Churchill Downs

Race 5 — 11/11/2026

Class: Maiden Special Weight $120k

Distance: 8.5f (1 1/16 miles)

Surface: Turf

Purse: $120,000

Starters: 12 + 4 also-eligibles

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT. Purse $120,000 (includes $47,200 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR MAIDENS, TWO YEARS OLD. Weight, 119 lbs. (Preference To Horses That Have Not Started For Less Than $50,000). (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 24 feet).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R5
Wednesday, November 11, 2026 | 1 1/16 Miles Turf | 2YO | Maiden Special Weight

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Castle Pines (Post 15, AE) — Pressed the pace in his last two turf routes: 2nd at Keeneland on 10/9 and 5th, beaten 4 1/2 lengths, after pressing and bidding at Churchill on 10/25. **American Veteran** (Post 4) — Was 2nd early in his turf-route debut at Churchill on 9/17 ("rank, keen to go early") before fading to 5th.

Stalkers / Pressers

Mo Misery (Post 10) — Vied for and took the lead at Kentucky Downs on 9/3 before weakening to 6th; rallied from 7th to 3rd at Saratoga on 8/8. **Platinum Power** (Post 13, AE) — Chased four wide and was caught for 3rd in an off-the-turf route at Keeneland on 10/18 (he did not win). **Rivelli** (Post 12) — Mid-pack in his starts; altered course at the quarter pole and rallied late to be 4th at Keeneland on 10/18.

Closers

Mo Way (Post 8) — Broke 9th and rallied to be 4th, beaten 4 3/4 lengths, in his turf debut at Keeneland on 10/9 (Castle Pines 2nd).

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **MODERATE** early pace—projected :23 4/5 opening quarter, :48 4/5 half-mile. American Veteran and Castle Pines (if he draws in) figure to be prominent, which sets up stalkers and closers.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Which One	10-1	6%	9.1%	-3.1%
2	Forty One Carrots	20-1	3%	4.8%	-1.8%
3	Epic Sanguine	30-1	1%	3.2%	-2.2%
4	American Veteran	3-1	14%	25.0%	-11.0%
5	Sweeten the Pot	15-1	5%	6.3%	-1.3%
6	Midway Gold	30-1	1%	3.2%	-2.2%
7	Voa Broadway	15-1	5%	6.3%	-1.3%
8	Mo Way	5-2	18%	28.6%	-10.6%





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
9	Kauffman	10-1	6%	9.1%	-3.1%
10	Mo Misery	8-1	12%	11.1%	**+0.9%**
11	Col Frank Slade	6-1	8%	14.3%	-6.3%
12	Rivelli	12-1	4%	7.7%	-3.7%
13	Platinum Power (AE)	15-1	2%	6.3%	-4.3%
14	Code of Arms (AE)	20-1	1%	4.8%	-3.8%
15	Castle Pines (AE)	6-1	10%	14.3%	-4.3%
16	Best Screenplay (AE)	12-1	4%	7.7%	-3.7%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**161.8%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (all 16 entries total 161.8%). Posts 13–16 are also-eligibles (AE) and draw in only with scratches. The original table used scaled percentages (e.g., Mo Way's 5-2 as 17.7%; 5-2 is 28.6%). The table's model percentages are used throughout (the text's 19%, 15%, 13%, 11% and others did not match). At raw odds **Mo Misery +0.9%** is the only overlay. Favorite **Mo Way** –**10.6%**; **American Veteran** –**11.0%**.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

Mo Way (Post 8) — Model Win %: 18%

PTW Profile: The model's top horse. Uncle Mo colt out of a War Front mare. Debuted in a 1 mile turf maiden special weight at Keeneland on 10/9 at 10-1: broke 9th, rallied to be 4th, beaten 4 3/4 lengths (Castle Pines 2nd, Col Frank Slade 12th). Trainer Brendan Walsh is 0-for-14 at the meet but 18% with second-time starters (157 starts) and 17% in maiden special weights; jockey Tyler (not Todd) Gaffalione is 9-for-61 at the meet. As the 5-2 morning-line favorite (28.6% implied), –10.6%.

