Churchill Downs

Race 7 — 11/04/2026

Class: Maiden Special Weight

Distance: 9f

Surface: Turf

Purse: $120,000

Starters: 16

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT. Purse $120,000 (include $47,200 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. (Preference To Horses That Have Not Started For Less Than $50,000 In Last 3 Starts). (If deemed inadvisable by management to run this race over the turf course, it will be run on the main track at One and One Eighth mile.) (Rail at 36 feet).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R7
Wednesday, November 4, 2026 | 9f Turf | 3YO+ | Maiden Special Weight

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Stormin the Beach (Post 8) has the field's ELITE early speed; he led early at Churchill on 9/20 (8.5f turf) and weakened in the final eighth, the same pattern as his earlier start at Ellis Park. **Comprehensive** (Post 3) rated 5th early in that 9/20 race, took control on the far turn and led into the stretch before fading.

Stalkers / Pressers

Kelz (Post 7) stalked 3-4 lengths off the pace in his last two turf starts. **Veblen** (Post 15) was 4th early and shuffled at the 3/8 at Keeneland on 10/24. **Mayfield** (Post 6) stalked in two dirt sprints.

Closers

Ryu (Post 9) tracked 4th and rallied to 2nd in his turf debut at Keeneland on 10/16; ELITE late speed. **Massachusetts** (Post 2) usually breaks slowly and comes from far back. **Ocelli** (Post 5) rallies when he is focused.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **MODERATE** pace—projected :48 1/5 half-mile and 1:14 2/5 for six furlongs. Stormin the Beach and Comprehensive set or press the pace with Kelz and Veblen 3-4 lengths back. The tempo preserves the closers' energy and slightly favors well-placed stalkers.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Ur a Collection	30-1	2%	3.2%	-1.2%
2	Massachusetts	10-1	8%	9.1%	-1.1%
3	Comprehensive	7-2	23%	22.2%	**+0.8%**
4	Dark Hope	30-1	1%	3.2%	-2.2%
5	Ocelli	9-5	8%	35.7%	-27.7%
6	Mayfield	5-1	8%	16.7%	-8.7%
7	Kelz	8-1	15%	11.1%	**+3.9%**
8	Stormin the Beach	12-1	5%	7.7%	-2.7%
9	Ryu	6-1	11%	14.3%	-3.3%





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
10	In the Books	20-1	1%	4.8%	-3.8%
11	Travertine	30-1	1%	3.2%	-2.2%
12	Safety Off	6-1	5%	14.3%	-9.3%
13	Liberty Valance	6-1	4%	14.3%	-10.3%
14	Wolf Dakota	30-1	1%	3.2%	-2.2%
15	Veblen	9-2	6%	18.2%	-12.2%
16	Still Sober	30-1	1%	3.2%	-2.2%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**184.4%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion. The original table's implied column was far too low (e.g., Ocelli at 9-5 listed as 19.4% and 15.4%, Comprehensive at 7-2 as 12.1%), which produced false edges. With 16 runners the morning line totals 184.4%; only Kelz (+3.9%) and Comprehensive (+0.8%) are overlays. The original text also used 22% and 14% for Comprehensive and Kelz; the table figures (23%, 15%) are used throughout.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

Comprehensive (Post 3) — Model Win %: 23%

PTW Profile: The model's top horse. Hard Spun colt for Brian Lynch (20% in turf routes, 27% off 31-60 days); 0-for-9 with several 2nds and 3rds. Led into the stretch on 9/20 before fading; 3rd at 9f on turf on 5/9. Blinkers on. Slight overlay at 7-2 (22.2% implied, +0.8%).

Strengths: Tactical; consistently near the lead at the second call; proven at 9f on turf.

Concerns: Winless in nine starts; faded in the final eighth last time; STRONG, not ELITE, late speed.

Trip Projection: Sits 2nd-4th early, takes control on the far turn and is tested in the stretch.

Kelz (Post 7) — Model Win %: 15%

PTW Profile: Blame colt for Kenny McPeek (15% on turf, 16% in routes); two placings from seven starts, stalking 3-4 lengths off the pace at Keeneland (10/16) and Churchill (9/20). At 8-1 (11.1% implied), +3.9%—the best overlay in the race.

Strengths: Tactical stalker; improving on turf; sharp works.

Concerns: Winless; first try at 9f; dirt form weaker.

Trip Projection: Stalks 3rd-5th and rallies in the final quarter-mile.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

Ryu (Post 9) — Model Win %: 11%





PTW Profile: Cairo Prince colt for Bauer (29% with second-time starters); tracked 4th and rallied to 2nd in his turf debut at Keeneland on 10/16 (8.5f, good). Underlay at 6-1 (14.3% implied, –3.3%).

