Churchill Downs

Race 7 — 11/05/2026

Class: Claiming $16,000 (N2L)

Distance: 7f

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $36,000

Starters: 11

CLAIMING. Purse $36,000 (include $4,200 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 122 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since October 5 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price $16,000.

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R7
Thursday, November 5, 2026 | 7f Dirt | 3YO & Up | Claiming $16,000 (Non-Winners of Two)

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Wild Recruit (Post 8) — Explosive early speed. Pressed the pace and stopped badly at Churchill on 9/11 (6.5f), finishing 11th.

Rochester (Post 11) — Led early and won his maiden by 5 3/4 lengths at Churchill on 5/9 (6.5f). Weakened after brushing the gate at Saratoga on 8/5.

Fast Joker (Post 9) — Set the pace and weakened in the final furlong at Churchill on 9/20 (8.5f); has been more of a stalker in routes.

Stalkers / Pressers

Boonesboro (Post 1) — Sat 3rd, moved at the half and won his maiden at Horseshoe Indianapolis on 9/22 (5.5f). Trainer Lynch 31% in the 31-60 day pattern; this is day 44.

Daiquiri Sommelier (Post 5) — Rallied to 3rd at Saratoga on 9/4 (8f). Blinkers off today.

Honorabledischarge (Post 3) — Rallied to 5th despite trouble in an allowance at Horseshoe Indianapolis on 6/2; drops from allowance races into a claimer.

Closers

Dewy's Denali (Post 10) — Rallied to 4th from 8th early at Horseshoe Indianapolis on 10/8 (8f). **Eight Seven Magic** (Post 2) and **Line of Reason** (Post 7) can also be involved late.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **MODERATE** early pace—projected :22 2/5 opening quarter, :45 3/5 half-mile. Wild Recruit, Rochester and Fast Joker contest the lead without a suicidal duel; stalkers sit 1-2 lengths off, and closers get enough pace to rally.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Boonesboro	4-1	16%	20.0%	-4.0%
2	Eight Seven Magic	15-1	4%	6.3%	-2.3%
3	Honorabledischarge	8-1	10%	11.1%	-1.1%
4	Romantic Lead	50-1	1%	2.0%	-1.0%





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
5	Daiquiri Sommelier	9-2	12%	18.2%	-6.2%
6	Gray Is Okay	20-1	2%	4.8%	-2.8%
7	Line of Reason	10-1	5%	9.1%	-4.1%
8	Wild Recruit	5-1	25%	16.7%	**+8.3%**
9	Fast Joker	8-1	9%	11.1%	-2.1%
10	Dewy's Denali	20-1	3%	4.8%	-1.8%
11	Rochester	7-2	13%	22.2%	-9.2%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**126.3%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion; the original table used adjusted figures (e.g., Wild Recruit 13.2% and +11.8%; Rochester 17.6%). Rochester at 7-2 is the morning-line favorite, not Wild Recruit.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

Wild Recruit (Post 8) — Model Win %: 25%

PTW Profile: The model's top horse. 1-for-9: won a maiden claimer at Del Mar on 11/9/2024; 9th and 8th in Del Mar claimers, then 2nd in a claimer at Los Alamitos on 9/21/2025. Returned from a nearly year-long layoff to finish 11th at Churchill on 9/11. Trainer Hess 19% with claimers, 23% in the 31-60 day pattern; this is day 55. Tyler Gaffalione 7.69% at the meet. At 5-1 (16.7% implied), +8.3%—the best overlay in the race.

Strengths: ELITE early speed; second start off the layoff.

Concerns: Stopped badly last out (11th, beaten more than 19 lengths at Churchill on 9/11) with a 46.8% deceleration—the worst in the field; VULNERABLE sustained speed; untested at 7f recently.

Trip Projection: Breaks sharply and is on or near the lead by the first call, with Rochester to his outside and Boonesboro pressing. Must hold off the stalkers if the pace stays honest.

Boonesboro (Post 1) — Model Win %: 16%

PTW Profile: Won a $16,000 maiden claimer at Horseshoe Indianapolis on 9/22, sitting 3rd and moving at the half; finishes in his last three: 1st, 4th, 5th. Trainer Lynch 31% in the 31-60 day pattern (207 starts, 2.42 ROI) and 32% with last-out winners. Jockey Beschizza 0-for-4 at the meet. At 4-1 (20.0% implied), –4.0%.

Strengths: Strong trainer angles; STRONG early and late speed; sharp recent work.

Concerns: Steps up from a maiden claimer to face winners; post 1 could leave him boxed in early; first try at 7f.





Trip Projection: Sits 3rd or 4th behind Wild Recruit and Rochester, 2-3 lengths off the pace, and rallies if room opens.

Rochester (Post 11) — Model Win %: 13%

PTW Profile: Won his maiden by 5 3/4 lengths at Churchill on 5/9 (6.5f). Weakened after brushing the gate at Saratoga on 8/5, then was eased, beaten more than 35 lengths, at Saratoga on 8/21. Trainer Moquett 14% with claimers (1.42 ROI); Joe Bejarano 22% at the meet. As the 7-2 favorite (22.2% implied), –9.2%.

Strengths: STRONG early and late speed; good rider.

Concerns: Eased in his last start, a possible physical concern; post 11 forces him wide; first try at 7f.

