Churchill Downs

Race 2 — 11/04/2026

Class: Claiming $20,000

Distance: 8.5f

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $60,000

Starters: 9

CLAIMING. Purse $60,000 (include $7,000 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race At A Mile Or Over Since October 4 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price $20,000 (Races Where Entered For $16,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R2
Wednesday, November 4, 2026 | 8.5f Dirt | F&M 3YO+ | Claiming $20,000

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Fugitive Star (Post 1): The field's fastest early speed; led throughout to win a 6f claimer on 9/25.

Thea (Post 5): Dueled inside and secured the lead into the stretch before finishing 2nd at Churchill on 6/7; front-running profile.

Bright Lady Day (Post 4): ELITE early speed; won a $20k claimer at Churchill on 11/1/24 from second early.

Stalkers / Pressers

Tiffany Twist (Post 2), **Cora's Legacy** (Post 7) and **Spotty Showers** (Post 8) settle just off the speed in the two to five path.

Closers

Miranda's Rocky (Post 9): ELITE late profile; rallied four or five wide to win a $20k claimer on 3/13 in the final stride. **Windy Bay** (Post 3): ELITE late profile; benefits from a contested pace. **Freak City** (Post 6) needs the pace to collapse.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT** early pace—projected :23 4/5 opening quarter, :48 1/5 half-mile. Fugitive Star, Thea and Bright Lady Day contest the lead. The duel sets up the ELITE closers Windy Bay and Miranda's Rocky in the final furlong and a half.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Fugitive Star	9-2	15%	18.2%	-3.2%
2	Tiffany Twist	3-1	9%	25.0%	-16.0%
3	Windy Bay	8-1	21%	11.1%	**+9.9%**
4	Bright Lady Day	15-1	5%	6.3%	-1.3%
5	Thea	9-5	15%	35.7%	-20.7%
6	Freak City	20-1	3%	4.8%	-1.8%
7	Cora's Legacy	12-1	10%	7.7%	**+2.3%**





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
8	Spotty Showers	6-1	12%	14.3%	-2.3%
9	Miranda's Rocky	20-1	10%	4.8%	**+5.2%**
	TOTAL		**100%**	**127.9%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion. The original table used takeout-adjusted figures (e.g., Thea 28.0%), while parts of the text used raw figures; the raw basis is used throughout. On that basis Fugitive Star (–3.2%), Bright Lady Day (–1.3%) and Spotty Showers (–2.3%) are underlays, not small overlays.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

Windy Bay (Post 3) — Model Win %: 21%

PTW Profile: The model's top horse. 6-year-old mare with 4 wins from 34 starts, a $20k claiming regular. Trainer Hartman 15% in routes (1.80 ROI); Francisco Arrieta rides. At 8-1 (11.1% implied), a +9.9% overlay—the best in the race.

Strengths: ELITE sustained speed—the lowest deceleration in the field; the HOT pace sets up her late run; bullet 3f work.

Concerns: Winless in nine starts since a 7/5/2025 claiming win at Ellis Park, though 2nd or 3rd in five of them; 5th at Indiana Grand on 10/20 off a slow pace; needs the leaders to go fast.

Trip Projection: Settles four to six wide off the early duel and closes in the final furlong.

Miranda's Rocky (Post 9) — Model Win %: 10%

PTW Profile: Mare with 8 wins from 37 starts for Genaro Garcia (17% in claimers, 1.82 ROI); won at this $20k level on 3/13, rallying four or five wide. At 20-1 (4.8% implied), +5.2%.

Strengths: ELITE sustained speed; the HOT pace suits her; returns off six weeks with a trainer who is 13% off 31-60 days.

Concerns: Post 9 means a wide trip; jockey Morales has no recent Churchill wins.

Trip Projection: Wide early, rallies four wide in the stretch.

Thea (Post 5) — Model Win %: 15%

PTW Profile: Mare for Lindsay Schultz with three wins this year (Oaklawn 2/26, Churchill 5/10, Ellis Park 7/6) and a 2nd at Churchill on 6/7. Did not finish at Parx on 8/15, then 3rd at Delaware Park on 9/30 (35 days ago). As the 9-5 favorite (35.7% implied) she is the race's biggest underlay (–20.7%).

