Churchill Downs

Race 12 — 11/14/2026

Class: Starter Allowance ($25,000 starters)

Distance: 8.5f (1 1/16 miles)

Surface: Turf

Purse: $175,000

Starters: 16

STARTER ALLOWANCE. Purse $175,000 (plus $20,000 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF $25,000 OR LESS IN 2025-26. 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, 125 lbs. Non-winners Of A Sweepstakes At A Mile Or Over In 2026 Allowed 2 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race At A Mile Or Over On The Turf Since October 14 Allowed 4 lbs. Starter races for $16,000 or less and claiming races for $25,000 or less not considered in allowances. Preference given to graded stakes winners, then graded stakes placed, then stakes winners in 2025-26, then by highest earnings in 2025-26.

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R12
Saturday, November 14, 2026 | 8.5f Turf | 3YO & Up | Starter Allowance

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Sing Sing (Post 11) — Led throughout to win at Colonial on 8/15 and led into the stretch there on 9/6. **Battle Call** (Post 14) — Went wire-to-wire at Colonial on 6/19. **Free Advice** (Post 8) — Pressed and took over to win at Keeneland on 10/11.

Stalkers / Pressers

Unit Economics (Post 2) — Stalks and pounces; won his last two that way. **McCullough** (Post 5) — Sits mid-pack and moves on the turn. **Westside Tide** (Post 7) — Stalked and won the Colonial handicap on 8/22. **Magical Ways** (Post 6) — Tracks.

Closers

In a Jam (Post 3) — Rallied from 5th to win at Colonial on 7/12; a closer, not early speed. **Pike Place** (Post 9), **War Officer** (Post 1) and **Funny Uncle** (Post 12) also come from well back.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT** early pace—projected :23 1/5 opening quarter, :46 2/5 half-mile, with Sing Sing and Battle Call contesting the lead from outside posts.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	War Officer	15-1	4%	6.3%	-2.3%
2	Unit Economics	6-5	15%	45.5%	-30.5%
3	In a Jam	30-1	2%	3.2%	-1.2%
4	Hall Monitor	20-1	6%	4.8%	**+1.2%**
5	McCullough	9-2	20%	18.2%	**+1.8%**
6	Magical Ways	15-1	4%	6.3%	-2.3%
7	Westside Tide	6-1	10%	14.3%	-4.3%
8	Free Advice	20-1	2%	4.8%	-2.8%
9	Pike Place	15-1	8%	6.3%	**+1.7%**





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
10	Light the Way	30-1	1%	3.2%	-2.2%
11	Sing Sing	20-1	4%	4.8%	-0.8%
12	Funny Uncle	8-1	11%	11.1%	-0.1%
13	Sand Bagger	15-1	2%	6.3%	-4.3%
14	Battle Call	10-1	9%	9.1%	-0.1%
15	Jus Too Fly	30-1	1%	3.2%	-2.2%
16	Ur Benja	50-1	1%	2.0%	-1.0%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**149.4%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion. Unit Economics at 6-5 is **45.5%** (not 30.5%), so his edge is –**30.5%**. The text's model %s did not match the table: McCullough is **20%** (text said 18%), Unit Economics 15% (not 14%), Funny Uncle 11% (not 10%), Pike Place 8% (not 7%), Hall Monitor 6% (not 5%). Overlays: McCullough +1.8%, Pike Place +1.7%, Hall Monitor +1.2%.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

McCullough (Post 5) — Model Win %: 20%

PTW Profile: The model's top horse. 6-year-old gelding, 6-for-18, and **has won his last three**: a Laurel optional claimer on 10/3 by 2 1/4 (**taken off the turf**), a Laurel turf starter by 4 on 9/19, and a $16,000 turf claimer at Colonial on 9/3. He is moving **up** the ladder, not dropping from stakes company. Off 42 days. Jamie Ness is 24% this year. Mychel Chuan rides. At 9-2 (18.2% implied), +1.8%.

Strengths: Three straight wins; turf route form.

Concerns: Step up in class; last win came on dirt.

Trip Projection: Sits mid-pack, moves on the far turn, rallies.

Unit Economics (Post 2) — Model Win %: 15%

PTW Profile: The 6-5 morning-line favorite. 6-year-old gelding, 4-for-11, all on turf. Won a Belmont at the Big A starter allowance on 10/17 by 2 3/4 at nearly 5-1 and a $25,000 Saratoga claimer on 8/26 at 1-2. Chad Brown is 2-for-4 at the meet. Tyler Gaffalione rides. At 6-5 (45.5% implied), –**30.5%**—the favorite to fade.

