Churchill Downs

Race 3 — 11/07/2026

Class: Claiming $32,000

Distance: 6f

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $71,000

Claiming Price: $32,000

Starters: 7

CLAIMING. Purse $71,000 (include $8,400 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 122 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since October 7 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price $32,000 (Races Where Entered For $25,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R3
Saturday, November 7, 2026 | 6f Dirt | 3YO & Up | Claiming $32,000

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Ravin's Ransom (Post 4) — ELITE early speed; led or pressed in six of his last ten starts. **Barksdale** (Post 5) — Consistently sits second or third at the first call at this distance.

Stalkers / Pressers

Cool Cowboy (Post 6) — Rates two to four lengths off the lead. **No Easy Days** (Post 1) — Variable early position.

Closers

Eli's Promise (Post 7) and **Fort Sam** (Post 3) — The field's most consistent finishers; Fort Sam has rallied from off the pace in four of his last six starts. **Scat Free** (Post 2) has little recent sprint data.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **MODERATE** early pace—projected :22 1/5 opening quarter, :45 2/5 half-mile, with Ravin's Ransom, Barksdale and possibly Cool Cowboy engaged early. Neither a speed collapse nor a solo lead is likely; position and late kick decide it.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	No Easy Days	5-1	6%	16.7%	-10.7%
2	Scat Free	20-1	1%	4.8%	-3.8%
3	Fort Sam	6-1	10%	14.3%	-4.3%
4	Ravin's Ransom	3-1	13%	25.0%	-12.0%
5	Barksdale	9-5	15%	35.7%	-20.7%
6	Cool Cowboy	4-1	12%	20.0%	-8.0%
7	Eli's Promise	10-1	43%	9.1%	**+33.9%**
	TOTAL		**100%**	**125.6%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (field total 125.6%). The original table used adjusted figures (Barksdale –13.5%, Ravin's Ransom –6.9%, Eli's Promise +35.8%); the text used raw figures. At raw odds **Barksdale is –20.7%**, Ravin's Ransom –12.0%, No Easy Days –10.7% and Eli's Promise +33.9%.





Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

Eli's Promise (Post 7) — Model Win %: 43%

PTW Profile: The model's top horse by a wide margin. Six-year-old gelding with five wins from 35 starts; 0-for-8 this year. His last four starts were on the synthetic at Turfway (9/25, 9/30, 10/7, 10/28); switches back to dirt. Trainer Steve Asmussen (27.8% at the meet); Keith Asmussen rides. At 10-1 (9.1% implied), +33.9%—by far the biggest overlay in the race.

Strengths: ELITE sustained speed—the field's best finisher; experienced; strong barn.

Concerns: Winless this year; surface switch from synthetic to dirt; quick turnaround from 10/28; needs a good trip.

Trip Projection: Tracks three or four wide early and makes a late run as the speed tires.

Barksdale (Post 5) — Model Win %: 15%

PTW Profile: Five-year-old gelding; one win and two placings from seven Churchill starts this year, including a 2nd at Churchill on 9/11. Trainer Robertino Diodoro 24% on dirt, in sprints and with claimers. Blinkers stay on. As the 9-5 morning-line favorite (35.7% implied), –20.7%—the biggest underlay in the race.

Strengths: Proven at Churchill at 6f; sound, regular campaigner; strong barn.

Concerns: Mixed results in his last five starts; STRONG (not ELITE) late; badly overbet.

Trip Projection: Presses or duels early; his finish is the question.

Ravin's Ransom (Post 4) — Model Win %: 13%

PTW Profile: Four-year-old gelding; seven wins from 17 starts (five from 12 at 6f). Recent starts: 4th at Hawthorne on 6/4, 2nd at Hawthorne on 7/5, won at Fairmount Park on 8/8, and 2nd at Fairmount on 10/24. Trainer Larry Rivelli 29% in claiming sprints and 21% in the 2nd-off-layoff pattern; jockey W. A. Rodriguez. At 3-1 (25.0% implied), –12.0%.

Strengths: ELITE early speed; consistent winner; strong barn.

