Churchill Downs

Race 8 — 11/11/2026

Class: Allowance $127,000 (N1X)

Distance: 8f (1 mile)

Surface: Turf

Purse: $127,000

Starters: 12 + 4 also-eligibles

ALLOWANCE. Purse $127,000 (includes $48,700 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON A RACE OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER, OR STATE BRED ALLOWANCE OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Other Than Claiming, Or Starter At A Mile Or Over On The Turf Since September 11 Allowed 2 lbs. (If deemed inadvisable by management to run this race over the turf course, it will be run on the main track at One mile.) (Rail at 24 feet).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R8
Wednesday, November 11, 2026 | 1 Mile Turf | 3YO & Up | Allowance $127,000 (N1X)

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

City of Oscars (Post 2) — Led throughout to win a 1 mile starter allowance (not a stakes) on yielding turf at Colonial on 8/2. **Golden Channel** (Post 7) — Led until the 3/16 pole at Saratoga on 7/10 and pressed at Kentucky Downs on 8/30. **Irish Law** (Post 10) — Led throughout in his maiden win at Ellis Park on 7/9 and dueled for the lead on 8/15. **Unitas** (Post 16, AE) — Led or vied early in his last three turf routes and in his maiden win; he is a speed horse, not a closer.

Stalkers / Pressers

Just Buy It (Post 14, AE) — Took the lead early and dug in to win a 7 furlong turf maiden at Kentucky Downs on 8/30 by a nose; also 2nd by a head after taking over at a mile at Gulfstream on 2/27. **Sheriff Bart** (Post 5) — Won his maiden at Gulfstream on 2/22 from off the pace; 2nd at Ellis Park on 8/1 (Unitas 3rd). **Time for Money** (Post 8) and **Epic Horsepower** (Post 4) also race in the second flight.

Closers

Natural Rights (Post 6) — Rallies four wide in his best races; 3rd at Churchill on 9/19. **Without Caution** (Post 3) — Rallied to win his maiden at Saratoga in 2024.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT** early pace—projected :23 2/5 opening quarter, :46 4/5 half-mile. City of Oscars, Golden Channel and Irish Law all show early speed, with Unitas and Just Buy It joining in if they draw in.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Sinister Smile	5-1	5%	16.7%	-11.7%
2	City of Oscars	6-1	11%	14.3%	-3.3%
3	Without Caution	6-1	8%	14.3%	-6.3%
4	Epic Horsepower	12-1	2%	7.7%	-5.7%
5	Sheriff Bart	10-1	6%	9.1%	-3.1%
6	Natural Rights	8-1	5%	11.1%	-6.1%
7	Golden Channel	8-1	8%	11.1%	-3.1%





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
8	Time for Money	20-1	2%	4.8%	-2.8%
9	Atlal	20-1	1%	4.8%	-3.8%
10	Irish Law	4-1	20%	20.0%	0.0%
11	Taterpie	15-1	3%	6.3%	-3.3%
12	Ready for Peace	15-1	2%	6.3%	-4.3%
13	Beautiful War (AE)	9-2	5%	18.2%	-13.2%
14	Just Buy It (AE)	7-2	17%	22.2%	-5.2%
15	Stackin Sats (AE)	10-1	3%	9.1%	-6.1%
16	Unitas (AE)	15-1	2%	6.3%	-4.3%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**182.3%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (all 16 entries total 182.3%). Posts 13–16 are also-eligibles (AE), including morning-line favorite Just Buy It. The original table used scaled percentages, which created false overlays: at raw odds **no horse is an overlay**. Irish Law is even (0.0%); favorite **Just Buy It** –**5.2%**. **Sinister Smile** –**11.7%** and **Beautiful War** –**13.2%** are the biggest underlays.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

Irish Law (Post 10) — Model Win %: 20%

PTW Profile: The model's top horse. Three-year-old gelding, **1-for-5** (not 5-for-5), all on turf. Won a 1 1/16 mile maiden special weight at Ellis Park on 7/9 by a half length, leading throughout. **He did not win the 8/15 allowance at Ellis Park**: he dueled for the lead and yielded late to finish 5th, beaten 1 1/4 lengths. Then 9th after a slow start in a 6 1/2 furlong allowance at Kentucky Downs on 9/7. Trainer Brendan Walsh is 0-for-14 at the meet, 15% off 61–180 day breaks and 23% stretching sprinters out; jockey Tyler Gaffalione is 9-for-61 at the meet. At 4-1 (20.0% implied), even (0.0%).