Strengths: ELITE sustained speed; second-start angle; a moderate pace to close into.

Concerns: Overbet at 5-2; barn is cold at the meet; needs room from post 8.

Trip Projection: Settles mid-pack and rallies.

American Veteran (Post 4) — Model Win %: 14%

PTW Profile: American Pharoah colt; a $625,000 yearling. Debuted in a 1 1/16 mile turf maiden special weight at Churchill on 9/17 at 2.60-1: 2nd early, "rank, keen to go early," and faded to 5th, beaten 7 lengths. **Adds blinkers today** (the report said blinkers were coming off). Trainer Cherie DeVaux is 1-for-13 at the meet, 24% with second-time starters and 13% on turf; jockey Jose Ortiz (not Ortiz Jr.) is 6-for-54 at the meet. At 3-1 (25.0% implied), –11.0%—the biggest underlay in the race.

Strengths: ELITE early speed; strong second-start trainer numbers.





Concerns: Was rank in his debut; blinkers could make him even keener; short price.

Trip Projection: Prominent early from post 4.

Castle Pines (Post 15, AE) — Model Win %: 10%

PTW Profile: Also-eligible; runs only if there are scratches. Jack Christopher colt, 0-for-5 with two seconds ($62,270). 2nd by a half length at Kentucky Downs on 9/5 at 27-1; 2nd, beaten 2 3/4 lengths, at Keeneland on 10/9 (Mo Way 4th); 5th, beaten 4 1/2 lengths, after pressing and bidding at Churchill on 10/25 (he did not finish 3rd behind Rivelli; Rivelli wasn't in that race). Trainer Kent Sweezey is 6% in maiden special weights; jockey Edgar Morales is 1-for-40 at the meet. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –4.3%.

Strengths: ELITE early speed; the most turf-route experience in the field; beat Mo Way on 10/9.

Concerns: Has to draw in; weak trainer and jockey numbers; 0-for-5.

Trip Projection: Presses the pace if he runs.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

Mo Misery (Post 10) — Model Win %: 12%

PTW Profile: Uncle Mo ridgling; a $675,000 yearling. 0-for-4 with one third ($17,670): two dirt sprints (6th both times), then 3rd at 24-1 in a 1 1/16 mile turf maiden at Saratoga on 8/8 after hitting the gate at the start and rallying from 7th (not seven wide), and 6th at Kentucky Downs on 9/3 after vying for and taking the lead, then weakening. Blinkers come off today. Trainer Robert Medina is 4% in maiden special weights; jockey Julien Leparoux is 0-for-2 at the meet. At 8-1 (11.1% implied), +0.9%—the only overlay.

Strengths: Best turf effort is competitive here; a tactical horse who can stalk or close.

Concerns: VULNERABLE late; weak trainer numbers.

Trip Projection: Stalks and needs to sustain his run.

Col Frank Slade (Post 11) — Model Win %: 8%

PTW Profile: **Not a first-time starter**. Oscar Performance colt (a turf sire). Debuted in the same 10/9 Keeneland turf race as Mo Way and Castle Pines at 3.10-1: pulled, went four wide and weakened to finish last of 12. Trainer Riley Mott is 9% with second-time starters and 13% in maiden special weights (not 20%); jockey Junior Alvarado is 2-for-23 at the meet. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –6.3%.

Strengths: Turf pedigree; was well regarded in his debut.

Concerns: Finished last after pulling; overbet.

Trip Projection: Needs to settle from post 11.

Rivelli (Post 12) — Model Win %: 4%

PTW Profile: Tiz the Law colt, 0-for-3 with one third ($22,706). 3rd as the favorite on turf at Colonial on 7/10, 4th on turf at Kentucky Downs on 9/3 (Mo Misery 6th), and 4th, beaten 4 lengths, in an off-the-turf route at Keeneland on 10/18 after altering course and rallying late. Trainer Larry Rivelli is 25% in maiden special





weights; jockey Rodriguez is 4-for-22 at the meet. At 12-1 (7.7% implied), –3.7%.

