Churchill Downs

Race 2 — 11/13/2026

Class: Md 75000

Distance: 7.5f

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $69,000

Claiming Price: $75,000

Starters: 9

MAIDEN CLAIMING. Purse $69,000 (include $6,500 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR MAIDENS, TWO YEARS OLD. Weight, 119 lbs. Claiming Price $75,000.

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R2
Friday, November 13, 2026 | 7 1/2f Dirt | 2YO | Maiden Claiming $75,000

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Apexion (Post 3) — Pressed the pace in 2nd before yielding in a turf sprint at Kentucky Downs on 9/9; he broke a half step slow and trailed early in his dirt debut. **Sculptor** (Post 7) — Led into the stretch before being caught on 9/15; has stalked in his other starts.

Stalkers / Pressers

Bermuda (Post 1) — Raced 6th early and went 3-4 wide in his only start; he is not a confirmed speed horse. **J'accuse** (Post 5) — Sat 4th to 5th before finishing 2nd on 10/19. **April Fools** (Post 4) — Mid-pack in his turf starts.

Closers

Gaines Trace (Post 9) — Raced 8th to 9th in his only start. **Glen Morgan**, **Champagne Shane** and **Berners Street** are first-time starters.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT** early pace—projected :22 2/5 opening quarter, :45 4/5 half-mile. Stalkers should be well placed at 7 1/2 furlongs.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Bermuda	6-5	16%	45.5%	-29.5%
2	Champagne Shane	30-1	1%	3.2%	-2.2%
3	Apexion	5-1	26%	16.7%	**+9.3%**
4	April Fools	9-2	14%	18.2%	-4.2%
5	J'accuse	6-1	13%	14.3%	-1.3%
6	Glen Morgan	15-1	7%	6.3%	**+0.7%**
7	Sculptor	12-1	19%	7.7%	**+11.3%**
8	Berners Street	20-1	2%	4.8%	-2.8%
9	Gaines Trace	8-1	2%	11.1%	-9.1%





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
	TOTAL		**100%**	**127.8%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (field total 127.8%). At raw odds the overlays are **Sculptor +11.3%**, **Apexion +9.3%** and **Glen Morgan +0.7%**. Favorite **Bermuda** –**29.5%**.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

Apexion (Post 3) — Model Win %: 26%

PTW Profile: The model's top horse. Cyberknife gelding, a $130,000 yearling; 0-for-2 and **not 2nd in either start**. Debuted 10th, beaten 18 3/4 lengths, at a mile on dirt at Ellis Park on 8/23 after a slow start, then was 4th, beaten 5 3/4 lengths, after pressing the pace in a 7f turf maiden special weight at Kentucky Downs on 9/9. First start in two months, first maiden claimer and back to dirt. Trainer Steve Asmussen is 8-for-43 (19%) at the meet, 17% moving maidens from special weights to claimers and 20% switching from turf to dirt; jockey Keith Asmussen is 5-for-27. At 5-1 (16.7% implied), +9.3%.

Strengths: ELITE early and sustained speed ratings; drop in class.

Concerns: Only one decent start; his dirt debut was poor.

Trip Projection: Prominent early from post 3.

Sculptor (Post 7) — Model Win %: 19%

PTW Profile: **2-year-old** (not 3-year-old) Illinois-bred gelding by Gormley; 0-for-5 with three 2nds and two 3rds, **all on dirt** at Fairmount Park (not synthetic or turf). He was the beaten favorite three times in Illinois-bred maiden races, then 3rd, beaten 6 lengths, in the Illinois-bred Futurity on 10/24. Ships in for open company and has never raced beyond 6 furlongs. He has worn blinkers in each of his last three starts (not a new equipment change). Trainer John Wainwright; jockey Bendezu. At 12-1 (7.7% implied), +11.3%—the biggest overlay in the race.

Strengths: ELITE sustained speed; consistent.

