Churchill Downs

Race 10 — 11/14/2026

Class: Starter Allowance ($16,000 starters)

Distance: 7f

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $125,000

Starters: 14

STARTER ALLOWANCE. Purse $125,000 (plus $15,000 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF $16,000 OR LESS IN 2025-2026. After payment of 1% to all owners of horses finishing sixth through last, 62% of the remaining purse shall be paid to the owner of the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 5% to fourth and 3% to fifth. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Non-winners Of A Sweepstakes In 2026 Allowed 2 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since October 14 Allowed 4 lbs. Starter races for $12,500 or less and claiming races for $20,000 or less not considered in allowances. Preference given to stakes winners in 2025-26, then by highest earnings in 2025-26.

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R10
Saturday, November 14, 2026 | 7f Dirt | 3YO & Up | Starter Allowance

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Air of Defiance (Post 8) — **Led early** and won here by a nose on 9/25 and went wire-to-wire here on 6/11; he is a speed horse, not a closer. **Defending Albert** (Post 14) — Pressed and won here at 6f on 9/26. **Five o' Somewhere** (Post 3) — Presses: 2nd early and won by a neck here on 5/23. **Evening News** (Post 12) and **Coach Cronin** (Post 13) have also led in recent starts.

Stalkers / Pressers

Zero Blitz (Post 11) — Stalks and has won 8 of 17. **Military Road** (Post 1) — Stalked and won at Keeneland on 10/7. **Global Sensation** (Post 5) — Pressed and won here on 9/13, 2nd at Keeneland on 10/7.

Closers

Just Asap (Post 7) — Rallied from 7th to win at Keeneland on 10/4. **Dr. Storm** (Post 9) — Rallied from 9th to miss by a nose at Keeneland on 10/17. **Sprint Out Pass** (Post 6) and **Nation** (Post 10) also come from off the pace.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT** early pace—projected :22 2/5 opening quarter, :45 1/5 half-mile, with Air of Defiance, Defending Albert and Five o' Somewhere all forwardly placed.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Military Road	6-1	8%	14.3%	-6.3%
2	Try to Make Cents	12-1	6%	7.7%	-1.7%
3	Five o' Somewhere	4-1	11%	20.0%	-9.0%
4	Bold Diversion	10-1	7%	9.1%	-2.1%
5	Global Sensation	15-1	8%	6.3%	**+1.7%**
6	Sprint Out Pass	30-1	2%	3.2%	-1.2%
7	Just Asap	15-1	8%	6.3%	**+1.7%**
8	Air of Defiance	6-1	16%	14.3%	**+1.7%**





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
9	Dr. Storm	15-1	6%	6.3%	-0.3%
10	Nation	30-1	2%	3.2%	-1.2%
11	Zero Blitz	10-1	9%	9.1%	-0.1%
12	Evening News	30-1	2%	3.2%	-1.2%
13	Coach Cronin	12-1	7%	7.7%	-0.7%
14	Defending Albert	9-2	8%	18.2%	-10.2%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**128.9%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion. The report's implied column was wrong for most of the field: Five o' Somewhere at 4-1 is 20.0% (not 15.5%), Air of Defiance and Military Road at 6-1 are 14.3% (not 11.1%), Defending Albert at 9-2 is 18.2% (not 14.1%). Air of Defiance's model win % is **16%** (the text said 17%), Global Sensation's is **8%** (text said 9%) and Zero Blitz's is **9%** (text said 10%). Overlays: Air of Defiance, Global Sensation and Just Asap, each +1.7%.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

Air of Defiance (Post 8) — Model Win %: 16%

PTW Profile: The model's top horse. 5-year-old gelding, 8-for-21. Won here on 9/25 by a nose at 1-3, **on the lead** (not rallying); 2nd at Ellis Park in an N1X allowance on 8/16 and 3rd behind Defending Albert there on 7/12; won here on 6/11. Trainer S. Jade Cunningham is 0-for-4 at the meet. Francisco Arrieta rides. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), +1.7%.

Strengths: Speed; course form; consistent.

Concerns: Other speed inside him and to his outside; barn cold.

Trip Projection: Breaks alertly and presses or leads.

Five o' Somewhere (Post 3) — Model Win %: 11%

PTW Profile: The 4-1 morning-line favorite. 5-year-old gelding, 6-for-29. His last win was **5/23/2026 here at 6 1/2f by a neck**—not 11/12/2025 in a 6f claimer. 3rd by 1 1/2 at Keeneland on 10/21 at this distance; 2nd by a nose at Keeneland on 4/24. Not three starts in 8 days. Luis Saez rides for Matt Shirer (1-for-5 at the meet). At 4-1 (20.0% implied), –9.0%—just short of a fade.

