Churchill Downs

Race 1 — 11/07/2026

Class: Claiming $30,000 (N2L)

Distance: 6f

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $62,000

Claiming Price: $30,000

Starters: 6

CLAIMING. Purse $62,000 (include $7,300 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 7 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price $30,000.

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R1
Saturday, November 7, 2026 | 6f Dirt | 3YO & Up | Claiming $30,000 (N2L)

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Valiant Humor (Post 3) — ELITE early speed; finds the front or presses within two lengths. Led to the quarter pole and fought on to finish 2nd in a 7f claimer at Churchill on 9/27.

L Rankin (Post 6) — Dueled inside to finish 2nd in a 5.5f maiden claimer at Laurel on 9/14/2025; can press or rate.

Stalkers / Pressers

Muir Woods (Post 5) — Prefers to stalk two or three lengths off the pace. **Antrax** (Post 4) — Vied between horses and held steady in a 7f allowance at Colonial Downs on 7/10.

Others

City of Life (Post 1) — Won a 6.5f maiden claimer at Ellis Park on 8/1; has weakened late since. **All About Croge** (Post 2) — Saved ground and faded in a 6.5f claimer at Turfway on 1/8; no closing kick.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT** early pace—projected :22 4/5 opening quarter, :45 2/5 half-mile, with Valiant Humor and L Rankin pressing for position. The early pressure reduces the wire-to-wire threat and gives stalkers like Muir Woods the setup.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	City of Life	9-2	11%	18.2%	-7.2%
2	All About Croge	30-1	2%	3.2%	-1.2%
3	Valiant Humor	7-5	28%	41.7%	-13.7%
4	Antrax	9-5	23%	35.7%	-12.7%
5	Muir Woods	8-1	26%	11.1%	**+14.9%**
6	L Rankin	5-1	10%	16.7%	-6.7%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**126.6%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (field total 126.6%). The original table used adjusted figures (Valiant Humor –4.9%, Antrax –5.2%), and the bet section put the 7-5 morning line at 28.6% and called Valiant Humor fairly priced. At raw odds **Valiant Humor is –13.7%** and **Antrax –12.7%**; Muir Woods is +14.9%.





Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

Valiant Humor (Post 3) — Model Win %: 28%

PTW Profile: The model's top horse. 1-for-14; his only win came at Fair Grounds on 12/4/2025. 6th at Churchill on 9/11, then led to the quarter pole and finished 2nd in a 7f claimer at Churchill on 9/27; cuts back to 6f. Claimed 8/23/2025. Trainer Joe Sharp 24% with claimers (1.63 ROI); Luis Saez rides (16.7% at the meet). As the 7-5 morning-line favorite (41.7% implied), –13.7%—the biggest underlay in the race.

Strengths: ELITE early speed with STRONG sustained speed; sharp barn and rider.

Concerns: One win from 14 starts; faded to 6th on 9/11; a HOT pace with L Rankin pressing; heavily overbet.

Trip Projection: Goes for the lead with L Rankin pressing and tries to hold on through the stretch.

Muir Woods (Post 5) — Model Win %: 26%

PTW Profile: 1-for-7; his only win came when he cleared the field at the 3/8 pole and won in hand in a 6.5f maiden claimer at Turfway on 2/25/2025. Trailed, beaten 12 1/4 lengths, in a 5f allowance at Horseshoe Indianapolis on 9/21. Trainer Christopher Davis 16% with claimers (1.44 ROI) and 13% in the 31-60 day pattern; Tyler Gaffalione rides. At 8-1 (11.1% implied), +14.9%—the best overlay in the race.

Strengths: ELITE sustained speed—the field's best finisher; a HOT pace sets up his stalking style; class relief.

Concerns: Poor last out; one win from seven starts; needs an honest pace.

