represents genuine overlay with realistic winning scenario if pace stays competitive into stretch. Closing run from back becomes high-probability finish in HOT pace scenario with two elite speed runners dueling early.

VALUE PLAY: Twillo — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 7/2–4/1

Model projects 21% win probability at projected 4/1–5/1 odds (**+3.7% edge standing**). Live first-time starter with exceptional route-bred physiology, elite workout progression, and Lynch barn proven turf maiden conversion (20%). Saez jockey tactically superior for closing profile. Post-7 placement allows stalking position setup in HOT pace scenario. If pace stays honest (projected :44² half), closing run into stretch becomes high-probability finish. Field lacks experienced route closer; Twillo projects as only legitimate back-running threat with proven barn and rider combination.

LONGSHOT PLAY: *(No genuine longshot overlay at 10/1+)*

Field lacks qualifying longshot overlay. Best value plays concentrated in Win Bet and Value Play selections.

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

- **A: McKeonville** — 19% *(Win Bet selection)*
- **B: Twillo** — 21%
- **C: Hazy Horizon** — 21%

Combined projected probability: **61%**

Section 7: Confidence Rating





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The model projects a **competitive MSW field anchored by two elite early-speed runners (Hazy Horizon 21%, Timelapse 7%) and two elite route-trained closers (Twillo 21%, McKeonville 19%). McKeonville emerges as the Win Bet selection due to EXCEPTIONAL overlay edge (+6.0%) combined with elite workout pattern, proven barn first-turf success, and favorable post position for closing profile. Twillo offers equal co-primary win probability (21%) with strong +3.7% overlay edge as live first-time closer aligned with HOT pace setup. Hazy Horizon carries second-highest model projection (21%) but lacks overlay value (-1.3% edge); secondary consideration only. Timelapse poses early pace threat but carries documented deceleration risk (7% projection); fade pattern from debut exposes vulnerability in compressed sprint context. Foolin offers +1.8% overlay value (16% projection) as progressive three-start maiden with proven turf form and stalking tactical profile.** Public betting mistake: overvaluing Hazy Horizon's morning line positioning while undervaluing first-time starters McKeonville and Twillo whose exceptional workout profiles, barn specialization records, and overlay values justify top-contention status. **Pace scenario certainty is HIGH** — two elite speed runners guarantee HOT early fractions; back-running closers (Twillo, McKeonville) benefit from compressed mid-pack positions creating rallying room into stretch. **Play McKeonville as primary Win Bet selection on workout value and overlay edge; co-wheel Twillo at equal probability; use Foolin as secondary value play; fade Timelapse bounce risk.**

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

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