Strengths: Strong trainer numbers; consistent.

Concerns: Hasn't shown the closing kick to win.

Trip Projection: Mid-pack, late run.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

Kauffman (Post 9, 6%): First-time starter by Oscar Performance out of a War Front mare. Trainer Chris Block is 15% with first-time starters; jockey Luis Saez is 14-for-58 at the meet. –3.1%.

Which One (Post 1, 6%): Twirling Candy gelding. 6th in his debut in an off-the-turf route at Keeneland on 10/18 after breaking slowly and taking up at the quarter pole. Trainer George Arnold is 19% with second-time starters; jockey Edgar Morales is 1-for-40 at the meet. –3.1%.

Voa Broadway (Post 7, 5%): First-time starter by Knicks Go. Trainer Kenny McPeek is 14% with first-time starters and 15% with debuts at a mile or longer. –1.3%.

Others: Sweeten the Pot (9th in his turf debut at Churchill on 9/24), Forty One Carrots and Epic Sanguine (first-time starters), Midway Gold (7th in his debut), and also-eligibles Platinum Power (0-for-3; 3rd at Keeneland on 10/18), Code of Arms (7th in both dirt starts; turf debut) and Best Screenplay (0-for-3; 4th in a Belmont turf maiden claimer on 10/8 for a new trainer).

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Mo Way	STRONG	ELITE	Low — maintains speed
American Veteran	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — solid late
Castle Pines (AE)	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — competitive
Rivelli	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — balanced
Mo Misery	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — collapse risk
Which One	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — early fade
Sweeten the Pot	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — deteriorating
Platinum Power (AE)	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — late collapse risk
Code of Arms (AE)	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace-dependent
Best Screenplay (AE)	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse
Midway Gold	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — beaten lengths mount





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Col Frank Slade	UNRATED	UNRATED	Not rated by the model
Kauffman	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter
Voa Broadway	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter
Forty One Carrots	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter
Epic Sanguine	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter

Critical MPH Insight

Mo Way has the only ELITE sustained speed rating (American Veteran and Castle Pines are STRONG late, not ELITE). **Mo Misery** and **Platinum Power** have ELITE early speed but are VULNERABLE late. Col Frank Slade has raced once but is not rated by the model.

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Mo Way — Second start after a rallying turf debut.

Which One — Second start after a troubled debut; first start on turf.

Kauffman and **Voa Broadway** — First-time starters from solid debut barns.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Mo Misery — Weakened after taking the lead last time; weak trainer numbers.

Platinum Power (AE) — Back to turf, where he is 0-for-2 and well beaten; trainer is 0-for-21 on turf.

Col Frank Slade — Must rebound from finishing last.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: MO WAY — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 5-1 or better

Model projects 18% win probability, the highest in the field. At 5-2 (28.6% implied) he is –10.6%, not a slight overlay; fair price is about 9-2, so he is a bet only at 5-1 or better.

Value Assessment: **UNDERLAY** at the morning line (–10.6%).

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

Model projects 12% at 8-1 (11.1% implied): +0.9%, the only overlay in the race. Fair price is about 7-1.

Value Assessment: **SLIGHT OVERLAY** (+0.9%).

LONGSHOT PLAY: None





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

A: Mo Way — 18%
B: American Veteran — 14%
C: Mo Misery — 12%

Combined Projected Probability: 44% (Mo Misery replaces also-eligible Castle Pines, 10%, as the model's third-highest horse)

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★★★ (4 of 5 stars)

Mo Way is the model's top horse, but at 18% in a big turf field he is overbet at 5-2. Favorite **Mo Way** (–10.6%) and **American Veteran** (3-1, –11.0%) are both underlays; **Mo Misery** at 8-1 is the only overlay.

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