Zero Blitz (Post 11) — Model Win %: 9%

PTW Profile: 4-year-old gelding, 8-for-17, shipping from Maryland. 3rd at 1-1 in an optional claimer at Laurel on 10/25; 2nd by 2 in the Polynesian Stakes at Laurel on 10/3; won a Colonial handicap on 8/22. First start at Churchill. Edgar Esquivel rides. At 10-1 (9.1% implied), –0.1%.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)





Global Sensation (Post 5) — Model Win %: 8%

PTW Profile: 7-year-old gelding, 12-for-42. **Not in tailing form:** 2nd by a head to Military Road at Keeneland on 10/7 and won a $20,000 claimer here on 9/13. Claimed by Carlos Santamaria on 7/31; the barn is 1-for-3 at the meet. J.A. Torres rides. At 15-1 (6.3% implied), +1.7%.

Just Asap (Post 7) — Model Win %: 8%

PTW Profile: 3-year-old gelding, 3-for-10. **Won his last start**, a Keeneland starter allowance at 7f on 10/4, rallying from 7th; 3rd at 22-1 here on 9/11. Steve Asmussen (19% at the meet) with K.J. Asmussen up. At 15-1 (6.3% implied), +1.7%.

Military Road (Post 1) — Model Win %: 8%

PTW Profile: 5-year-old gelding, 6-for-21. **Won his last start** at Keeneland on 10/7 (not a fade) and was 2nd by a neck here on 9/12. Chris Hartman is 0-for-13 at the meet. Rafael Bejarano rides. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –6.3%.

Defending Albert (Post 14) — Model Win %: 8%

PTW Profile: 4-year-old gelding, 6-for-14. Won here by 1 1/2 on 9/26 at **6f** (not this distance); 2nd by a neck at Ellis Park on 7/12. Tyler Gaffalione rides for James Watkins (0-for-2 at the meet). At 9-2 (18.2% implied), –**10.2%**—the biggest underlay on the board, but not the favorite.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

Coach Cronin (Post 13, 7%): 6-year-old California-bred gelding, 6-for-17. He has **never raced at Laurel**; his recent wins came in Southern California, including a wire-to-wire score at Santa Anita on 5/9. 3rd in a state-bred stakes at Los Alamitos on 6/20, then did not finish at Saratoga on 7/31. Off 106 days. R.B. Hess Jr. is 0-for-3 at the meet. –0.7%.

Bold Diversion (Post 4, 7%): 4-year-old gelding, 7-for-32; 6th in a Maryland Million stakes on 10/24, 3rd at 4-5 at Delaware on 9/24; 2nd to Zero Blitz twice this summer. –2.1%.

Try to Make Cents (Post 2, 6%): Router cutting back to 7f; 7th on 9/18 at Parx. Joe Sharp is 27% at the meet. –1.7%.

Dr. Storm (Post 9, 6%): 2nd by a nose at Keeneland on 10/17; 4-for-28. –0.3%.

Sprint Out Pass (6), **Nation** (10) and **Evening News** (12): 2% each. Evening News is 0-for-12 on fast dirt and steps up from a $15,000 claiming win.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Air of Defiance	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — speed





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Five o' Somewhere	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate
Zero Blitz	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate
Global Sensation	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — in form
Just Asap	STRONG	STRONG	Low — won last out
Military Road	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — won last out
Defending Albert	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate
Coach Cronin	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — layoff
Bold Diversion	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High
Try to Make Cents	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High
Dr. Storm	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate
Sprint Out Pass	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High
Nation	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High
Evening News	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High

Critical MPH Insight

Air of Defiance wins from the front, so a HOT pace is a risk for him, not a setup. Five o' Somewhere is upgraded from VULNERABLE after a close 3rd at 7f last out; Just Asap, Military Road and Global Sensation are upgraded on current form.

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Just Asap — 3-year-old on the upswing; won last out at the distance.

Zero Blitz — Strong record; stakes-placed last month.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Coach Cronin — Off 106 days after failing to finish.

Defending Albert — Stretches out from 6f; heavily bet on the morning line.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: AIR OF DEFIANCE — Confidence 5/10 — Target odds: 11-2 or better





Model projects 16% win probability, the highest in the field. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), +1.7%. Fair price is about 5-1.

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

VALUE PLAY: GLOBAL SENSATION — Confidence 4/10 — Target odds: 12-1 or better

Model projects 8% at 15-1 (6.3% implied): +1.7%. Overlay, and in better form than the report described.

LONGSHOT PLAY (added): JUST ASAP — Confidence 3/10 — Target odds: 12-1 or better

Model projects 8% at 15-1 (6.3% implied): +1.7%. Won last out; the report said no longshot qualified.

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

A: Air of Defiance — 16%
B: Five o' Somewhere — 11%
C: Zero Blitz — 9%

Combined Projected Probability: 36%

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★★ (3 of 5 stars)

Wide-open 14-horse field with no horse above 16%. **Air of Defiance** is the top pick and a slight overlay. No favorite to fade: Five o' Somewhere is –9.0%. Defending Albert at 9-2 is the board's biggest underlay (–10.2%).

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