Funny Uncle (Post 12) — Model Win %: 11%

PTW Profile: 6-year-old gelding, 4-for-41. Blinkers on. 6th as the 8-5 favorite in a **dirt** race here on 9/27; 2nd to Westside Tide in the Colonial turf handicap on 8/22. Joe Sharp is 27% at the meet. Jose Ortiz rides. At 8-1 (11.1% implied), –0.1%.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)



Westside Tide (Post 7) — Model Win %: 10%

PTW Profile: 5-year-old horse, 4-for-20, never raced on dirt. Won the Colonial handicap on 8/22 by 1 at 7-5; **4th** (not 2nd) in an N2X optional claimer at Kentucky Downs on 9/7. Off 68 days. Joe Sharp (27% at the meet); Luis Saez rides. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –4.3%.

Battle Call (Post 14) — Model Win %: 9%

PTW Profile: 7-year-old gelding, 6-for-19. Won a Colonial optional claimer wire-to-wire on **6/19** (not 7/19) and was 3rd there on 8/14; then **10th as the 6-5 favorite** here on 9/18, when Mike Maker claimed him for $50,000. Maker is 0-for-16 at the meet. No graded-stakes history is shown. At 10-1 (9.1% implied), –0.1%.

Pike Place (Post 9) — Model Win %: 8%

PTW Profile: 6-year-old gelding, 8-for-36, and lately a **dirt** horse: 2nd at Keeneland on 10/11 and won at Oaklawn on 5/1, both on dirt. The report's "4 wins at 8.5f" is removed. Tom Van Berg trains; Francisco Arrieta rides. At 15-1 (6.3% implied), +1.7%.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

Hall Monitor (Post 4, 6%): 4-year-old gelding, 3-for-14. **3rd by a head** (not a win) in a Monmouth optional claimer on 10/3; won a 1 1/2-mile N1X at Keeneland in April. Cuts back from marathon trips. +1.2%.

War Officer (Post 1, 4%): 2nd by 1 1/2 here on 9/18 and claimed by Mike Maker; won an N1X at Colonial on 8/8 by 6 1/2. –2.3%.

Sing Sing (Post 11, 4%): The likely leader; won a Colonial claimer wire-to-wire on 8/15. –0.8%.

Magical Ways (Post 6, 4%): 7-year-old, recent form on dirt at Delaware and Parx. –2.3%.

In a Jam (Post 3, 2%): Won at Colonial on 7/12 rallying; 7th in a 7f turf race at Kentucky Downs on 9/9. Off 66 days; this is not his third start off a layoff. –1.2%.

Free Advice (Post 8, 2%): **Won his last start**, a Keeneland N1X on 10/11 (off the turf), and was 2nd in a turf N1X here on 9/19. In better form than his 2% suggests. –2.8%.

Sand Bagger (13), **Light the Way** (10), **Jus Too Fly** (15) and **Ur Benja** (16): 1-2% each.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
McCullough	STRONG	ELITE	Low — three straight wins
Unit Economics	STRONG	ELITE	Low
Funny Uncle	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — blinkers on
Westside Tide	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Battle Call	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — pace duel
Pike Place	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — closer
Hall Monitor	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — stamina
War Officer	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate
Sing Sing	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — pace duel
Magical Ways	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate
In a Jam	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High
Free Advice	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — won last out
Sand Bagger	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High
Light the Way	MODERATE	VULNERABLE	Very High
Jus Too Fly	MODERATE	VULNERABLE	Very High
Ur Benja	MODERATE	VULNERABLE	Very High

Critical MPH Insight

McCullough and **Unit Economics** remain the best sustained finishers. Sing Sing and Battle Call, not In a Jam, are the speed. Funny Uncle, Hall Monitor and Free Advice are upgraded from VULNERABLE on current form.

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Funny Uncle — Blinkers on and back to turf after a dirt try.

Hall Monitor — Cutting back from marathon distances after a close 3rd.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Unit Economics — Two straight wins and 6-5 on the morning line; priced well beyond his chances.

Battle Call — Badly beaten as the favorite last out; likely pace duel.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: McCULLOUGH — Confidence 5/10 — Target odds: 4-1 or better

Model projects 20% win probability, the highest in the field. At 9-2 (18.2% implied), +1.8%. Fair price is 4-1.





Value Assessment: **SLIGHT VALUE** (+1.8%).

VALUE PLAY: PIKE PLACE — Confidence 3/10 — Target odds: 12-1 or better

Model projects 8% at 15-1 (6.3% implied): +1.7%. Recent form is on dirt.

LONGSHOT PLAY: HALL MONITOR — Confidence 3/10 — Target odds: 16-1 or better

Model projects 6% at 20-1 (4.8% implied): +1.2%.

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

A: McCullough — 20%
B: Unit Economics — 15%
C: Funny Uncle — 11%

Combined Projected Probability: 46%

Note: Unit Economics is the favorite to fade on price but is still the model's second-best win chance.

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★★ (3 of 5 stars)

McCullough is the top pick and a slight overlay. **Unit Economics**, the 6-5 favorite, is the favorite to fade at –30.5%. Big 16-horse turf field with contested early speed.

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