Churchill Downs

Race 7 — 11/14/2026

Class: Alw 8000s (starter allowance)

Distance: 8.5f (1 1/16 miles)

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $100,000

Starters: 12 + 4 also-eligibles

STARTER ALLOWANCE. Purse $100,000 (plus $10,000 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) For Three Year Olds And Upward Which Have Started For A Claiming Price Of $8,000 Or Less Lifetime. 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 Since October 14 Allowed 4 lbs. Starter races for $6,250 or less and claiming races for $10,000 or less not considered in allowances. Preference given to stakes winners in 2025-26, then by highest earnings in 2025-26.

PTW-CHR Model 1





COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R7
Saturday, November 14, 2026 | 1 1/16 Miles Dirt | 3YO & Up | Starter Allowance $8,000 | Purse $100,000

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Cowboy Mike (Post 3) — Sped clear and won by 5 1/2 at Del Mar on 8/16, then took over on the far turn to win at Parx on 10/21. **Freedom Road** (Post 10) — Dueled on the rail and held to win the Colonial handicap on 8/22; 2nd early in the Governor's Day on 9/12. **Money Run** (Post 13, AE) — Led throughout in both Oaklawn starter wins. **Rock N Roll Bolt** (Post 11) — On or near the lead during a six-race win streak at Belterra.

Stalkers / Pressers

Little Trouble (Post 9) — Stalks inside and pounces. **Swiss Guard** (Post 6), **Bill of Rights** (Post 2) and **Striking Sparks** (Post 8) sit 2nd-5th. **Alinao Forever** (Post 16, AE) can press or come from mid-pack.

Closers

Ironsides (Post 1) — Rallies from 6th-9th in his turf wins. **Metatron's Muse** (Post 4) and **Nixon Joy** (Post 12) make one late run.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT** early pace—projected :23 1/5 opening quarter, :46 2/5 half-mile. Cowboy Mike, Freedom Road and Rock N Roll Bolt all want the lead; stalkers with a sustained finish hold the edge.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Ironsides	7-2	9%	22.2%	-13.2%
2	Bill of Rights	20-1	5%	4.8%	**+0.2%**
3	Cowboy Mike	3-1	20%	25.0%	-5.0%
4	Metatron's Muse	10-1	5%	9.1%	-4.1%
5	Rhymes Like Dimes	15-1	2%	6.3%	-4.3%
6	Swiss Guard	20-1	4%	4.8%	-0.8%
7	Blast Radius	15-1	3%	6.3%	-3.3%
8	Striking Sparks	8-1	6%	11.1%	-5.1%
9	Little Trouble	10-1	9%	9.1%	-0.1%





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
10	Freedom Road	9-2	15%	18.2%	-3.2%
11	Rock N Roll Bolt	12-1	5%	7.7%	-2.7%
12	Nixon Joy	30-1	1%	3.2%	-2.2%
13	Money Run (AE)	10-1	6%	9.1%	-3.1%
14	Camp Daddy (AE)	20-1	1%	4.8%	-3.8%
15	Fire Bryan (AE)	15-1	2%	6.3%	-4.3%
16	Alinao Forever (AE)	8-1	7%	11.1%	-4.1%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**159.1%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion. With 16 entered (four also-eligibles), the morning line totals well over 100%, so nearly every horse is an underlay. **Bill of Rights +0.2%** is the lone overlay; **Little Trouble** is fairly priced. Favorite **Cowboy Mike** –**5.0%**. **Ironsides** –**13.2%** is the biggest underlay.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

Cowboy Mike (Post 3) — Model Win %: 20%

PTW Profile: The model's top horse. 6-year-old gelding, 7-for-28 and the field's richest earner on dirt. Claimed for $8,000 at Del Mar on 8/16, when he sped clear and won by 5 1/2, then won a Parx optional claimer at 1 1/16 miles on 10/21, taking over on the far turn. Trainer Ernesto Padilla-Preciado is 27% this year and 32% with last-out winners. Ruben Silvera rides back. At 3-1 (25.0% implied), –5.0%.

Strengths: Two straight wins; tactical speed; proven at the distance.

Concerns: Ships from Parx; will face pace pressure.

Trip Projection: Breaks alertly, presses or leads, kicks clear on the turn.

Freedom Road (Post 10) — Model Win %: 15%

PTW Profile: 6-year-old gelding, 15-for-39. Won the Colonial handicap by 1/4 length on 8/22 (Bill of Rights 2nd), then 2nd, beaten 5, in the Governor's Day Handicap, a Maryland-bred stakes at Delaware on 9/12. Missed by a head in this race last year. Off nine weeks; trainer Richard Sillaman is 6% off 61-180 day layoffs. Jose Ortiz rides. At 9-2 (18.2% implied), –3.2%.

Strengths: Class; loves this race; tactical speed.

Concerns: Barn's layoff numbers; wide post.

Trip Projection: Prompts the pace outside Cowboy Mike.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)





Little Trouble (Post 9) — Model Win %: 9%

PTW Profile: 5-year-old gelding, 12-for-26. Won a $20,000 turf claimer at Remington on 10/22, stalking inside; won three times at Canterbury this summer. 8-for-19 on dirt, mostly at Canterbury and Turf Paradise. Trainer Isaiah Ortiz. At 10-1 (9.1% implied), –0.1%—fairly priced.

