Churchill Downs

Race 3 — 11/12/2026

Class: Maiden Special Weight $120k

Distance: 5.5f

Surface: Turf

Purse: $120,000

Starters: 12

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT. Purse $120,000 (includes $47,200 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. (Preference To Horses That Have Not Started For Less Than $50,000 In Last 3 Starts). (If deemed inadvisable by management to run this race over the turf course, it will be run on the main track at Five and a Half Furlongs.) (Rail at 24 feet).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R3
Thursday, November 12, 2026 | 5 1/2 Furlongs Turf | 3YO & Up | Maiden Special Weight

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

This is a maiden race, so no horse in the field has won (the report credited Rockfest and Soulman with multiple turf wins).

True Front Runners

Anthony the Great (Post 5) — Vied for or set the pace in most of his starts, including the $50,000 maiden claimer at Churchill on 9/23 and the Belterra turf sprint on 8/21. **Soulman** (Post 8) — Vied and dueled to be 3rd at Churchill on 5/7 and pressed the winner at Fair Grounds on 2/16. **Bright Skittle** (Post 10) — Led in his two turf sprints in 2025.

Stalkers / Pressers

Rockfest (Post 3) — Has stalked and rallied in his turf sprints; came from 8th to finish 2nd as the favorite in a $50,000 maiden claimer at Churchill on 9/23 (Anthony the Great 7th).

Closers

Quintillion (Post 9) — Rallied from 10th, seven wide, to finish 2nd at Ellis Park on 7/17 and rallied to be 5th at Kentucky Downs on 9/5.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **MODERATE** early pace—projected :22 1/5 opening quarter, :44 4/5 half-mile. Anthony the Great, Soulman and Bright Skittle can show speed; Quintillion and Rockfest come from behind.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Helpful Howie	8-1	6%	11.1%	-5.1%
2	Our Vekoma Ride	20-1	2%	4.8%	-2.8%
3	Rockfest	9-2	16%	18.2%	-2.2%
4	Unlimited	8-1	5%	11.1%	-6.1%
5	Anthony the Great	15-1	4%	6.3%	-2.3%
6	Turnback	12-1	4%	7.7%	-3.7%
7	Boston Time	15-1	2%	6.3%	-4.3%
8	Soulman	10-1	18%	9.1%	**+8.9%**





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
9	Quintillion	5-1	26%	16.7%	**+9.3%**
10	Bright Skittle	7-2	13%	22.2%	-9.2%
11	Cold Draft Beer	8-1	3%	11.1%	-8.1%
12	Storm Commander	30-1	1%	3.2%	-2.2%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**127.8%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (field total 127.8%). The original table used scaled percentages (e.g., Bright Skittle's 7-2 as 17.4%; 7-2 is 22.2%), which made Rockfest look like an overlay. At raw odds the overlays are **Quintillion +9.3%** and **Soulman +8.9%**. Favorite **Bright Skittle –9.2%**.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

Quintillion (Post 9) — Model Win %: 26%

PTW Profile: The model's top horse. Four-year-old ridgling; a $350,000 2-year-old purchase, 0-for-8 with a second and a third. 4th in a 5 furlong turf maiden at Churchill on 6/28 (Soulman 9th); 2nd, beaten 3 3/4 lengths, at Ellis Park on 7/17 after rallying from 10th; 5th, beaten 4 3/4 lengths, at 6 1/2 furlongs at Kentucky Downs on 9/5 after rallying four wide. Off since 9/5. Trainer Darrin Miller is 0-for-4 at the meet, 18% in turf sprints and 5% in maiden special weights (not 13%); jockey Beschizza is 0-for-12 at the meet. At 5-1 (16.7% implied), +9.3%—the best overlay in the race.

Strengths: ELITE sustained speed; consistent in turf sprints; a pace to close into.

Concerns: 0-for-8; weak jockey and maiden-race trainer numbers; outside post.

Trip Projection: Settles mid-pack and rallies.

Soulman (Post 8) — Model Win %: 18%

PTW Profile: Three-year-old gelding, 0-for-9 with two seconds and two thirds (no turf wins). 2nd at Fair Grounds on 12/27/2025 and 2/16 (as the favorite), 4th there on 1/19, 3rd after vying for the lead at Churchill on 5/7, then 9th at Churchill on 6/28. He did not run at Kentucky Downs on 9/5 (that was Quintillion) and has been off since 6/28. Trainer Chris Hartman is 0-for-13 at the meet and 7% on turf and in maiden special weights (not 12%); jockey Rafael Bejarano is 4-for-23 at the meet. At 10-1 (9.1% implied), +8.9%.

Strengths: ELITE sustained speed; competitive in most turf sprints; shows speed.

Concerns: 0-for-9; off more than four months; weak trainer numbers.

Trip Projection: Prominent early from post 8.

Rockfest (Post 3) — Model Win %: 16%





PTW Profile: Three-year-old gelding; a $150,000 2-year-old purchase, 0-for-8 with four seconds. **He has never won**: he was 2nd in three turf sprint maidens at Hawthorne (5/21, 6/7, 6/28), then 2nd by 3 lengths as the favorite in a $50,000 maiden claimer on turf at Churchill on 9/23, rallying from 8th. He did not run on 10/29. Moves up from a maiden claimer. Trainer James DiVito is 22% in turf sprints and 19% in maiden special weights; jockey J.A. Torres is 7-for-30 at the meet. At 9-2 (18.2% implied), –2.2%—an underlay, not an overlay.

