Churchill Downs

Race 9 — 11/05/2026

Class: Allowance (N1X)

Distance: 8f (1 mile)

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $127,000

Starters: 16

ALLOWANCE. Purse $127,000 (include $48,700 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON A RACE OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER, OR STATE BRED ALLOWANCE OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Other Than Claiming, Or Starter At A Mile Or Over Since September 5 Allowed 2 lbs.

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R9
Thursday, November 5, 2026 | 1 Mile Dirt | 3YO & Up | Allowance (N1X)

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Zimmer (Post 1) — ELITE early speed. Won his 6f debut at Belmont on 10/2 by 4 lengths, pressing three wide and drawing clear. Will be forwardly placed.

Commentate (Post 14) — Won wire to wire at Keeneland on 10/3; one-dimensional speed, vulnerable if pressed.

Tripp's Promise (Post 7) — Good early speed; placed forwardly before fading in an 8f allowance at Keeneland on 10/11. Can press or stalk.

Closers

Laughnowcrylater (Post 16) — ELITE late pace; won starter allowances at Churchill on 9/23 and 11/16/2025.

Don's Winner (Post 11) — Won his last start at Churchill on 9/27 (9f) with a strong rally.

Penalty Box (Post 8) — Has won at 7f and 8f; finishes from stalking positions.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT** early pace—projected :23 1/5 opening quarter, :46 4/5 half-mile. Zimmer's speed draws Commentate and Tripp's Promise into a contested first half-mile; stalkers 3-4 lengths back and strong closers benefit.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Zimmer	6-5	17%	45.5%	-28.5%
2	Charlie Foxtrot	30-1	2%	3.2%	-1.2%
3	Spirit of Royal	50-1	1%	2.0%	-1.0%
4	Mister Punch	8-1	7%	11.1%	-4.1%
5	Bridgesong	15-1	5%	6.3%	-1.3%
6	I Did I Did	20-1	5%	4.8%	**+0.2%**
7	Tripp's Promise	20-1	7%	4.8%	**+2.2%**





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
8	Penalty Box	9-2	10%	18.2%	-8.2%
9	Sure to Appeal	20-1	3%	4.8%	-1.8%
10	Pimlott	15-1	4%	6.3%	-2.3%
11	Don's Winner	6-1	10%	14.3%	-4.3%
12	Sweet Freedom	12-1	6%	7.7%	-1.7%
13	Sixtyseven Mustang	15-1	4%	6.3%	-2.3%
14	Commentate	8-1	9%	11.1%	-2.1%
15	Blue Forty Two	20-1	1%	4.8%	-3.8%
16	Laughnowcrylater	10-1	9%	9.1%	-0.1%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**160.3%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (field total 160.3%). The original table used adjusted figures (Zimmer 28.4%) and the text called 6-5 "16.7% implied"; at raw odds Zimmer is 45.5% implied and –28.5%. The original text also used 18% for Zimmer and 11% for Don's Winner; the table figures (17%, 10%) are used throughout.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

Zimmer (Post 1) — Model Win %: 17%

PTW Profile: The model's top horse. One start: won a 6f debut at Belmont on 10/2 by 4 lengths. Trainer Stidham 26% (1.92 ROI) with horses moving from sprints to routes. As the 6-5 favorite (45.5% implied) he is the race's biggest underlay (–28.5%).

Strengths: ELITE early speed, STRONG late; second-start improvement; good works.

Concerns: Only one start; first try against winners; first route after a sprint debut; will be pressed by Commentate and Tripp's Promise; heavily overbet.

Trip Projection: Sent to the lead from the rail; dangerous if he controls the pace, vulnerable if pressed into a fast tempo.

Don's Winner (Post 11) — Model Win %: 10%

PTW Profile: Won his last start at Churchill on 9/27 (9f) with a strong rally. Trainer Joe Sharp 22% in dirt routes (1.90 ROI); Luis Saez 16.7% at the meet. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –4.3%.

Strengths: ELITE sustained speed; proven at 8-9f; multiple wins at Churchill; in form.

Concerns: Needs an honest pace; slightly overbet.

Trip Projection: Settles 4-5 lengths off the pace and rallies around the far turn.





Penalty Box (Post 8) — Model Win %: 10%

PTW Profile: Has won at 7f and 8f; 2nd at Ellis Park on 8/21. Trainer McCarthy. At 9-2 (18.2% implied), –8.2%.

Strengths: STRONG early and late speed; proven at the distance.

Concerns: Off since 8/21 (11 weeks); overbet.

Trip Projection: Stalks and finishes from mid-pack.

Laughnowcrylater (Post 16) — Model Win %: 9%

PTW Profile: 3-for-13: maiden special weight (7/11/2024), then starter allowances at Churchill on 11/16/2025 and 9/23/2026; 3rd in a starter allowance on 6/21. Trainer McCarthy 16% in routes (1.89 ROI). At 10-1 (9.1% implied), –0.1%—fairly priced.

Strengths: ELITE sustained speed; Churchill form; the HOT pace suits him.

Concerns: Post 16 in a one-mile race; steps up from starter allowances and is 0-for-5 in open allowances.

