Churchill Downs

Race 10 — 11/13/2026

Class: OC 80k/C

Distance: 8f (1 mile)

Surface: Turf

Purse: $134,000

Claiming Price: $80,000

Starters: 12 (+4 also-eligibles)

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING. Purse $134,000 (include $50,100 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON $20,000 TWICE OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER, OR STATE BRED OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES OR CLAIMING PRICE $80,000. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs. Non-winners Of Two Races At A Mile Or Over On The Turf Since September 13 Allowed 2 lbs. Such A Race Since Then Allowed 4 lbs. Claiming Price $80,000 (Races Where Entered For $62,500 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances). (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 R10
Friday, November 13, 2026 | 1 Mile Turf | 3+ | Optional Claiming $80,000

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Theismann (Post 10) — Led early in his last four starts; won wire-to-wire at Keeneland on 10/18/2025. **Restore** (Post 14, AE) — Led throughout to win here on 9/19. **Sushi Man** (Post 7) — Led throughout in most of his Canterbury wins (he is not a closer).

Stalkers / Pressers

Maui Strong (Post 3) — Pressed in 2nd before finishing 2nd by a head here on 9/20. **Dr. Agne** (Post 2) and **First Resort** (Post 8) also race close to the pace.

Closers

Tough Little Nut (Post 16, AE) — Rallied from 7th to finish 2nd at Keeneland on 10/14. **Noises Off** (Post 9), **War At Sea** (Post 6) and **Early Adopter** (Post 1) also come from off the pace.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **MODERATE** early pace—projected :23 2/5 opening quarter, :46 4/5 half-mile, with Theismann, Sushi Man and Restore the likely leaders.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Early Adopter	9-2	3%	18.2%	-15.2%
2	Dr. Agne	8-1	7%	11.1%	-4.1%
3	Maui Strong	7-2	10%	22.2%	-12.2%
4	Cheval de Guerre	20-1	1%	4.8%	-3.8%
5	Great White	12-1	2%	7.7%	-5.7%
6	War At Sea	15-1	8%	6.3%	**+1.7%**
7	Sushi Man	12-1	10%	7.7%	**+2.3%**
8	First Resort	8-1	6%	11.1%	-5.1%
9	Noises Off	6-1	11%	14.3%	-3.3%
10	Theismann	5-1	17%	16.7%	**+0.3%**





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
11	Vamos Carlitos	30-1	1%	3.2%	-2.2%
12	American Promise	20-1	2%	4.8%	-2.8%
13	Kalahari Dreams (AE)	20-1	2%	4.8%	-2.8%
14	Restore (AE)	15-1	6%	6.3%	-0.3%
15	No Joke Joe (AE)	20-1	1%	4.8%	-3.8%
16	Tough Little Nut (AE)	6-1	13%	14.3%	-1.3%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**158.3%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion. At raw odds the overlays are **Sushi Man +2.3%**, **War At Sea +1.7%** and **Theismann +0.3%**. Favorite **Maui Strong** –**12.2%**; **Early Adopter** –**15.2%**. Posts 13-16 are also-eligibles (AE)—including the model's second choice, Tough Little Nut.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

Theismann (Post 10) — Model Win %: 17%

PTW Profile: The model's top horse. 6-year-old gelding, a $1.15 million yearling; 4-for-14. Won a Keeneland allowance wire-to-wire on 10/18/2025 and an $80,000 optional claimer here on 9/11/2025 (pressing, then winning by a half length). **0-for-4 in 2026**: 2nd at Keeneland in April, 6th and 5th in $175,000 optional claimers here, then 8th, beaten 11 lengths, after popping the gate and setting the pace at Kentucky Downs on 9/7, when Mike Maker claimed him for $80,000. First start for Maker (0-for-16 at the meet); jockey Gaffalione is 9-for-61. At 5-1 (16.7% implied), +0.3%.

Strengths: ELITE early speed; proven at the level.

Concerns: Winless this year; trainer cold at the meet.

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

Tough Little Nut (Post 16, AE) — Model Win %: 13%

PTW Profile: **Also-eligible**—needs scratches to run. 5-year-old gelding, 2-for-21 with seven 2nds. Recent turf form: 3rd, beaten a quarter length, at this level here on 6/24, 5th at Ellis, 4th here on 9/20 and 2nd by 1 1/2 lengths at Keeneland on 10/14 (Sushi Man 3rd). Trainer Chris Block; jockey Sheehy is 0-for-20 at the meet. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –1.3%.

Noises Off (Post 9) — Model Win %: 11%

PTW Profile: 6-year-old gelding, 4-for-24 with eight 2nds. Won a $50,000 optional claimer at Indiana Grand on 6/3; 8th in a stakes there on 7/11; 3rd, beaten 2 1/2 lengths, at Kentucky Downs on 9/7. Trainer Paulo Lobo is 1-for-4 at the meet and 21% off 61-180 day layoffs; jockey W. Rodriguez is 4-for-22. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –3.3%.





