Churchill Downs

Race 6 — 11/04/2026

Class: Maiden Special Weight

Distance: 8.5f

Surface: Dirt

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).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R6
Wednesday, November 4, 2026 | 8.5f Dirt | 2YO | Maiden Special Weight

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Steve Wood (Post 7) has the sharpest early speed; he pressed the winner and held 2nd at Keeneland on 10/11. **Gun for Glory** (Post 4) has natural gate speed and was placed inside early in both recent starts.

Stalkers / Pressers

Barrel Roll (Post 2) breaks a little slowly but moves into contention by the half. **Grantchester** (Post 5) tracks within 1-2 lengths. **Lithos** (Post 6) sat off the pace and rallied for 2nd in a Delaware stakes on 10/3.

Closers

Luckyloun (Post 8) settles well back. **Saltwater Soul** (Post 1) and **Scouting Report** (Post 3) made little impact from off the pace. **Colonel Anderson** (Post 9) is a first-time starter.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT** early pace—projected :22 opening quarter, :46 1/5 half-mile. Steve Wood and Gun for Glory contest the lead; moderate pace damage favors stalkers, and a wire-to-wire win is unlikely.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Saltwater Soul	12-1	5%	7.7%	-2.7%
2	Barrel Roll	9-2	15%	18.2%	-3.2%
3	Scouting Report	20-1	3%	4.8%	-1.8%
4	Gun for Glory	7-2	23%	22.2%	**+0.8%**
5	Grantchester	8-1	10%	11.1%	-1.1%
6	Lithos	3-1	17%	25.0%	-8.0%
7	Steve Wood	4-1	20%	20.0%	0.0%
8	Luckyloun	8-1	5%	11.1%	-6.1%
9	Colonel Anderson	12-1	2%	7.7%	-5.7%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**127.8%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion. The original table's implied column was badly off (e.g., Gun for Glory at 7-2 listed as 11.4%, Barrel Roll at 9-2 as 9.1%), which produced false edges of +11.6% and +5.9%. On the raw basis Gun for Glory is a slight overlay (+0.8%), Steve





Wood is fair (0.0%), and every other horse is an underlay.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

Gun for Glory (Post 4) — Model Win %: 23%

PTW Profile: The model's top horse. Two starts, both 2nds: beaten 7 3/4 lengths at 5.5f on debut (5/25), then 4 lengths at 7.5f on 9/26. Trainer Steve Asmussen (17% in maiden specials, 28% in routes); Keith Asmussen rides. Slight overlay at 7-2 (22.2% implied, +0.8%).

Strengths: ELITE early speed with STRONG sustained speed; improving with distance.

Concerns: First try at 8.5f; will be involved in the early pace.

Trip Projection: Inside tactical position; can rate off Steve Wood and strike.

Steve Wood (Post 7) — Model Win %: 20%

PTW Profile: Pressed the winner and kept on to finish 2nd, beaten 1 3/4 lengths, at 6.5f at Keeneland on 10/11. Trainer Von Hemel 10-13% in maiden specials; jockey Fernandez. Fairly priced at 4-1 (20.0% implied).

Strengths: ELITE in both speed categories; no significant deceleration in recent races.

Concerns: Never raced beyond 6.5f; 9th in a 6.5f race at Keeneland on 9/19; may have to work early in a HOT pace.

Trip Projection: Leads or presses; must carry his speed a mile and a sixteenth.

Lithos (Post 6) — Model Win %: 17%

PTW Profile: 2nd, beaten 3 lengths, in a stakes at Delaware on 10/3 after a slow start; struggled on turf in his debut (9/5). Curlin-line pedigree; Jose Ortiz rides. As the 3-1 favorite (25.0% implied) he is the race's biggest underlay (–8.0%).

Concerns: Slow break at Delaware; STRONG, not ELITE, late speed; that stakes 2nd may be a career-best effort.