Trip Projection: Settles 4-6 lengths back and makes one run from the far turn.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

Commentate (Post 14) — Model Win %: 9%

PTW Profile: Won wire to wire at Keeneland on 10/3. Trainer DeVaux 28% in the 31-60 day pattern (3.10 ROI); Jose Ortiz rides. At 8-1 (11.1% implied), –2.1%.

Strengths: ELITE early speed; sharp recent work.

Concerns: One-dimensional; will be pressed by Zimmer; first try at a mile; wide post.

Trip Projection: Breaks sharply and contests the pace; likely fades if he can't clear early.

Tripp's Promise (Post 7) — Model Win %: 7%

PTW Profile: Two wins in his last 12 starts; faded after racing forwardly at Keeneland on 10/11 (8f allowance). Trainer Dale Romans 18% in dirt routes (2.13 ROI); Corrales 20% recently. At 20-1 (4.8% implied), +2.2%—the best overlay in the race.

Strengths: Proven router; can press or stalk.

Concerns: Inconsistent; faces better speed in Zimmer.

Trip Projection: Stalks 2-3 lengths off Zimmer; modest finishing kick.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

Mister Punch (Post 4, 7%): First start since being eased in a stakes at Fair Grounds on 12/20/2025 (more than 10 months). Trainer Brad Cox 26% in dirt routes. VULNERABLE late. –4.1%.





Sweet Freedom (Post 12, 6%): 3-for-14; won a claimer at Turfway on 3/28 and a starter allowance at Churchill on 4/29, then 3rd in an allowance at Churchill on 6/3. Trainer Robert Medina 9% on dirt. –1.7%.

Bridgesong (Post 5, 5%): Won at Churchill on 9/17. –1.3%.

I Did I Did (Post 6, 5%): STRONG/STRONG route profile. +0.2%.

Pimlott (Post 10, 4%), **Sixtyseven Mustang** (Post 13, 4%), **Sure to Appeal** (Post 9, 3%), **Charlie Foxtrot** (Post 2, 2%), **Spirit of Royal** (Post 3, 1%), **Blue Forty Two** (Post 15, 1%): limited chances.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Zimmer	ELITE	STRONG	Low — maintains velocity
Don's Winner	STRONG	ELITE	Low — powerful finish
Laughnowcrylater	STRONG	ELITE	Low — exceptional late
Commentate	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — fades in stretch
Penalty Box	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — steady
Tripp's Promise	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — consistent
Sweet Freedom	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — competitive
I Did I Did	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — honest route profile
Pimlott	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — steady router
Bridgesong	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — balanced
Mister Punch	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace vulnerability
Charlie Foxtrot	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — collapse risk
Sixtyseven Mustang	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — deceleration risk
Spirit of Royal	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High
Blue Forty Two	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — distance question
Sure to Appeal	UNRATED	UNRATED	Insufficient route data

Critical MPH Insight

Don's Winner and **Laughnowcrylater** are the only ELITE sustained-speed horses. If **Zimmer** controls the pace, he can wire the field; if Commentate and Tripp's Promise press him, the HOT pace sets up the two closers.





Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Zimmer — Second career start; Stidham 26% moving horses from sprints to routes (1.92 ROI).

Don's Winner — In peak form off his 9/27 win; Sharp 22% in routes.

Laughnowcrylater — Won his last start (9/23) at Churchill.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Penalty Box — Off 11 weeks; overbet at 9-2 (18.2% implied vs. 10%).

Mister Punch — Returns from a layoff of more than 10 months after being eased on 12/20/2025.

Commentate — Speed-only type facing pressure.

Tripp's Promise — Two wins in his last 12; up-and-down form.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: ZIMMER — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 5-1 or better

Model projects 17% win probability, the highest in the field, with ELITE early speed. But at 6-5 (45.5% implied) he is –28.5%. Fair price is about 5-1; bet only at that price.

Value Assessment: **UNDERLAY at the morning line** (–28.5%).

VALUE PLAY: TRIPP'S PROMISE — Confidence 6/10 — Target odds: 14-1 or better

Model projects 7% at 20-1 (4.8% implied): +2.2%, the race's best overlay. Can stalk just off Zimmer in a HOT pace. Fair price is about 13-1.

Value Assessment: **SLIGHT VALUE** (+2.2%).

LONGSHOT PLAY: None.

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

A: Zimmer — 17%
B: Don's Winner — 10%
C: Penalty Box — 10%

Combined Projected Probability: 37%

The original listed Laughnowcrylater (9%) as C; Penalty Box (10%) ranks higher in the table. Laughnowcrylater and Commentate (9% each) are next. A wide-open race for multi-race tickets.

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★★ (3 of 5 stars)





Zimmer is the model's top horse but no better than 17%, and at 6-5 (45.5% implied) he is the race's biggest mistake. If he is pressed, the HOT pace sets up ELITE closers **Don's Winner** and **Laughnowcrylater**. **Penalty Box** at 9-2 (18.2% vs. 10%) is also overbet. The only overlays are **Tripp's Promise** (+2.2%) and **I Did I Did** (+0.2%).

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