Maui Strong (Post 3) — Model Win %: 10%

PTW Profile: 4-year-old gelding, 2-for-15. He did **not** win here on 9/20; he was **2nd by a head** at this level. His last win was a four-horse N1X allowance here on 6/25. 4th at Saratoga on 8/14. Trainer Dale Romans is 2-for-16 at the meet; jockey Corrales is 2-for-15. As the 7-2 favorite (22.2% implied), –12.2%.

Sushi Man (Post 7) — Model Win %: 10%

PTW Profile: 4-year-old gelding, 5-for-14. Four of his wins came at **Canterbury**, mostly against Minnesota-breds, including the Blair's Cove on 9/5 by 3 1/4 lengths on the lead. Last out 3rd, beaten 3 lengths, in a Keeneland N2X allowance on 10/14. A front-runner, not a closer. Trainer Ben Colebrook is 7% on turf; jockey Arrieta is 3-for-30. At 12-1 (7.7% implied), +2.3%—the best overlay in the race.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

War At Sea (Post 6) — Model Win %: 8%

PTW Profile: 7-year-old **horse**, 4-for-27. He was **2nd** (not 1st) in the American Stakes (G3) at Santa Anita in April 2024. 2026: 3rd at Del Mar on 7/17, 4th on 8/22, then 7th on dirt on 8/30. First start for James DiVito; jockey Torres is 7-for-30. At 15-1 (6.3% implied), +1.7%.

Dr. Agne (Post 2) — Model Win %: 7%

PTW Profile: 3-year-old colt, 2-for-7. Won a turf N2L allowance at Colonial by a head on 7/6, then 6th in the Old Dominion Derby (G3) on 9/7. Trainer Cherie DeVaux is 1-for-13 at the meet; jockey Jose Ortiz is 6-for-54. At 8-1 (11.1% implied), –4.1%.

First Resort (Post 8) — Model Win %: 6%

PTW Profile: 4-year-old colt, 2-for-7. His biggest win was the **Kentucky Jockey Club (G2) on dirt** in November 2024; he was **4th** (not a wire-to-wire winner) in the Summer (G1) on turf at Woodbine. Two of his three 2026 starts were on dirt; 5th at Keeneland on 10/3. Trainer Eoin Harty is 2-for-5 at the meet. –5.1%.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

Restore (Post 14, AE, 6%): French-bred, 3-for-13. **Won his last start**, an N1X allowance here on 9/19, wire-to-wire by 1 1/4 lengths (the report said he "held ground"). Also won at Ellis on 8/23. –0.3%.

Early Adopter (Post 1, 3%): British-bred, 2-for-10; 3rd at Saratoga and 5th at Belmont in N2X optional claimers. First start for Kara McGuire (from Chad Brown). At 9-2 (18.2% implied), –15.2%—the biggest underlay in the race.

Great White (Post 5, 2%): 3-year-old, 2-for-6; ran in the Blue Grass and Preakness. Apparent turf debut; blinkers off. –5.7%.

No Joke Joe (Post 15, AE, 1%): 3-year-old, 2-for-3 (not a first-time stakes starter); off since December 2025.

American Promise, **Kalahari Dreams** (AE), **Cheval de Guerre** (off since October 2025) and **Vamos Carlitos** complete the field.





Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
War At Sea	STRONG	ELITE	Low — maintains speed
Theismann	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate
Noises Off	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate
Tough Little Nut (AE)	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate
Sushi Man	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate
Dr. Agne	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate
Maui Strong	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate
First Resort	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate
Restore (AE)	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate
Early Adopter	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High
Great White	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High
No Joke Joe (AE)	UNRATED	UNRATED	Limited data

Critical MPH Insight

War At Sea has the field's only ELITE sustained-speed rating; **Theismann** has the only ELITE early speed.

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Theismann — First start for a new barn; back to a course where he has won.

Tough Little Nut (AE) — Close in his last two.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Maui Strong — Overbet as the favorite.

Early Adopter — Heavily bet for a new trainer.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: THEISMANN — Confidence 5/10 — Target odds: 5-1 or better





Model projects 17% win probability, the highest in the field. At 5-1 (16.7% implied), +0.3%. Fair price is about 5-1.

Value Assessment: **FAIR PRICE** (+0.3%).

VALUE PLAY: WAR AT SEA — Confidence 3/10 — Target odds: 12-1 or better

Model projects 8% at 15-1 (6.3% implied): +1.7%. Fair price is about 11-1.

Value Assessment: **SLIGHT OVERLAY** (+1.7%).

LONGSHOT PLAY: SUSHI MAN — Confidence 3/10 — Target odds: 9-1 or better

Model projects 10% at 12-1 (7.7% implied): +2.3%. Fair price is 9-1.

Value Assessment: **OVERLAY** (+2.3%).

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

A: Theismann — 17%
B: Tough Little Nut (AE) — 13%
C: Noises Off — 11%

Combined Projected Probability: 41%

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★ (2 of 5 stars)

A 16-horse turf route with no standout; no horse projects above 17%. Favorite **Maui Strong** (7-2, –12.2%) and **Early Adopter** (9-2, –15.2%) are overbet.

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