Strengths: Early speed; route experience.

Concerns: Did not finish on 8/15 and was only 3rd in her return; STRONG, not ELITE, late speed; will be in the middle of a three-way speed duel.





Trip Projection: Presses Fugitive Star early; collapse risk in the final furlong if the closers fire.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

Fugitive Star (Post 1) — Model Win %: 15%

PTW Profile: 4-year-old filly for Jacobson (17% in claimers); led throughout to win a 6f claimer on 9/25 but 1-for-5 in her last five, including 5th at Keeneland on 10/23. Slight underlay at 9-2 (18.2% implied, –3.2%).

Concerns: VULNERABLE late; stretching out from sprints; form declining.

Trip Projection: Sets the pace from the rail and fades in the stretch.

Cora's Legacy (Post 7) — Model Win %: 10%

PTW Profile: 4 wins from 33 starts, all four in routes (0-for-18 in sprints). Trainer Moreno-Barban 12% in claimers (2.69 ROI). At 12-1 (7.7% implied), +2.3%.

Concerns: Winless since 12/19/2025; STRONG, not ELITE, late speed.

Trip Projection: Stalks three to five wide and bids in the stretch; likely 4th to 6th.

Spotty Showers (Post 8) — Model Win %: 12%

PTW Profile: Last win was a maiden race on 7/20/2023; winless in 11 dirt starts since. Slight underlay at 6-1 (14.3% implied, –2.3%).

Trip Projection: Tracks from mid-pack; lacks a finishing kick.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

Tiffany Twist (Post 2, 9%): First start for trainer Joe Sharp (19% first time off a claim). Winless in 15 starts since 12/14/2024. Big underlay at 3-1 (25.0% implied, –16.0%).

Bright Lady Day (Post 4, 5%): ELITE early speed but VULNERABLE late; will wear down in the duel. –1.3%.

Freak City (Post 6, 3%): 2 wins from 24 starts; VULNERABLE late. –1.8%.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Miranda's Rocky	STRONG	ELITE	Low — maintains velocity
Windy Bay	STRONG	ELITE	Low — maintains velocity
Cora's Legacy	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — steady effort
Spotty Showers	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — steady effort





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Tiffany Twist	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — steady effort
Thea	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — steady effort
Fugitive Star	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse risk
Bright Lady Day	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse risk
Freak City	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse risk

Critical MPH Insight

Miranda's Rocky and **Windy Bay** are the only ELITE sustained finishers. **Fugitive Star** and **Bright Lady Day** have ELITE early speed but VULNERABLE late speed, and **Thea** is STRONG, not ELITE, late. The HOT pace should hand the race to the closers.

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Windy Bay — Bullet work; HOT pace sets up her closing profile.

Miranda's Rocky — Garcia 13% off 31-60 days; already won at this level this year.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Thea — DNF on 8/15, 3rd in her return; heavy favorite in a speed duel.

Fugitive Star — 1-for-5 in her last five; VULNERABLE late.

Tiffany Twist — 0-for-15; 3-1 overstates her 9% chance.

Bright Lady Day — VULNERABLE late in a contested pace.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: WINDY BAY — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 7-1 or better

Model projects 21% win probability, the highest in the field, at 8-1 (11.1% implied): +9.9%, the race's best overlay. ELITE late speed in a race with three speed horses. Fair price is about 15-4.

Value Assessment: **STRONG VALUE** (+9.9%).

VALUE PLAY: MIRANDA'S ROCKY — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 12-1 or better

Model projects 10% at 20-1 (4.8% implied): +5.2%. ELITE late speed and a win at this level this year. Fair price is 9-1.

Value Assessment: **STRONG VALUE** (+5.2%).





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

A: Windy Bay — 21%
B: Fugitive Star — 15%
C: Thea — 15%

Combined Projected Probability: 51%

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★★★ (4 of 5 stars)

A HOT pace from Fugitive Star, Thea and Bright Lady Day sets up the ELITE closers **Windy Bay** (+9.9% at 8-1) and **Miranda's Rocky** (+5.2% at 20-1). The public's mistakes are **Thea** at 9-5 (35.7% implied vs. 15%) and **Tiffany Twist** at 3-1 (25.0% vs. 9%).

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





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