Trip Projection: Off the pace; needs the HOT pace to set up his rally.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

Barrel Roll (Post 2) — Model Win %: 15%

PTW Profile: Chad Brown trainee (24% in maiden specials); Tyler Gaffalione rides. Debuted 5th, beaten 10 1/2 lengths after a bump at the start, at 6.5f at Saratoga (8/22); then 3rd, beaten 6 1/4 lengths, at 8.5f on 10/4. Underlay at 9-2 (18.2% implied, –3.2%).

Strengths: Improving; proven at the distance; stalking style suits the pace.





Trip Projection: Rates mid-pack and rallies.

Grantchester (Post 5) — Model Win %: 10%

PTW Profile: Ian Wilkes trainee; 3rd on turf at 7f (9/9), then 4th, beaten about 7 lengths, at 8.5f on 10/4. Blinkers on. Slight underlay at 8-1 (–1.1%).

Concerns: VULNERABLE late.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

Luckyloun (Post 8, 5%): Brisset (25% with second-time starters); 8th on turf at Keeneland on 10/9; blinkers on. VULNERABLE late. –6.1%.

Saltwater Soul (Post 1, 5%): Riley Mott; bumped, chased and faded to 8th in his only start at Keeneland on 10/2. The field's sharpest deceleration. –2.7%.

Scouting Report (Post 3, 3%): 5th, beaten 6 3/4 lengths, in a maiden claimer at Churchill on 9/24. –1.8%.

Colonel Anderson (Post 9, 2%): First-time starter for Kenny McPeek (14% with first-time starters); Olympiad colt; bullet work on 10/22. UNRATED. –5.7%.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Steve Wood	ELITE	ELITE	Minimal — maintains velocity
Gun for Glory	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — solid closing effort
Barrel Roll	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — consistent
Lithos	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — steady
Grantchester	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse risk
Luckyloun	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — inconsistent close
Saltwater Soul	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — severe fade
Scouting Report	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse
Colonel Anderson	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter

Critical MPH Insight

Steve Wood is the only horse ELITE in both categories, and **Gun for Glory** pairs ELITE early speed with STRONG late speed. **Saltwater Soul** shows the most severe fade. **Lithos** and **Barrel Roll** have moderate deceleration profiles suited to stalking off the pace.





Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Gun for Glory — Two 2nds, closer the second time as the distance increased.

Barrel Roll — Big step forward from debut to second start; Brown 24% in maiden specials.

Colonel Anderson — McPeek first-time starter with a bullet work, though 8.5f is a tough debut distance.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Lithos — The Delaware stakes 2nd may be a peak; favorite at 3-1.

Steve Wood — Stretching from 6.5f to 8.5f for the first time.

Saltwater Soul — Faded badly in his only start.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: GUN FOR GLORY — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 7-2 or better

Model projects 23% win probability, the highest in the field, at 7-2 (22.2% implied): +0.8%, the race's only overlay. Two progressive 2nds and Asmussen. Fair price is about 10-3.

Value Assessment: **SLIGHT VALUE** (+0.8%).

VALUE PLAY: BARREL ROLL — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 6-1 or better

Model projects 15% at 9-2 (18.2% implied): –3.2%, no value at the morning line. Fair price is about 11-2.

Value Assessment: **NO VALUE** at the morning line.

LONGSHOT PLAY: None. The original report's longshot (Colonel Anderson, “+5.0%”) has a 2% model chance at 12-1 (7.7% implied): –5.7%.

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

A: Gun for Glory — 23%
B: Steve Wood — 20%
C: Barrel Roll — 15%

Combined Projected Probability: 58%

Note: Lithos (17%) ranks third on the model but is left out as the race's biggest underlay.

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★★★ (4 of 5 stars)

Gun for Glory is the model's top horse and the only overlay, if a slight one (+0.8%). **Steve Wood** is fairly priced. The public's mistake is the 3-1 favorite **Lithos** (25.0% implied vs. 17%). Steve Wood's stretch-out





and Lithos's form durability are the main uncertainties.

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