Churchill Downs

Race 5 — 11/05/2026

Class: Starter Allowance ($50,000)

Distance: 7f

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $83,000

Starters: 8

STARTER ALLOWANCE. Purse $83,000 (include $9,700 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF $50,000 OR LESS OR WHICH HAVE BROKEN THEIR MAIDEN IN A MAIDEN AUCTION RACE OF $65,000 OR LESS AND WHICH HAVE NEVER WON A RACE OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING OR WAIVER CLAIMING. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 122 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since October 5 Allowed 2 lbs. (Races Where Entered For $40,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances) Starter Races For $40,000 Or Less Not Considered In Eligibility.

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R5
Thursday, November 5, 2026 | 7f Dirt | 3YO & Up | Starter Allowance

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Hillbilly Daydream (Post 2) won his last start wire to wire, a 6f claimer at Churchill on 9/11. **Good Mojo** (Post 5) has been on or near the lead at every call in recent starts, most recently 2nd at Keeneland on 10/4 at 7f after being pressed late.

Stalkers / Pressers

Ghostwritten (Post 3) can rate just off the leaders. **Skynet** (Post 6) has moderate early speed but has been placed differently from race to race. **Big Apple Patrick** (Post 7) can press or stalk.

Closers

Merited (Post 4) tracked early and drove clear to win at 7f at Churchill on 9/19. **White Cargo** (Post 8) rallied five wide in mid-stretch and drew clear at Churchill on 9/26.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT** early pace—projected :22 2/5 opening quarter, :45 1/5 half-mile. Hillbilly Daydream and Good Mojo contest the lead; stalkers benefit, and closers will need clean room in the stretch.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Join	8-1	10%	11.1%	-1.1%
2	Hillbilly Daydream	2-1	13%	33.3%	-20.3%
3	Ghostwritten	3-1	11%	25.0%	-14.0%
4	Merited	4-1	16%	20.0%	-4.0%
5	Good Mojo	6-1	26%	14.3%	**+11.7%**
6	Skynet	20-1	6%	4.8%	**+1.2%**
7	Big Apple Patrick	15-1	12%	6.3%	**+5.7%**
8	White Cargo	8-1	6%	11.1%	-5.1%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**125.9%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion. The original table used adjusted figures (e.g., Hillbilly Daydream 26.5%, Good Mojo 11.3% and +14.7%); the text mixed in other numbers (+14.6%, 26.4%). Raw figures are used throughout.





Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

Good Mojo (Post 5) — Model Win %: 26%

PTW Profile: The model's top horse by a wide margin. ELITE early and late speed—the only horse in the field with both. Won a 7f maiden special weight on 11/7/2025 and was 2nd at Keeneland on 10/4. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), +11.7%—the best overlay in the race.

Strengths: Proven at 7f; presses the pace and keeps going; trainer Norm Casse 17% in sprints, 18% on dirt (1.43 ROI).

Concerns: 0-for-9 this year and hasn't won since 11/7/2025; Tyler Gaffalione 7.69% at the meet.

Trip Projection: Presses Hillbilly Daydream early, takes over on the turn and holds the stretch run.

Merited (Post 4) — Model Win %: 16%

PTW Profile: Won his only start, a 7f maiden claimer at Churchill on 9/19, tracking and then driving clear. Trainer D. Whitworth Beckman 14% in dirt sprints; Jaron Loveberry 25% at the meet. At 4-1 (20.0% implied), –4.0%.

Strengths: Won at today's distance; STRONG early and late speed.

Concerns: Only one start; first try against winners.

Trip Projection: Stalks from the three path, challenges turning for home.

Hillbilly Daydream (Post 2) — Model Win %: 13%

PTW Profile: Won a 6f claimer wire to wire at Churchill on 9/11. Trainer Thomas Vance 8% on dirt, 9% in dirt sprints. As the 2-1 favorite (33.3% implied) he is the race's biggest underlay (–20.3%).

Strengths: ELITE early speed.

Concerns: Career-best last out; steps up from a claiming win; weak trainer numbers; will be pressed by Good Mojo.

