# Churchill Downs

## Race 4 — 11/08/2026

Class: Allowance Optional Claiming $125,000 (N2X)

Distance: 6f

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $134,000

Starters: 6

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING. Purse $134,000 (includes $50,100 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER, OR STATE BRED OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES OR CLAIMING PRICE $125,000. Weight, 122 lbs. Non-winners Of Two Races Since September 8 Allowed 2 lbs. A Race Since Then Allowed 4 lbs. Claiming Price $125,000 (Races Where Entered For $100,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances).

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# COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

**Churchill Downs R4**
**Sunday, November 8, 2026 | 6 Furlongs Dirt | 3-Year-Olds | Allowance Optional Claiming $125,000**

## Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

### True Front Runners

**Spun D M C** (Post 3) — Led early in the Ellis Park Derby on 8/9 and in the Bowman Mill Stakes at Keeneland last fall. **Just Deeds** (Post 5) — Dueled on the lead to win his debut by 8 3/4 lengths. **Creole Chrome** (Post 2) — Led on the inside in the Harrods Creek Stakes at Churchill on 9/19 before fading to 3rd; also led in the Blue Grass.

### Stalkers / Pressers

**Soldier N Diplomat** (Post 1) — Sits just off the pace; pressed and led in the stretch of the Kentucky Jockey Club in November 2025. **Lockstocknpharoah** (Post 6) — Set the pace in the Virginia Derby on 3/14 but is returning from six months off.

### Closers

**Circle Tap** (Post 4) — Tracked five paths wide and rallied from 6th to win at Churchill on 9/12.

### Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT** early pace—projected :22 2/5 opening quarter, :44 4/5 half-mile. Spun D M C, Just Deeds and Creole Chrome all want the lead, which sets the race up for Soldier N Diplomat and Circle Tap.

## Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

| Post | Horse | ML Odds | Model Win % | Implied ML % | Edge |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Soldier N Diplomat | 5-2 | 27% | 28.6% | -1.6% |
| 2 | Creole Chrome | 8-5 | 31% | 38.5% | -7.5% |
| 3 | Spun D M C | 6-1 | 12% | 14.3% | -2.3% |
| 4 | Circle Tap | 3-1 | 17% | 25.0% | -8.0% |
| 5 | Just Deeds | 10-1 | 9% | 9.1% | -0.1% |
| 6 | Lockstocknpharoah | 8-1 | 4% | 11.1% | -7.1% |
| | **TOTAL** | | **100%** | **126.6%** | |

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (field total 126.6% in this six-horse field). The original table used rescaled figures. At raw odds no horse is an overlay; Just Deeds (–0.1%) and Soldier N Diplomat (–1.6%) are closest to fair. Favorite **Creole Chrome** –**7.5%**.







## Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

**Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)**

**Creole Chrome** (Post 2) — Model Win %: 31%

PTW Profile: The model's top horse. Three-year-old colt, 4-for-10. All four wins came in Louisiana-bred company: his maiden (11/20/25) and a $55,000 allowance (1/18, by a neck after a duel) at Fair Grounds, the Louisiana Stallion Stakes at Fair Grounds on 2/28, and the Louisiana Legends Classic at Evangeline Downs on 6/6. 0-for-5 in open company: 4th in the Grade 1 Blue Grass, 6th in the Grade 2 Pat Day Mile and 6th in the Grade 3 Indiana Derby; 3rd in the Harrods Creek Stakes at 7 furlongs at Churchill on 9/19 (inside speed, faded); 2nd by a length in an $80,000 N2X allowance at Keeneland on 10/17 (rated, rallied). 2-for-4 at 6 furlongs. Trainer Sharp 6-for-19 at the meet and 20% in allowances; jockey Gaffalione 7-for-46 at the meet. As the 8-5 morning-line favorite (38.5% implied), –7.5%.

Strengths: ELITE early speed; can rate, as he showed on 10/17; ran well at the distance last out.

Concerns: Winless in open company; likely pace pressure from Spun D M C and Just Deeds.

Trip Projection: Presses or rates just off the leaders and bids in the stretch.

**Soldier N Diplomat** (Post 1) — Model Win %: 27%

PTW Profile: Three-year-old colt, 2-for-7. Won a 6 furlong maiden special weight at Saratoga on 7/26/25 by a head (stalked, then won) and a $100,000 N1X optional claimer at a mile at Churchill on 10/26/25 by 8 lengths. Stakes-placed: 3rd in the Grade 2 Kentucky Jockey Club, 2nd in the Grade 3 Southwest and 2nd in the Hot Springs Stakes; 4th in the Grade 1 Hopeful and 5th in the Grade 2 Rebel. First start since 3/26, a layoff of more than seven months, and first sprint since the Hopeful. Trainer Asmussen 12% off layoffs of more than 180 days and 16% from routes to sprints; jockey Jose Ortiz 5-for-41 at the meet. At 5-2 (28.6% implied), –1.6%.

Strengths: Has faced the best competition in the field; STRONG early and late; 1-for-1 at 6 furlongs.

Concerns: More than seven months away; weak trainer layoff numbers.

Trip Projection: Stalks from the rail and bids in the stretch.

**Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)**

**Circle Tap** (Post 4) — Model Win %: 17%

PTW Profile: Three-year-old colt, 2-for-8. Broke his maiden at 1 1/16 miles at Oaklawn on 12/27/25; 5th in the Grade 3 Southwest; 3rd by a head in an allowance at 6 1/2 furlongs at Ellis Park on 7/25; then won an N1X allowance at 6 furlongs at Churchill on 9/12 as the 2-1 favorite, tracking five wide and rallying from 6th. 2nd to Spun D M C in his 9/12/25 maiden race. Has worn blinkers since his maiden win. Trainer Stewart 15% off 31–60 day breaks and with last-out winners, 16% in sprints; jockey Torres 1-for-21 at the meet. At 3-1 (25.0% implied), –8.0%.

Strengths: ELITE sustained speed; a hot pace sets up his late run.







Concerns: Overbet; needs the pace to collapse.

Trip Projection: Settles in midpack and rallies wide.

**Spun D M C** (Post 3) — Model Win %: 12%

PTW Profile: Three-year-old colt, 2-for-6. Won a 6 furlong maiden special weight at Churchill on 9/12/25 (prompt three wide, cleared; Circle Tap 2nd) and a $150,000 N2L optional claimer at 6 furlongs at Oaklawn on 4/17. 2nd in the Bowman Mill Stakes at Keeneland and 3rd in the Advent Stakes last fall. 2026: 7th on turf in the Dade Park Stakes on 7/4 and 5th after leading early in the Ellis Park Derby at a mile on 8/9. 2-for-3 at 6 furlongs. Returns from three months off and cuts back to a sprint; trainer Morse 17% off 61–180 day layoffs and 0-for-8 at the meet. Jockey Bejarano. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –2.3%.

Strengths: The fastest early horse in the field; 2-for-3 at the distance.

Concerns: VULNERABLE late; faces a pace fight.

Trip Projection: Goes for the lead.

**Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)**

**Just Deeds** (Post 5, 9%): Three-year-old colt, 2-for-3. Won a 5 furlong maiden special weight at Indiana Grand on 8/6/25 by 8 3/4 lengths after a duel; 2nd in an allowance at Churchill on 9/12/25; returned from 11 months off to win an N2L allowance at 7 furlongs at Charles Town at 1-5 on 8/28 (stumbled at the start). Off since 8/28. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr. 26% with last-out winners and 21% off 61–180 day layoffs; jockey Ortiz Jr. 7-for-21 at the meet. –0.1%.

**Lockstocknpharoah** (Post 6, 4%): Three-year-old gelding (gelded 12/13/25), 2-for-4. Both wins came on Turfway's synthetic track, including an N1X optional claimer at a mile on 2/7. 5th in the Virginia Derby on 3/14 after setting the pace; 9th in the Grade 2 Pat Day Mile on 5/2 (bumped at the start). Returns from six months off. 0-for-2 on dirt. Trainer Drury 22% off layoffs of more than 180 days; jockey Morales 0-for-31 at the meet. –7.1%.

## Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

### PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

| Horse | Opening Speed | Sustained Speed | Deceleration Profile |
|---|---|---|---|
| Creole Chrome | ELITE | STRONG | Moderate — competitive hold |
| Soldier N Diplomat | STRONG | STRONG | Moderate — reliable |
| Circle Tap | STRONG | ELITE | Low — maintains closing speed |
| Just Deeds | STRONG | STRONG | Moderate — tactical |
| Spun D M C | STRONG | VULNERABLE | High — pace collapse risk |
| Lockstocknpharoah | VULNERABLE | VULNERABLE | High — multiple concerns |





**Critical MPH Insight**

**Circle Tap** is the only horse with an ELITE sustained speed rating. **Creole Chrome** has ELITE early speed but is STRONG late. If the early pace is as hot as projected, closers gain the edge.

## Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

**Likely to Improve**

**Circle Tap** — Won last out and gets the pace setup he needs.

**Just Deeds** — Second start for a trainer who wins 26% with last-out winners.

**Spun D M C** — Cuts back to 6 furlongs, where he is 2-for-3.

**Bounce / Regression Risks**

**Soldier N Diplomat** — More than seven months off; Asmussen 12% with long layoffs.

**Lockstocknpharoah** — Six months off and 0-for-2 on dirt.

**Creole Chrome** — 0-for-5 in open company.

## Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

**WIN BET: CREOLE CHROME** — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 9-4 or better

Model projects 31% win probability, the highest in the field. At 8-5 (38.5% implied) he is –7.5%, so he is a bet only at 9-4 or better (fair price is about 9-4).

Value Assessment: **UNDERLAY** (–7.5%).

**SECOND PLAY: CIRCLE TAP** — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 5-1 or better

Model projects 17% at 3-1 (25.0% implied): –8.0%. ELITE sustained speed and a hot projected pace. Fair price is about 5-1.

Value Assessment: **UNDERLAY** (–8.0%).

**LONGSHOT PLAY: None** — No longshot shows an edge.

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

**A: Creole Chrome** — 31%
**B: Soldier N Diplomat** — 27%
**C: Circle Tap** — 17%

**Combined Projected Probability: 75%**

## Report Section 7: Confidence Rating





★★★★ (4 of 5 stars)

A tight race among **Creole Chrome**, **Soldier N Diplomat** and **Circle Tap**. Favorite Creole Chrome (8-5, –7.5%) is a slight underlay but not a fade; there are no overlays at the morning line, so bet only at the target prices.

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





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