# Churchill Downs

## Race 2 — 11/11/2026

Class: Maiden Special Weight (sales-restricted)

Distance: 8f (1 mile)

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $92,000

Starters: 8

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT. Purse $92,000 (includes $18,000 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR MAIDENS, TWO YEARS OLD. Weight, 119 lbs. (For Horses That Sold Or RNA For $65,000 Or Less In Their Most Recent Auction).

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# COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

**Churchill Downs R2**
**Wednesday, November 11, 2026 | 1 Mile Dirt | 2-Year-Olds | Maiden Special Weight (sales-restricted)**

## Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

### True Front Runners

**Lux Aeterna** (Post 2) — Led by a neck at the first call at Keeneland on 10/15 before fading to 7th. **Mo Octane** (Post 5) — Raced 3rd and 4th early in his debut. **Salty Viking** (Post 4) — Broke on top and tracked in 3rd and 4th before finishing 2nd at Keeneland on 10/15; he did not lead at the first call.

### Stalkers / Pressers

**Moycullen** (Post 6) — Raced 11th early, then rallied to 5th on 10/15. **Linus** (Post 3), **Patricio** (Post 7) and **Gogoplex** (Post 8) — First-time starters.

### Closers

**Charging Force** (Post 1) — Raced in the back half of the field throughout his debut; not an early-speed horse.

### Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT** early pace—projected :23 1/5 opening quarter, :46 2/5 half-mile. Mo Octane, Lux Aeterna and Salty Viking have the early speed. All of the starters are trying a mile for the first time.

## Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

| Post | Horse | ML Odds | Model Win % | Implied ML % | Edge |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Charging Force | 5-1 | 18% | 16.7% | **+1.3%** |
| 2 | Lux Aeterna | 8-1 | 8% | 11.1% | -3.1% |
| 3 | Linus | 6-1 | 11% | 14.3% | -3.3% |
| 4 | Salty Viking | 8-5 | 22% | 38.5% | -16.5% |
| 5 | Mo Octane | 3-1 | 19% | 25.0% | -6.0% |
| 6 | Moycullen | 4-1 | 10% | 20.0% | -10.0% |
| 7 | Patricio | 15-1 | 7% | 6.3% | **+0.7%** |
| 8 | Gogoplex | 10-1 | 5% | 9.1% | -4.1% |
| | **TOTAL** | | **100%** | **141.0%** | |

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (field total 141.0% in this eight-horse field). The report also said 8-5 implies 55.6%; it is 38.5%. At raw odds **Charging Force +1.3%** and Patricio +0.7% are the only overlays. Favorite **Salty Viking** –**16.5%**; Moycullen –10.0%.





## Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

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

**Salty Viking** (Post 4) — Model Win %: 22%

PTW Profile: The model's top horse. 0-for-3 with two 2nds. 7th in a $50,000 turf maiden optional claimer at Ellis Park on 8/23; 2nd, beaten 1 1/4 lengths, in a 6 1/2 furlong turf sprint at Kentucky Downs on 9/9; 2nd, beaten 6 1/4 lengths, in a 7 furlong sales-restricted maiden race at Keeneland on 10/15 (When I Go won; Lux Aeterna 7th, Moycullen 5th). Both 2nds came in sprints, not routes; this is his first try at a mile and only his second dirt start. Trainer Sharp 7-for-26 at the meet, 22% in routes and 20% from sprints to routes; jockey Ortiz Jr. 10-for-27 at the meet. As the 8-5 morning-line favorite (38.5% implied), –16.5%—the biggest underlay in the race.

Strengths: ELITE sustained speed; most experience in the field; hot trainer and rider.

Concerns: Overbet; stretching out for the first time.

Trip Projection: Tracks the speed and bids in the stretch.

**Mo Octane** (Post 5) — Model Win %: 19%

PTW Profile: One start: 4th, beaten 6 1/2 lengths, in a 6 furlong sales-restricted maiden race at Churchill on 10/25 after racing 3rd and 4th. Second start and first route. Trainer Pitts is 0-for-7 with second-time starters, 0-for-5 in maiden special weights and 0-for-15 from sprints to routes (1-for-3 at the meet overall); jockey Morales 1-for-40 at the meet. At 3-1 (25.0% implied), –6.0%.

Strengths: The fastest early horse in the field; second start.

Concerns: VULNERABLE late; weak trainer and rider numbers.

Trip Projection: Presses the pace.

**Charging Force** (Post 1) — Model Win %: 18%

PTW Profile: One start (not a first-time starter): 10th of 12, well beaten, in a 6 furlong sales-restricted maiden race at Churchill on 9/16 after racing in the back half early. Second start and first route after 56 days off. Trainer Romans 24% with second-time starters and 18% off 31–60 day breaks, but 11% in routes (197 starts); jockey Garcia 0-for-3 at the meet. At 5-1 (16.7% implied), +1.3%—the best overlay in the race.