Trip Projection: Settles outside the early leaders, 2-3 lengths off the pace; the wide trip may cost him late.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

Daiquiri Sommelier (Post 5) — Model Win %: 12%

PTW Profile: Won a maiden claimer wire to wire at Churchill on 6/7/2025 (8.5f). Shortens up to 7f and drops in price; blinkers off. Trainer Stall 13% with claimers (0.78 ROI); Brian Hernandez Jr. 23.53% at the meet. At 9-2 (18.2% implied), –6.2%.

Strengths: ELITE sustained speed (9.2% deceleration, lowest in the field); top rider.

Concerns: 6th and 5th in his last two sprints; faltered at Saratoga on 8/14 (7f); weak trainer numbers.

Trip Projection: Rates 3-4 lengths off the pace and rallies; distance is the question.

Honorabledischarge (Post 3) — Model Win %: 10%

PTW Profile: Won a maiden special weight at Horseshoe Indianapolis on 4/21; since then 5th and 9th in allowance races there after troubled starts. Drops into a claimer for the first time. Trainer Shirer 21% with claimers (1.97 ROI); J.A. Torres 23.08% at the meet. At 8-1 (11.1% implied), –1.1%.

Strengths: Class drop; strong claiming barn; STRONG early and late speed.

Concerns: Trouble at the start in three straight races; has raced only at 5.5f-6f.

Trip Projection: Inside early, 3rd or 4th at the first call; rallies if he gets a clean trip.

Eight Seven Magic (Post 2) — Model Win %: 4%

PTW Profile: 1-for-8 (one 2nd, one 3rd). Won a 7f maiden claimer at Remington on 9/6/2025; last raced 10/3/2025—13 months ago. Steve Asmussen trains (14% with claimers); Keith Asmussen 23% at the meet. At 15-1 (6.3% implied), –2.3%.

Concerns: 13-month layoff; VULNERABLE late.

Trip Projection: Settles 6th to 8th and needs the pace to fall apart.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)





Fast Joker (Post 9, 9%): Weakened late after setting the pace at Churchill on 9/20; declining deceleration trend. –2.1%.

Line of Reason (Post 7, 5%): Won a 7.5f maiden special weight at Canterbury on 9/17 in his fifth career start, holding on by a nose after inheriting the lead. Trainer Murphy 0-for-22 with claimers. –4.1%.

Dewy's Denali (Post 10, 3%): Maiden winner at Turfway on 12/18/2025; trainer Gonzalez 2% in dirt sprints. –1.8%.

Gray Is Okay (Post 6, 2%): Struggles at 7f; trainer 4% with claimers. –2.8%.

Romantic Lead (Post 4, 1%): 1-for-26; trainer Esquivel 0-for-49 with claimers. –1.0%.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Daiquiri Sommelier	STRONG	ELITE	Low — best in field
Rochester	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — balanced effort
Boonesboro	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — steady
Honorabledischarge	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — competitive
Line of Reason	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — limited data
Wild Recruit	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — significant velocity loss
Eight Seven Magic	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — fades late
Fast Joker	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — declining profile
Gray Is Okay	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse
Dewy's Denali	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	Very High
Romantic Lead	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	Very High

Critical MPH Insight

Wild Recruit is the model's top horse but showed the worst deceleration in the field last out (46.8%). **Daiquiri Sommelier** (9.2%) is the only ELITE sustained-speed horse and shortens to 7f. **Boonesboro** (15.8%) and **Rochester** (24.8%) have the most balanced profiles. If Wild Recruit tires, the winner likely comes from the horses who hold their speed rather than the early leaders.

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve





Boonesboro — Last-out maiden winner in Lynch's peak window (31% in 31-60 days, 2.42 ROI); day 44.

Honorabledischarge — Drops from allowance races into a claimer for a strong claiming barn; troubled starts, not declining form, explain his recent losses.

Line of Reason — Lightly raced and coming off a maiden win, though his trainer is 0-for-22 with claimers.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Wild Recruit — Stopped badly on 9/11 (46.8% deceleration); vulnerable if forced into an early duel.

Fast Joker — Deceleration has worsened in each of his last three starts (13.1%, 15.2%, 25.4%).

Eight Seven Magic — Back from a 13-month layoff.

Romantic Lead — 1-for-26 for a trainer who is 0-for-49 with claimers.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: WILD RECRUIT — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 4-1 or better

Model projects 25% win probability, the highest in the field, at 5-1 (16.7% implied): +8.3%. ELITE early speed in a MODERATE pace. The risk is his last start, when he stopped badly under pressure. Fair price is about 3-1.

Value Assessment: **STRONG VALUE** (+8.3%).

SECOND PLAY: ROCHESTER — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 7-1 or better

Model projects 13% at 7-2 (22.2% implied): –9.2%. Balanced speed profile, proven at 6.5f and ridden by a 22% jockey, but post 11 and last start's eased effort are concerns. Fair price is about 13-2.

Value Assessment: **UNDERLAY at the morning line** (–9.2%).

LONGSHOT PLAY: None. No longshot is an overlay.

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

A: Wild Recruit — 25%
B: Boonesboro — 16%
C: Rochester — 13%

Combined Projected Probability: 54%

The original listed Rochester (13%) as B ahead of Boonesboro (16%); reordered by model win %. Daiquiri Sommelier (12%) is the next horse to add.

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★★★ (4 of 5 stars)





Wild Recruit is the overlay (+8.3% at 5-1), but he is a bounce risk after stopping badly on 9/11. A MODERATE pace should help horses who hold their speed, like **Boonesboro** and **Rochester**. The public's mistake is the 7-2 favorite **Rochester** (22.2% implied vs. 13%), who was eased in his last start. Boonesboro becomes an overlay only above 5-1.

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