Concerns: Steps up from Fairmount and Hawthorne to Churchill; doesn't always hold his speed; overbet.

Trip Projection: Leads or presses early; may tire in the final furlong.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

Fort Sam (Post 3) — Model Win %: 10%

PTW Profile: Five-year-old with two wins from six dirt starts this year (both at 6f). 5th at a mile on 9/13 after bidding between horses; cuts back to 6f. First start off the claim for trainer Cipriano Contreras (22% off the claim, 2.02 ROI); jockey E. Esquivel. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –4.3%.

Strengths: Proven at the distance; closing style suits a MODERATE pace; sharp claiming barn.





Concerns: Mixed recent form; rider 11% in sprints at the meet.

Trip Projection: Tracks four or five wide and rallies late if the pace allows.

Cool Cowboy (Post 6) — Model Win %: 12%

PTW Profile: Four-year-old gelding; three wins from 15 starts. Outkicked in a 6f starter race on 9/26. Trainer Mark Simms Jr. 5% with claimers; Luis Saez rides. At 4-1 (20.0% implied), –8.0%.

Strengths: Tactical; top rider.

Concerns: Weak trainer numbers; inconsistent across surfaces; form tailing off.

Trip Projection: Stalks two to four lengths off the speed; moderate finish expected.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

No Easy Days (Post 1, 6%): Six-year-old with 12 wins from 47 starts but declining form; has faded late in several recent starts. Trainer Matt Kordenbrock 7% in claiming sprints. VULNERABLE late. At 5-1 (16.7% implied), –10.7%.

Scat Free (Post 2, 1%): Five-year-old; three wins from 27 starts; limited recent racing. Trainer Michael Warpool. UNRATED. –3.8%.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Eli's Promise	STRONG	ELITE	Low — maintains speed into stretch
Ravin's Ransom	ELITE	STRONG	Low — maintains speed
Barksdale	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — steady
Cool Cowboy	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — steady
Fort Sam	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — steady
No Easy Days	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse risk
Scat Free	UNRATED	UNRATED	Insufficient data

Critical MPH Insight

Eli's Promise has the field's best sustained finishing profile and fits a MODERATE pace. **Ravin's Ransom** pairs ELITE early speed with STRONG sustained speed but can tire if pressed. **No Easy Days** rates VULNERABLE late.

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates





Likely to Improve

Eli's Promise — Back on dirt after four straight on Turfway's synthetic; Asmussen barn in form.

Fort Sam — First start off the claim for Contreras; cuts back to his best distance.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Barksdale — Inconsistent recent form and heavily overbet.

Ravin's Ransom — Steps up in competition from Fairmount and Hawthorne; overbet at 3-1.

No Easy Days — VULNERABLE late; declining form.

Cool Cowboy — Outkicked last time; form tailing off.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: ELI'S PROMISE — Confidence 9/10 — Target odds: 3-2 or better

Model projects 43% win probability, the highest in the field by a wide margin, at 10-1 (9.1% implied): +33.9%. The field's best sustained finisher in a pace that suits him, back on dirt for the Asmussens. Fair price is about 4-3.

Value Assessment: **EXCEPTIONAL VALUE** (+33.9%).

SECOND PLAY: FORT SAM — Confidence 6/10 — Target odds: 9-1 or better

Model projects 10% at 6-1 (14.3% implied): –4.3%. A closer for a sharp claiming barn; play only at 9-1 or better (fair price).

Value Assessment: **UNDERLAY at the morning line** (–4.3%).

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

A: Eli's Promise — 43%
B: Barksdale — 15%
C: Ravin's Ransom — 13%

Combined Projected Probability: 71%

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★★★★ (5 of 5 stars)

Eli's Promise is the model's standout at 43% and a huge overlay at 10-1 (+33.9%), with the best sustained speed in a MODERATE pace. The 9-5 favorite **Barksdale** is badly overbet (35.7% implied vs. 15%), and **Ravin's Ransom** (–12.0%) and **No Easy Days** (–10.7%) are also overbet.





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





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