Churchill Downs

Race 8 — 11/06/2026

Class: Allowance Optional Claiming $175,000

Distance: 8.5f (1 1/16 miles)

Surface: Turf

Purse: $148,000

Starters: 6

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING. Purse $148,000 (include $53,000 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON $20,000 FOUR TIMES OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER, RATING, RESTRICTED, OR STATE BRED OR WHICH HAVE NOT WON TWO RACES OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER, RATING, RESTRICTED, OR STATE BRED OVER A MILE ON THE TURF IN 2026 OR CLAIMING PRICE $175,000. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs. Non-winners Of A Graded Sweepstakes At A Mile Or Over On The Turf Since February 14 Allowed 2 lbs. Non-winners Of Two Races At A Mile Or Over On The Turf In 2026 Allowed 4 lbs. Claiming Price $175,000. (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 Sixteenth mile.) (Rail at 36 feet).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R8
Friday, November 6, 2026 | 1 1/16 Miles Turf | 3YO & Up | Allowance Optional Claiming $175,000

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Yinzer (Post 6) — ELITE early speed; led from the gate and won by 1 1/2 lengths in a 9f allowance optional claimer on turf at Churchill on 9/24.

Encino (Post 3) — ELITE early speed; cleared early and dueled before fading to 4th on turf at Horseshoe Indianapolis on 7/11; last two starts on synthetic at Presque Isle.

Stalkers / Pressers

Echo Lane (Post 2) — Pressed, bid four wide and drew clear at 8.5f on turf at Churchill on 11/15/2025; most recently in the Gr. 2 Sycamore at Keeneland on 10/9. **Air Recruit** (Post 4) — Stalks from mid-pack.

Closers

Neat (Post 1) — The field's ELITE late runner on turf routes; won a Monmouth stakes on 5/30 with a rail rally and won a Gulfstream handicap on 10/3. **Johny's Rendezvous** (Post 5) — Stalked and weakened to 4th behind Yinzer on 9/24.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **HONEST** early pace—projected :23 1/5 opening quarter, :47 4/5 half-mile. Yinzer controls the fractions with Encino applying some pressure and Echo Lane stalking 2-3 lengths back; closers can save ground and position late.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Neat	6-1	19%	14.3%	**+4.7%**
2	Echo Lane	10-1	14%	9.1%	**+4.9%**
3	Encino	9-5	16%	35.7%	-19.7%
4	Air Recruit	9-2	12%	18.2%	-6.2%
5	Johny's Rendezvous	7-2	11%	22.2%	-11.2%
6	Yinzer	5-2	28%	28.6%	-0.6%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**128.1%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (field total 128.1%). The original table used adjusted figures (Encino 27.9% and –11.9%; Yinzer 22.3% and +5.7%). At raw odds Encino is 35.7% implied and –19.7%, and Yinzer is –0.6%.





Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

Yinzer (Post 6) — Model Win %: 28%

PTW Profile: The model's top horse. 3-for-9 on turf; led all the way to win at 9f on turf at Churchill on 9/24. Steve Asmussen trains (27.8% recently); Keith Asmussen 23.08% at the meet. At 5-2 (28.6% implied), –0.6%—fairly priced.

Strengths: ELITE early speed with STRONG late speed (11.2% deceleration); proven at the distance; sharp bullet work.

Concerns: Outside post; could be pressed by Encino.

Trip Projection: Breaks alertly, takes control by the quarter and sets the tempo; wires the field if not pressed.

Neat (Post 1) — Model Win %: 19%

PTW Profile: 8-for-22 on turf with stakes wins at 8-8.5f; won a Monmouth stakes on 5/30 with a rail rally, was 3rd in another on 8/8, and won a Gulfstream handicap on 10/3 in his last start. Trainer Mike Maker 16% on turf (1.88 ROI); Junior Alvarado 18.18% at the meet. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), +4.7%.

Strengths: ELITE sustained speed (7.1% deceleration, lowest in the field); won two of his last three; class edge; inside post; the HONEST pace suits him.

Concerns: Needs an honest pace to close.

Trip Projection: Saves ground mid-pack, then makes one strong run in the stretch.