Trip Projection: Breaks sharply to the lead; must hold off Good Mojo and the closers through the stretch.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

Big Apple Patrick (Post 7) — Model Win %: 12%

PTW Profile: Three career starts; won a 7f maiden special weight at Churchill on 10/29, drawing clear by two lengths. Trainer Daniel Leitch; Brian Hernandez Jr. 23.53% at the meet. At 15-1 (6.3% implied), +5.7%.

Strengths: Recent winner at today's distance; top rider.

Concerns: Only three starts; back in a week; the model rates his sustained speed VULNERABLE despite his clear win.





Trip Projection: Settles mid-pack and rallies three wide if the pace collapses.

Ghostwritten (Post 3) — Model Win %: 11%

PTW Profile: Cuts back from 8.5f to 7f. Won a mile maiden claimer at Del Mar on 8/13; faded to 8th at Keeneland on 10/23. Trainer Christopher Davis 12% in dirt sprints; Jose Ortiz rides. Overbet at 3-1 (25.0% implied, –14.0%).

Concerns: Faded badly last out; sprinting hasn't been his game; VULNERABLE late.

Trip Projection: Rates just off the pace and likely fades in the final furlong.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

Join (Post 1, 10%): One career win; last three starts 3rd, 3rd, 9th. Trainer Shelbi Kurtz 10% on dirt. –1.1%.

White Cargo (Post 8, 6%): Two starts: 6th in his debut at Turfway on 1/2, then won a 6f claimer at Churchill on 9/26 with a strong rally. Trainer Ed Moger Jr. 17% in sprints. Very little data. –5.1%.

Skynet (Post 6, 6%): Inconsistent; won at 6f on 9/20. Trainer Roddina Barrett 6% on dirt. +1.2%.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Good Mojo	ELITE	ELITE	Low — maintains velocity
Hillbilly Daydream	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — sustains competitive pace
Merited	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — balanced
White Cargo	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — closes consistently
Ghostwritten	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — stretch collapse risk
Big Apple Patrick	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — fades late
Join	VULNERABLE	STRONG	High — slow early, salvages late
Skynet	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — struggles to keep pace

Critical MPH Insight

Good Mojo is the only horse ELITE in both opening and sustained speed. **Hillbilly Daydream** matches him early but doesn't sustain it as well. A HOT pace should expose the VULNERABLE late profiles of **Ghostwritten** and **Big Apple Patrick**.

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates





Likely to Improve

Good Mojo — Strong 2nd last out at 7f; the model projects continued improvement.

Merited — Second start after a maiden win; trainer Beckman 14% in the 31-60 day pattern (2.10 ROI).

White Cargo — Third career start, coming off a strong win.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Hillbilly Daydream — Career-best claiming win last out; steps up in class; trainer 8% on dirt.

Ghostwritten — Faded to 8th at 8.5f on 10/23; now cuts back to a sprint.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: GOOD MOJO — Confidence 9/10 — Target odds: 4-1 or better

Model projects 26% win probability, the highest in the field by a wide margin, at 6-1 (14.3% implied): +11.7%. ELITE early and late speed; the HOT pace lets him press and keep going. Fair price is about 3-1.

Value Assessment: **STRONG VALUE** (+11.7%).

VALUE PLAY: BIG APPLE PATRICK — Confidence 6/10 — Target odds: 10-1 or better

Model projects 12% at 15-1 (6.3% implied): +5.7%. Recent 7f maiden winner with a top rider. Fair price is about 7-1.

Value Assessment: **STRONG VALUE** (+5.7%).

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

A: Good Mojo — 26%
B: Merited — 16%
C: Hillbilly Daydream — 13%

Combined Projected Probability: 55%

The original listed Big Apple Patrick (12%) as C; Hillbilly Daydream (13%) ranks third in the model.

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★★★★ (5 of 5 stars)

Good Mojo is the clear top choice at 26% with the field's only ELITE/ELITE speed profile, and at 6-1 he is also the best value (+11.7%). **Big Apple Patrick** at 15-1 (+5.7%) is the secondary value. The public's mistake is the 2-1 favorite **Hillbilly Daydream** (33.3% implied vs. 13%), with **Ghostwritten** at 3-1 (25.0% vs. 11%) also overbet.

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





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