Strengths: ELITE early and sustained speed; back to a route after a sprint.

Concerns: Has yet to win at this level; pace pressure from City of Oscars and Golden Channel.

Trip Projection: On or near the lead from post 10.

Just Buy It (Post 14, AE) — Model Win %: 17%

PTW Profile: Also-eligible; runs only if there are scratches. Three-year-old colt, 1-for-4. Won a 7 furlong turf maiden special weight at Kentucky Downs on 8/30 by a nose after taking the lead early and digging in (not rallying from midpack). Not new to a mile on turf: 2nd by a head in a $50,000 maiden claimer at a mile at Gulfstream on 2/27. Off since 8/30. Trainer Victoria Oliver is 15% in allowances and 9% off 61–180 day breaks; jockey Luis Saez is 14-for-58 at the meet. As the 7-2 morning-line favorite (22.2% implied), –5.2%.





Strengths: ELITE sustained speed; won last out; top jockey.

Concerns: Has to draw in; first allowance start; outside post.

Trip Projection: Tracks the speed if he runs.

City of Oscars (Post 2) — Model Win %: 11%

PTW Profile: Four-year-old gelding, 3-for-18. Won a 1 mile starter allowance on yielding turf at Colonial on 8/2 by 3 1/4 lengths, leading throughout; that was not a stakes. 6th in an allowance at Kentucky Downs on 8/30 after tipping out and vying (he did not run 2nd). Off since 8/30. Trainer Mark Casse is 17% in allowances, 16% on turf and 18% off 61–180 day breaks; jockey Concepcion is 3-for-22 at the meet. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –3.3%.

Strengths: ELITE early speed; inside post.

Concerns: Pace pressure; best win came in a starter allowance.

Trip Projection: Goes for the lead from post 2.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

Golden Channel (Post 7) — Model Win %: 8%

PTW Profile: Four-year-old gelding, **1-for-12**. His only win was a 1 mile turf maiden at Gulfstream on 5/10/2025. He did not win at Gulfstream on 3/28 (2nd by a neck) or at Belmont on 5/9 (6th). Since then: 2nd by a head at Monmouth on 6/13, 4th after leading to the 3/16 pole at Saratoga on 7/10, 4th at Kentucky Downs on 8/30, 6th at 1 3/8 miles on firm turf at Kentucky Downs on 9/6, and 5th in an off-the-turf race at Keeneland on 10/11. He is not coming off a 66-day break (31 days). Trainer George Weaver is 16% on turf; jockey Florent Geroux is 1-for-9 at the meet. At 8-1 (11.1% implied), –3.1%.

Strengths: ELITE early speed; consistent at this level.

Concerns: 1-for-12; keeps getting caught late.

Trip Projection: Presses the pace.

Without Caution (Post 3) — Model Win %: 8%

PTW Profile: Four-year-old colt, 1-for-7. Won a 1 1/16 mile turf maiden at Saratoga (not Ellis Park) on 7/20/2024; 6th in two graded stakes that year. **Has not raced since 8/30/2025** (3rd in a Saratoga allowance). Trainer Cherie DeVaux is 23% off layoffs of more than 180 days; jockey Jose Ortiz is 6-for-54 at the meet. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –6.3%.

Strengths: Has faced graded company; strong trainer numbers off long layoffs.

Concerns: Off more than 14 months.

Trip Projection: Mid-pack, late run.

Sheriff Bart (Post 5) — Model Win %: 6%





PTW Profile: Three-year-old gelding, 1-for-10. Won a 7 1/2 furlong turf maiden at Gulfstream on 2/22 by a half length; 2nd, beaten 2 lengths, in a 1 mile turf allowance on yielding ground at Ellis Park on 8/1. Since then, 6th and 11th in turf sprints at Kentucky Downs (last start 9/7). Trainer Bill Mott is 20% stretching sprinters out and 15% in routes; jockey Junior Alvarado is 2-for-23 at the meet. At 10-1 (9.1% implied), –3.1%.