Encino (Post 3) — Model Win %: 16%

PTW Profile: 3-year-old gelding; wins on synthetic at Turfway on 12/21/2025 and Presque Isle on 8/10. Last two starts on synthetic at Presque Isle (8/10, 9/18); the two before that on turf, including a fade to 4th at Horseshoe Indianapolis on 7/11. Trainer Brad Cox (44.44% at the meet); Tyler Gaffalione 7.69%. As the 9-5 favorite (35.7% implied) he is the race's biggest underlay (–19.7%).

Strengths: ELITE early speed; in form.

Concerns: VULNERABLE sustained speed (18.9% deceleration); both recent wins came on synthetic, not turf; will be pressed by or press Yinzer; heavily overbet.

Trip Projection: Challenges Yinzer early and is vulnerable in the final quarter mile.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

Echo Lane (Post 2) — Model Win %: 14%

PTW Profile: 7-for-24 on turf; drew clear at 8.5f on turf at Churchill on 11/15/2025; has faded in longer races at Keeneland and Gulfstream since, most recently the Gr. 2 Sycamore at Keeneland on 10/9. Trainer Rohan Crichton 14% in routes (1.47 ROI); Luis Saez 16.67% at the meet. At 10-1 (9.1% implied), +4.9%—the best





overlay in the race.

Strengths: Proven at today's distance and track; tactical; STRONG early and late.

Concerns: Recent form has come at longer distances; the Sycamore was a much tougher spot.

Trip Projection: Stalks 2-3 lengths off the leader and bids three or four wide.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

Air Recruit (Post 4, 12%): 5-for-11 on turf; tired late at Colonial on 7/5 (9f) and at Belmont on 10/2 (8f). Trainer Arnaud Delacour 19% in routes; Brian Hernandez Jr. 23.53% at the meet. Underlay at 9-2 (–6.2%).

Johny's Rendezvous (Post 5, 11%): Won a 9f turf maiden special weight at Saratoga on 8/28/2025; stalked and weakened to 4th behind Yinzer on 9/24. Trainer Philip Bauer; Jose Ortiz 16.67%. VULNERABLE late. Overbet at 7-2 (22.2% implied, –11.2%).

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Neat	ELITE	ELITE	Low — 7.1% deceleration
Yinzer	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — 11.2%
Echo Lane	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — consistent
Air Recruit	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — steady
Encino	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — 18.9%
Johny's Rendezvous	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — 16.4%

Critical MPH Insight

Neat is the field's best sustained finisher (7.1% deceleration, the lowest in the field). **Yinzer** combines ELITE early speed with STRONG late speed (11.2%). **Encino** (18.9%) and **Johny's Rendezvous** (16.4%) are vulnerable late.

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Echo Lane — Back to 8.5f, where he won at Churchill; Crichton 14% in routes.

Neat — The HONEST pace sets up his ELITE late kick.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Encino — Both recent wins came on synthetic; VULNERABLE late; 9-5 (35.7% implied vs. 16%).





Johny's Rendezvous — Weakened last out; VULNERABLE late.

Air Recruit — Tired late in his last two starts.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: YINZER — Confidence 9/10 — Target odds: 3-1 or better

Model projects 28% win probability, the highest in the field, at 5-2 (28.6% implied): –0.6%. ELITE early speed with STRONG late speed in an HONEST pace; won at Churchill last out. Fair price is about 5-2.

Value Assessment: **FAIR at the morning line** (–0.6%).

VALUE PLAY: NEAT — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 5-1 or better

Model projects 19% at 6-1 (14.3% implied): +4.7%. The field's best late kick; inside post; the pace suits him. Fair price is about 17-4.

Value Assessment: **STRONG VALUE** (+4.7%).

LONGSHOT PLAY: ECHO LANE — Confidence 6/10 — Target odds: 7-1 or better

Model projects 14% at 10-1 (9.1% implied): +4.9%, the race's best overlay. Won at this track and distance; drops back from longer races. Fair price is about 6-1.

Value Assessment: **STRONG VALUE** (+4.9%).

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

A: Yinzer — 28%
B: Neat — 19%
C: Encino — 16%

Combined Projected Probability: 63%

The original listed Echo Lane (14%) as C; Encino (16%) ranks third in the model.

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★★★ (4 of 5 stars)

Yinzer is the likely winner in an HONEST pace and fairly priced at 5-2. The overlays are **Neat** (+4.7% at 6-1) and **Echo Lane** (+4.9% at 10-1). The public's mistake is the 9-5 favorite **Encino** (35.7% implied vs. 16%), with **Johny's Rendezvous** at 7-2 also overbet.

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





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