Strengths: ELITE sustained speed—the field's best late velocity; second-start angle.

Concerns: One start; first try at 9f.

Trip Projection: Rates 4th-6th and rallies in the final furlong.

Massachusetts (Post 2) — Model Win %: 8%

PTW Profile: Constitution colt for Steve Asmussen; Keith Asmussen rides. One placing from six starts (Ellis Park, 9f turf, 7/19); off the board in Kentucky Downs turf stakes on 9/6/25 (8f) and 9/3/26 (12f). Fairly priced at 10-1 (–1.1%).

Concerns: Slow starts; needs room and pace.

Ocelli (Post 5) — Model Win %: 8%

PTW Profile: Connect colt for Beckman; 0-for-11 with stakes experience but 6th-9th in five of his last six starts; tired badly in a 10f turf stakes at Saratoga on 8/29. As the 9-5 favorite (35.7% implied) he is by far the race's biggest underlay (–27.7%).

Concerns: Declining form; VULNERABLE late.

Mayfield (Post 6) — Model Win %: 8%

PTW Profile: Not This Time colt for Brendan Walsh (13% with first-time turf starters); 4th and 6th in two dirt sprints. First time on turf and first time routing. Underlay at 5-1 (16.7% implied, –8.7%).

Concerns: VULNERABLE late; sprint pedigree; three major changes at once.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

Veblen (Post 15, 6%): Also-eligible; runs only if there are scratches. Bill Mott; one placing from three starts; improving on turf. Big underlay at 9-2 (18.2% implied, –12.2%).

Stormin the Beach (Post 8, 5%): ELITE early speed but VULNERABLE late; useful mainly as a pace-setter. –2.7%.

Safety Off (Post 12, 5%): 8th in his only start, a 9f dirt maiden at Churchill on 9/27; turf debut. VULNERABLE late. –9.3%.

Liberty Valance (Post 13, 4%): 0-for-6; 2nd at 6f on dirt at Keeneland on 10/4/25; placed in 9f races at the Fair Grounds. –10.3%.

Ur a Collection (2%), **Dark Hope**, **In the Books**, **Travertine**, **Wolf Dakota**, **Still Sober** (1% each): no form or value edge.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings





PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Ryu	STRONG	ELITE	Low — superior closing profile
Comprehensive	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — competitive late
Kelz	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — consistent
Massachusetts	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — steady late
Veblen	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — improving
Liberty Valance	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — willing finisher
Stormin the Beach	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — speed collapse
Mayfield	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — early fade
Ocelli	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse risk
Safety Off	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — closing weakness
Ur a Collection	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — fades
Still Sober	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — inconsistent
Dark Hope	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — never involved
In the Books	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	Very high
Travertine	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	Very high
Wolf Dakota	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	Very high

Critical MPH Insight

Ryu is the only ELITE sustained finisher; he tracked and rallied in his debut. **Comprehensive** is STRONG late after fading last time. **Stormin the Beach** has ELITE early speed but VULNERABLE late speed. Sustained speed is tightly clustered otherwise, so form and tactics should decide the race.

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Ryu — Bauer 29% with second-time starters; ran well despite traffic in his debut.

Kelz — Back-to-back placings on turf; McPeek 15% in turf routes.

Massachusetts — Turf specialist for Asmussen; drops from stakes to a maiden special.

Bounce / Regression Risks





Ocelli — 0-for-11 with declining form; 35.7% implied vs. 8% model.

Stormin the Beach — Leads and fades every time.

Mayfield — First time on turf, first time routing, sprint pedigree.

Comprehensive — Faded after leading into the stretch last time.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: COMPREHENSIVE — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 4-1 or better

Model projects 23% win probability, the highest in the field, at 7-2 (22.2% implied): +0.8%. Proven at 9f on turf, tactical, blinkers on. Fair price is about 10-3.

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

VALUE PLAY: KELZ — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 8-1 or better

Model projects 15% at 8-1 (11.1% implied): +3.9%, the race's best overlay. Back-to-back turf placings and a stalking style suited to the pace. Fair price is about 11-2.

Value Assessment: **STRONG VALUE** (+3.9%).

LONGSHOT PLAY: None. No horse at 10-1 or longer is an overlay; Ryu at 6-1 is –3.3%.

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

A: Comprehensive — 23%
B: Kelz — 15%
C: Ryu — 11%

Combined Projected Probability: 49%

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★★★ (4 of 5 stars)

Comprehensive is the model's top horse and a slight overlay; **Kelz** is the best value. The public's biggest mistake is the 9-5 favorite **Ocelli** (35.7% implied vs. 8%), 0-for-11 with declining form. **Veblen** at 9-2 (–12.2%) is also badly overbet.

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