Strengths: Back to a route; ran well at a mile on 8/1.

Concerns: Two dull sprints since.

Trip Projection: Stalks and rallies.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

Sinister Smile (Post 1, 5%): Four-year-old gelding, 1-for-17, mostly on dirt. 2nd as the favorite in an off-the-turf allowance at Keeneland on 10/11. Trainer Joe Sharp is 7-for-26 at the meet; jockey Irad Ortiz Jr. is 10-for-27. At 5-1 (16.7% implied), –11.7%—a big underlay for a non-favorite.

Natural Rights (Post 6, 5%): Four-year-old gelding, 1-for-5. **Not off a 14-month layoff**: he returned on 8/15 (8th at Ellis Park after being shut off) and was 3rd in a 1 1/16 mile turf allowance at Churchill on 9/19. Won his maiden at Indiana Grand in June 2025. –6.1%.

Beautiful War (Post 13, AE, 5%): 1-for-8; 3rd as the favorite in a turf sprint allowance at Kentucky Downs on 9/7. At 9-2 (18.2% implied), –13.2%—the biggest underlay in the race.

Others: Epic Horsepower (won a turf maiden at Kentucky Downs on 9/7), Time for Money (off since 6/20), Atlal (mostly a sprinter), Taterpie (won a turf sprint maiden in April), Ready for Peace (off since April 2025), and also-eligibles Stackin Sats (turf debut) and Unitas (speed; 3rd behind Sheriff Bart on 8/1).

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Irish Law	ELITE	ELITE	Low — maintains speed
Just Buy It (AE)	STRONG	ELITE	Low — strong finish
Golden Channel	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — versatile
City of Oscars	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — tactical
Sheriff Bart	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — mid-pack
Without Caution	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — consistent
Natural Rights	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — collapse risk
Unitas (AE)	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — front-end fade





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Sinister Smile	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — faded in routes
Atlal	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — early fade
Time for Money	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — bounce risk
Epic Horsepower	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — struggled
Taterpie	UNRATED	UNRATED	Not rated by the model
Ready for Peace	UNRATED	UNRATED	Not rated by the model
Beautiful War (AE)	UNRATED	UNRATED	Not rated by the model
Stackin Sats (AE)	UNRATED	UNRATED	Not rated by the model

Critical MPH Insight

Irish Law is the only horse rated ELITE both early and late. **Just Buy It** is ELITE late; **City of Oscars** and **Golden Channel** are ELITE early but STRONG late.

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Irish Law — Back to a route after a troubled sprint.

Sheriff Bart — Back to a mile, where he ran 2nd on 8/1.

Natural Rights — Third start back after a long layoff.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Just Buy It (AE) — Steps up from a maiden win by a nose.

Without Caution — Off more than 14 months.

Sinister Smile — Best recent race came on a sloppy main track.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: IRISH LAW — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 4-1 or better

Model projects 20% win probability, the highest in the field (the text said 21%). At 4-1 (20.0% implied) he is even, not an overlay; fair price is 4-1.

Value Assessment: **FAIR** (0.0%).

VALUE PLAY: None — no horse is an overlay at raw morning-line odds.





SECOND PLAY: JUST BUY IT (AE) — Confidence 6/10 — Target odds: 5-1 or better

Model projects 17% at 7-2 (22.2% implied): –5.2%, an underlay (the report called it strong value). Must draw in. Fair price is about 5-1.

LONGSHOT PLAY: None

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

A: Irish Law — 20%
B: Just Buy It (AE) — 17%
C: City of Oscars — 11%

Combined Projected Probability: 48% (if Just Buy It does not draw in, Without Caution and Golden Channel are next at 8%)

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★★ (3 of 5 stars)

Irish Law is the model's top horse but offers no edge at 4-1. No favorite to fade: **Just Buy It** (7-2, AE) is only –5.2%. **Sinister Smile** (5-1, –11.7%) and **Beautiful War** (9-2, AE, –13.2%) are the biggest underlays.

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