Concerns: Has only faced state-breds; stretching out to 7 1/2 furlongs.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

Bermuda (Post 1) — Model Win %: 16%

PTW Profile: Corniche colt, a $600,000 yearling. One start: **4th, beaten 7 lengths, as the 0.86-1 favorite** in a 6 1/2 furlong maiden special weight here on 9/19, racing 6th early and 3-4 wide (not a pace-presser). Drops into a maiden claimer and stretches out. Trainer Brad Cox is 12-for-27 (44%) at the meet, 32% with second-time maiden starters and 29% moving maidens from special weights to claimers; jockey Luis Saez is 14-for-58 (24%). As the 6-5 favorite (45.5% implied), –29.5%—the biggest underlay in the race, though his connections are strong.





April Fools (Post 4) — Model Win %: 14%

PTW Profile: Charlatan colt, a $195,000 2-year-old purchase; 0-for-3, **all on turf, with no 3rd-place finishes** (12th, 4th, 11th). First start on dirt and first in a maiden claimer. His jockey is **Jose Ortiz** (6-for-54 at the meet); the 37% rider cited in the report is apprentice Y. Ortiz Jr., who rides Gaines Trace; Mark Casse is 2-for-10 at the meet. At 9-2 (18.2% implied), –4.2%.

J'accuse (Post 5) — Model Win %: 13%

PTW Profile: Blame gelding, **0-for-2** (not a maiden claiming winner): 5th, beaten 14 3/4 lengths, in a $30,000 maiden claimer here on 9/20, then 2nd by a half length in a 1-mile $40,000 maiden claimer on turf at Indiana Grand on 10/19. Moves up to $75,000 and back to dirt. Trainer Helen Pitts is 1-for-3 at the meet; jockey Graham is 1-for-14. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –1.3%.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

Glen Morgan (Post 6, 7%): **First-time starter** by Cyberknife. Trainer John Ennis is 0-for-11 at the meet and 5% with first-time starters; jockey Morales is 1-for-40. At 15-1 (6.3% implied), +0.7%.

Gaines Trace (Post 9, 2%): One start: 8th, beaten 8 lengths, in a $150,000 maiden claimer here on 9/24. First start for trainer Lindsay Schultz. Apprentice **Y. Ortiz Jr.** (10-for-27, 37%) rides with a 7-pound allowance. At 8-1 (11.1% implied), –9.1%.

Berners Street (Post 8, 2%): First-time starter by Practical Joke; trainer Thomas Humphries is 0-for-10 with first-time starters. –2.8%.

Champagne Shane (Post 2, 1%): First-time starter, a $1,000 yearling; trainer Hutch Holsapple is 0-for-9 with first-time starters. –2.2%.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Apexion	ELITE	ELITE	Minimal — maintains speed
Sculptor	STRONG	ELITE	Low — strong finish
Bermuda	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — fade risk
J'accuse	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — stalker
April Fools	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — collapse risk
Gaines Trace	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — fades
Glen Morgan	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter
Champagne Shane	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter





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Berners Street	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter

Critical MPH Insight

Apexion is the only horse rated ELITE for both early and sustained speed; **Sculptor** also rates ELITE late. Three first-time starters are UNRATED.

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Apexion — Drops into a maiden claimer after a solid turf effort.

Bermuda — Second start for a 44% trainer, now in a maiden claimer.

Bounce / Regression Risks

April Fools — Has weakened late in two of three starts.

Sculptor — Beaten favorite three times against state-breds.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: APEXION — Confidence 5/10 — Target odds: 3-1 or better

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

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

VALUE PLAY: SCULPTOR — Confidence 4/10 — Target odds: 9-2 or better

Model projects 19% at 12-1 (7.7% implied): +11.3%. Fair price is about 4-1.

Value Assessment: **STRONG OVERLAY** (+11.3%).

LONGSHOT PLAY: GLEN MORGAN — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 14-1 or better

Model projects 7% at 15-1 (6.3% implied): +0.7%. First-time starter for a 5% debut trainer.

Value Assessment: **SLIGHT OVERLAY** (+0.7%).

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

A: Apexion — 26%
B: Sculptor — 19%
C: Bermuda — 16%

Combined Projected Probability: 61%





Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★ (2 of 5 stars)

A weak maiden claimer. **Apexion** and **Sculptor** are the model's top two and both big overlays, but neither has won. Favorite **Bermuda** (6-5, –29.5%) is badly overbet off one 4th-place finish, though trainer Brad Cox is 44% at the meet.

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Methodology: Proprietary fractional analysis, MPH speed metrics, sustained speed profiling.





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