Trip Projection: Settles three or four lengths off the pace and rallies in the stretch.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

Antrax (Post 4) — Model Win %: 23%

PTW Profile: Recent starts at Churchill on 10/18 and 9/20 and at Colonial Downs on 9/7; has run in allowance company, including a 7f allowance at Colonial on 7/10. Trainer J. Kent Sweezey 15% on dirt, 16% in sprints. Jockey E. Morales (winless from 20 starts at the meet). At 9-5 (35.7% implied), –12.7%.

Strengths: ELITE early speed with STRONG sustained speed; versatile.

Concerns: Cold rider; likely caught up in a hot pace; overbet.

Trip Projection: Contests the early pace with Valiant Humor and L Rankin; vulnerable in the final furlong if the pace is as hot as projected.

L Rankin (Post 6) — Model Win %: 10%

PTW Profile: Lightly raced three-year-old (eight starts). 2nd in a 5.5f maiden claimer at Laurel on 9/14/2025; faded after brushing on the turn at Del Mar on 7/26/2025. Trainer J. Kent Sweezey; jockey V. R. Carrasco.





At 5-1 (16.7% implied), –6.7%.

Strengths: Early speed; room to improve.

Concerns: Spotty form; new rider; short recent work pattern.

Trip Projection: Presses Valiant Humor for the lead; likely to tire if the pace heats up.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

City of Life (Post 1, 11%): Four-year-old; won a 6.5f maiden claimer at Ellis Park on 8/1, then 8th, beaten 11 1/4 lengths, in a 6.5f claimer at Keeneland on 10/4. Trainer Wismer 9% with claimers. VULNERABLE late. At 9-2 (18.2% implied), –7.2%.

All About Croge (Post 2, 2%): Exposed veteran; recent starts at Horseshoe Indianapolis on 10/19 and Belterra on 9/10 and 8/14, with no recent success. Trainer Paul Brown Jr. 5% with claimers. VULNERABLE early and late. –1.2%.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Muir Woods	STRONG	ELITE	Low — best sustained closer
Valiant Humor	ELITE	STRONG	Low — maintains speed
Antrax	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — solid finish
L Rankin	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — competitive
City of Life	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse risk
All About Croge	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	Very High — fades badly

Critical MPH Insight

Muir Woods has the field's best sustained finishing profile (ELITE). **Valiant Humor** holds his speed well but faces pace pressure. **All About Croge** rates VULNERABLE on both measures.

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Muir Woods — Back in a claimer after a poor allowance try; lightly raced.

L Rankin — Lightly raced three-year-old.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Antrax — Caught up in a HOT pace; cold rider.





City of Life — Poor effort since his maiden win.

All About Croge — Worn-down profile; no positive signals.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

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

Model projects 26% win probability, second only to Valiant Humor's 28%, at 8-1 (11.1% implied): +14.9%. The field's best sustained finisher in a HOT pace that sets up his stalking style. Fair price is about 14-5.

Value Assessment: **EXCEPTIONAL VALUE** (+14.9%).

SECOND PLAY: VALIANT HUMOR — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 3-1 or better

Model projects 28%, the highest in the field, at 7-5 (41.7% implied): –13.7%. ELITE early speed for a sharp barn with Saez, but heavily overbet. Fair price is about 13-5; play only at 3-1 or better.

Value Assessment: **UNDERLAY at the morning line** (–13.7%).

LONGSHOT PLAY: None.

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

A: Valiant Humor — 28%
B: Muir Woods — 26%
C: Antrax — 23%

Combined Projected Probability: 77%

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★★★ (4 of 5 stars)

Valiant Humor (28%) and **Muir Woods** (26%) are the model's top two, but the prices are far apart: Valiant Humor is overbet at 7-5 (41.7% implied), while Muir Woods is a big overlay at 8-1 (+14.9%). **Antrax** at 9-5 is also overbet (–12.7%). A HOT pace with Valiant Humor and L Rankin engaged sets up Muir Woods' stalking style.

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





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