Strengths: Strong second-start trainer angle; should improve going a mile.

Concerns: VULNERABLE late; showed little on debut.

Trip Projection: Settles off the pace from the rail.

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

**Linus** (Post 3) — Model Win %: 11%

PTW Profile: First-time starter. Trainer Moquett 2% with first-time starters (1-for-64) and 13% in maiden special weights; jockey Bejarano 4-for-23 at the meet. UNRATED. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –3.3%.







Strengths: None of note beyond being fresh.

Concerns: Very weak trainer debut record.

Trip Projection: Settles in midpack.

**Moycullen** (Post 6) — Model Win %: 10%

PTW Profile: Gelding, 0-for-2. 3rd, beaten 4 lengths, in a $50,000 maiden optional claimer on a sloppy track at Ellis Park (not “El Pomar”) on 7/11; 5th, beaten 10 1/2 lengths, at Keeneland on 10/15 after racing 11th early. Trainer Medina 4% in maiden special weights and 2% with two-year-olds; jockey Alvarado 2-for-23 at the meet. At 4-1 (20.0% implied), –10.0%.

Strengths: STRONG early and late; rallied last out.

Concerns: Very weak trainer numbers; overbet.

Trip Projection: Settles back and rallies.

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

**Lux Aeterna** (Post 2, 8%): Gelding, one start: led early, then faded to 7th, beaten more than 14 lengths, at Keeneland on 10/15. Trainer Williams 7% in maiden special weights and 5% in routes; jockey Fernandez 0-for-17 at the meet. –3.1%.

**Patricio** (Post 7, 7%): First-time starter who has trained at Colonial Downs (not Cornhusker Park). Trainer Ochoa 0-for-9 with first-time starters and 0-for-14 in maiden special weights; jockey Torres 7-for-30 at the meet. UNRATED. +0.7%.

**Gogoplex** (Post 8, 5%): First-time starter. Trainer Danner 12% with first-time starters but 0-for-12 at the meet; jockey Beschizza 0-for-12 at the meet. UNRATED. –4.1%.

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

### PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

| Horse | Opening Speed | Sustained Speed | Deceleration Profile |
|---|---|---|---|
| Salty Viking | STRONG | ELITE | Low — maintains speed |
| Mo Octane | STRONG | VULNERABLE | High — pace collapse risk |
| Charging Force | STRONG | VULNERABLE | High — pace collapse risk |
| Lux Aeterna | ELITE | VULNERABLE | Severe — critical collapse |
| Moycullen | STRONG | STRONG | Moderate — versatile |
| Linus | UNRATED | UNRATED | First-time starter |
| Patricio | UNRATED | UNRATED | First-time starter |







| Horse | Opening Speed | Sustained Speed | Deceleration Profile |
|---|---|---|---|
| Gogoplex | UNRATED | UNRATED | First-time starter |

**Critical MPH Insight**

**Salty Viking** is the only horse with an ELITE sustained speed rating. **Lux Aeterna** has ELITE early speed but the most severe deceleration in the field. All of the ratings come from sprints; nobody here has run a mile.

## Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

**Likely to Improve**

**Charging Force** — Second start for a trainer who wins 24% with second-time starters.

**Mo Octane** — Second start, though his trainer is 0-for-7 with second-time starters.

**Moycullen** — Rallied from 11th to 5th last out.

**Bounce / Regression Risks**

**Lux Aeterna** — Faded badly after showing speed.

**Salty Viking** — Stretches out; overbet.

**Linus** — Trainer 1-for-64 with first-time starters.

## Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

**WIN BET: SALTY VIKING** — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 4-1 or better

Model projects 22% win probability, the highest in the field. At 8-5 (38.5% implied) he is –16.5%, so he is a bet only at 4-1 or better (fair price is about 7-2).

Value Assessment: **UNDERLAY** (–16.5%).

**VALUE PLAY: CHARGING FORCE** — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 5-1 or better

Model projects 18% at 5-1 (16.7% implied): +1.3%. Second-start trainer angle and a likely improvement going a mile. Fair price is about 9-2.

Value Assessment: **SLIGHT OVERLAY** (+1.3%).

**LONGSHOT PLAY: None** — Patricio (+0.7%) is the only other overlay, and his trainer is 0-for-9 with debut runners.

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

**A: Salty Viking** — 22%
**B: Mo Octane** — 19%







**C: Charging Force** — 18%

**Combined Projected Probability: 59%**

## Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★★★ (4 of 5 stars)

**Salty Viking** is the model's top horse but badly overbet at 8-5 (–16.5%) and stretching out for the first time. **Charging Force** is the only meaningful overlay.

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