Strengths: Consistent; strong trainer numbers in turf sprints.

Concerns: Four straight seconds without a win; moves up in class.

Trip Projection: Stalks and rallies from post 3.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

Bright Skittle (Post 10) — Model Win %: 13%

PTW Profile: Four-year-old gelding; a $195,000 2-year-old purchase, 0-for-6 with a second and two thirds. No graded-stakes starts: he was 3rd in the Royal Palm Juvenile, a black-type stakes, at Gulfstream in May 2024, and 2nd by a length after leading at Keeneland in April 2025. 6th as the favorite at Kentucky Downs on 9/7/2025, then off 13 months before finishing last, beaten 16 3/4 lengths, as the 1.25-1 favorite in a $100,000 maiden claimer on dirt at Churchill on 10/29. Back to turf. Trainer Bill Mott is 19% in the second start off a layoff of more than 180 days; jockey Junior Alvarado is 2-for-23 at the meet. As the 7-2 morning-line favorite (22.2% implied), –9.2%.

Strengths: ELITE early speed; best turf form is the best in the field.

Concerns: Ran poorly in his return; overbet.

Trip Projection: Shows speed from post 10.

Helpful Howie (Post 1) — Model Win %: 6%

PTW Profile: Three-year-old gelding, 0-for-6 with a second. Only one turf start (8th at Churchill in November 2025), not eight, and no graded attempts. 5th as the favorite at Turfway on 3/21; off since. Trainer Matt Shirer is 0-for-17 on turf (0-for-5 in turf sprints) but 25% off layoffs of more than 180 days. At 8-1 (11.1% implied), –5.1%.

Unlimited (Post 4) — Model Win %: 5%

PTW Profile: Three-year-old colt. 7th, beaten 15 1/4 lengths, in his debut at 7 furlongs (a sprint, not a route) on dirt at Keeneland on 10/3. Turf debut; trainer Riley Mott is 28% in turf sprints and 12% with first-time turf starters; jockey Tyler Gaffalione is 9-for-61 at the meet. At 8-1 (11.1% implied), –6.1%.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

Anthony the Great (Post 5, 4%): Four-year-old gelding, 0-for-8. **Blinkers come off** (not on); trainer Armando Hernandez is 5-for-7 removing blinkers. 2nd by a head and disqualified to 3rd at Belterra on 8/21; 7th behind Rockfest on 9/23. –2.3%.





Turnback (Post 6, 4%): 0-for-4, all on dirt; turf debut. –3.7%.

Cold Draft Beer (Post 11, 3%): One start, 7th at Aqueduct on 3/29 (he did not run on 10/29). First start for David Fawkes (31% with new acquisitions); turf debut. –8.1%.

Our Vekoma Ride (Post 2, 2%): 0-for-3 on dirt at Oaklawn; off since 5/1; turf debut for a new trainer. **Boston Time** (Post 7, 2%) and **Storm Commander** (Post 12, 1%): first-time starters; Boston Time's trainer Victoria Oliver is 4% with first-time starters.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Quintillion	STRONG	ELITE	Low — maintains speed
Bright Skittle	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — efficient
Soulman	STRONG	ELITE	Low — strong finish
Rockfest	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — resilient
Helpful Howie	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — collapse risk
Turnback	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — versatile
Unlimited	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — deceleration
Anthony the Great	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — fading profile
Cold Draft Beer	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — bounce risk
Our Vekoma Ride	UNRATED	UNRATED	Not rated by the model
Boston Time	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter
Storm Commander	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter

Critical MPH Insight

Quintillion and **Soulman** are the only horses rated ELITE late. **Bright Skittle** and **Rockfest** are ELITE early but STRONG late.

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Bright Skittle — Second start back from a long layoff and back on turf.

Unlimited — Turf debut for a barn that is 28% in turf sprints.





Anthony the Great — Blinkers off for a trainer who is 5-for-7 with the change.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Rockfest — Moves up from a maiden claimer after four straight seconds.

Helpful Howie — Off since March; trainer 0-for-17 on turf.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: QUINTILLION — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 3-1 or better

Model projects 26% win probability, the highest in the field. At 5-1 (16.7% implied), +9.3% (the report said +12.9%). Fair price is just under 3-1.

Value Assessment: **STRONG OVERLAY** (+9.3%).

VALUE PLAY: SOULMAN — Confidence 6/10 — Target odds: 5-1 or better

Model projects 18% at 10-1 (9.1% implied): +8.9%. Fair price is about 9-2.

Value Assessment: **STRONG OVERLAY** (+8.9%).

LONGSHOT PLAY: None — Rockfest is an underlay at raw odds (–2.2%).

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

A: Quintillion — 26%
B: Soulman — 18%
C: Rockfest — 16%

Combined Projected Probability: 60% (Rockfest, 16%, replaces Bright Skittle, 13%, as the model's third-highest horse)

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★★ (3 of 5 stars)

Quintillion and **Soulman** are both strong overlays, but neither has won in a combined 17 starts. No favorite to fade: **Bright Skittle** (7-2) is –9.2%, just short of the threshold.

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