Ironsides (Post 1) — Model Win %: 9%

PTW Profile: 6-year-old gelding, 7-for-41; a **turf** horse. Won three turf races this year (Gulfstream 7/20, Colonial 8/14, Delaware 9/19), all from well back, then 4th, beaten 3, on the Keeneland turf on 10/14. Just 0-for-6 on fast dirt. Trainer Fausto Gutierrez is 23% at 31-60 days. J.A. Torres rides. At 7-2 (22.2% implied), –13.2%.

Alinao Forever (Post 16, AE) — Model Win %: 7%

PTW Profile: 4-year-old gelding, 5-for-13; won three of his last four, all on the Gulfstream Tapeta, including a $25,000 claimer on 11/1. **Never raced on dirt**. Apprentice Y. Ortiz Jr. takes 7 lbs. Also-eligible. At 8-1 (11.1% implied), –4.1%.

Money Run (Post 13, AE) — Model Win %: 6%

PTW Profile: 6-year-old gelding, 9-for-32; won Oaklawn starter allowances wire to wire in December and February and was 4th in this race last year. Badly beaten in his return at Keeneland on 10/21 after seven months off. Trainer Robertino Diodoro. Also-eligible. –3.1%.

Striking Sparks (Post 8) — Model Win %: 6%

PTW Profile: 5-year-old gelding, 9-for-37; won a Delaware optional claimer by a half-length on 10/8 after a 9th at Parx. Inconsistent. Trainer Jose Rodriguez is 3% at 31-60 days. Fernando Arrieta rides. At 8-1 (11.1% implied), –5.1%.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

Bill of Rights (Post 2, 5%): 6-year-old Maryland-bred gelding, 5-for-32. 2nd by 1/4 to Freedom Road on 8/22, 2nd in a Maryland-bred allowance on 9/13, 4th on 10/9. Mychel Chuan rides. At 20-1 (4.8% implied), +0.2%—the only overlay.

Metatron's Muse (Post 4, 5%): Won three straight claimers in New York in June and July; 5th, beaten 10 3/4, on 9/7, when Norm Casse claimed him. Off 68 days. –4.1%.

Rock N Roll Bolt (Post 11, 5%): Won six straight at Belterra (May-September) in $10,000-$12,000 optional claimers, then 3rd in a 5-furlong sprint. Big step up; Tyler Gaffalione rides for Jose Camejo (28% in routes). –2.7%.

Swiss Guard (Post 6, 4%): Won a $15,000 claimer at Fairmount by 7 on 10/10; trainer Steve Manley 28% with last-out winners. –0.8%.

Blast Radius (Post 7, 3%): Won a Gulfstream optional claimer in January; 4th, beaten 12 3/4, in his return on 10/11. –3.3%.





Rhymes Like Dimes (Post 5, 2%), **Fire Bryan** (Post 15, AE, 2%), **Camp Daddy** (Post 14, AE, 1%) and **Nixon Joy** (Post 12, 1%): Each has won at Finger Lakes, Fairmount or Parx levels; all are stepping up sharply.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Cowboy Mike	ELITE	STRONG	Low — kicks clear
Freedom Road	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — game
Little Trouble	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate
Ironsides	STRONG	ELITE	Low — turf closer
Alinao Forever (AE)	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — synthetic form
Money Run (AE)	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High
Striking Sparks	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate
Bill of Rights	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate
Metatron's Muse	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — closer
Rock N Roll Bolt	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — class test
Swiss Guard	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate
Blast Radius	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High
Rhymes Like Dimes	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High
Fire Bryan (AE)	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High
Camp Daddy (AE)	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High
Nixon Joy	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — deep closer

Critical MPH Insight

The model identifies **Cowboy Mike** as the field's fastest gate-to-wire performer with the best combination of early foot and finishing kick on dirt. **Money Run** and **Rock N Roll Bolt** carry ELITE early speed but VULNERABLE sustained ratings—the projected :46 2/5 half will expose them.

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve





Cowboy Mike — Two straight wins for a barn that wins 32% with last-out winners.

Money Run — Second start off a seven-month layoff.

Metatron's Muse — First start for Norm Casse (20% off 61-180 day layoffs).

Bounce / Regression Risks

Ironsides — Turf horse switching to dirt, where he is 0-for-6.

Rock N Roll Bolt — Big class jump from Belterra; faded in a sprint last out.

Striking Sparks — Up-and-down form; barn 3% at this interval.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: COWBOY MIKE — Confidence 4/10 — Target odds: 4-1 or better

Model projects 20% win probability, the highest in the field. At 3-1 (25.0% implied), –5.0%. Fair price is 4-1.

Value Assessment: **UNDERLAY AT 3-1**.

SECOND PLAY: FREEDOM ROAD — Confidence 3/10 — Target odds: 6-1 or better

Model projects 15% at 9-2 (18.2% implied): –3.2%. Play only at 6-1 or better.

LONGSHOT PLAY: BILL OF RIGHTS — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 20-1 or better

Model projects 5% at 20-1 (4.8% implied): +0.2%, the race's only overlay.

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

A: Cowboy Mike — 20%
B: Freedom Road — 15%
C: Little Trouble — 9%

Combined Projected Probability: 44%

Little Trouble and Ironsides are tied at 9%; Little Trouble ranks ahead as the smaller underlay (–0.1% vs. –13.2%).

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★ (2 of 5 stars)

A deep, 16-horse entry with four also-eligibles and a hot pace. **Cowboy Mike** is the model's top pick; no favorite to fade. **Ironsides** (7-2) is the race's biggest overbet—a turf closer on dirt. Spread in multi-race wagers.

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





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