Churchill Downs

Race 9 — 11/14/2026

Class: Starter Allowance ($25,000 starters)

Distance: 5.5f

Surface: Turf

Purse: $150,000

Starters: 12 + 4 also-eligibles

STARTER ALLOWANCE. Purse $150,000 (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, 124 lbs. Non-winners Of A Sweepstakes In 2026 Allowed 2 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race 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 R9
Saturday, November 14, 2026 | 5.5f Turf | 3YO & Up | Starter Allowance

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Initialize (Post 12) — Led or pressed in nearly every turf start, including a nose loss here on 10/28; he breaks from post 12, not the rail. **Itzel** (Post 7) — Led into the stretch in the Franklin (G2) at Keeneland on 10/11. **Artemus Citylimits** (Post 4) — Led throughout to win at Woodbine on 8/16 and 9/20. **Meroney** (Post 3) and **Golden Ale** (Post 8) also show speed.

Stalkers / Pressers

Shape Note (Post 2) — Vied and won on 8/22; rallied from 7th to win this race last year. **Brie's in Town** (Post 14, AE) — Rallied from 3rd to win at Laurel on 10/9. **Jungle Glow** (Post 6) stalks inside.

Closers

Proprietary Trade (Post 11) — Stalks and rallies on dirt; **has never raced on turf**. **Mister Mmmmm** (Post 1) rallied to win at Indiana Grand on 9/14.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT** early pace—projected :22 3/5 opening quarter, :45 1/5 half-mile, with Initialize, Itzel and Artemus Citylimits all wanting the lead.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Mister Mmmmm	10-1	4%	9.1%	-5.1%
2	Shape Note	4-1	12%	20.0%	-8.0%
3	Meroney	10-1	3%	9.1%	-6.1%
4	Artemus Citylimits	8-1	5%	11.1%	-6.1%
5	Outlaw Country	30-1	1%	3.2%	-2.2%
6	Jungle Glow	8-1	8%	11.1%	-3.1%
7	Itzel	15-1	2%	6.3%	-4.3%
8	Golden Ale	15-1	3%	6.3%	-3.3%
9	Cinister Cix	6-1	9%	14.3%	-5.3%





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
10	Coming in Hot	50-1	1%	2.0%	-1.0%
11	Proprietary Trade	6-1	11%	14.3%	-3.3%
12	Initialize	7-2	27%	22.2%	**+4.8%**
13	Gold Front (AE)	15-1	2%	6.3%	-4.3%
14	Brie's in Town (AE)	6-1	10%	14.3%	-4.3%
15	American Wind (AE)	20-1	1%	4.8%	-3.8%
16	Biz Biz Buzz (AE)	30-1	1%	3.2%	-2.2%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**157.6%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion. Initialize's model win % is **27%** (the text said 26%), and at 7-2 he is 22.2% implied (not 14.1%), so his edge is **+4.8%**, not +12.9%. He is the favorite and the only overlay. Proprietary Trade and Brie's in Town at 6-1 are 14.3% (underlays). Posts 13-16 are also-eligibles.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

Initialize (Post 12) — Model Win %: 27%

PTW Profile: The model's top horse. 5-year-old gelding, 5-for-16, 4-for-14 on turf. He did **not** win on 10/28—he was **2nd by a nose** in an optional claimer here after leading, and Lacey Gaudet claimed him for $80,000. Also 2nd by 1/4 at Kentucky Downs on 9/6 and 2nd at Ellis Park on 7/17; his last win was at Lone Star on 6/6. Gaudet is 17% first off the claim. J.A. Torres rides. As the 7-2 favorite (22.2% implied), +4.8%.

Strengths: Speed; consistent at this distance.

Concerns: Three straight seconds; outside post with several speed rivals.

Trip Projection: Breaks fast and presses or leads.

Shape Note (Post 2) — Model Win %: 12%

PTW Profile: 5-year-old gelding, 14-for-30, 6-for-11 on turf. **Won this race type here last year** (11/15/2025), rallying from 7th—he was not caught late. 2026: won at Belmont at the Big A on 5/23, at Saratoga (off the turf) on 7/18 and the Colonial handicap by 1/4 on 8/22. Off 84 days; Mike Maker (0-for-16 at the meet) is 15% off 61-180 day layoffs. Jose Ortiz rides. At 4-1 (20.0% implied), –8.0%.

Proprietary Trade (Post 11) — Model Win %: 11%

PTW Profile: 5-year-old gelding, 6-for-13, and has won his last three on dirt (including a Keeneland starter allowance by 1/4 length on 10/21). **He has never raced on turf**—the report's "turf" form does not exist. Maker is only 8% with first-time turf starters. Tyler Gaffalione rides. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –3.3%.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)





Brie's in Town (Post 14, AE) — Model Win %: 10%

PTW Profile: 4-year-old gelding, 4-for-12; won a Laurel turf starter by 2 1/4 on 10/9 at 17-1, rallying from 3rd. **Also-eligible.** Trainer Madison Meyers is 13% on turf. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –4.3%.

Cinister Cix (Post 9) — Model Win %: 9%

PTW Profile: 4-year-old colt, 1-for-16 (a Turfway maiden win in February); 0-for-4 on turf with two 2nds, the latest by a head here on 9/26. Off 49 days—not three starts in 13 days. Shane Sands is 1-for-2 at the meet. Luis Saez rides. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –5.3%.

Jungle Glow (Post 6) — Model Win %: 8%

PTW Profile: 4-year-old gelding, 6-for-23, 4-for-14 on turf. In form: won at Colonial on 9/5 and at Laurel on 10/18, then 2nd by a nose on the Laurel turf on 10/31. Trainer Jamie Ness is 26% in turf sprints. Mychel Chuan rides. At 8-1 (11.1% implied), –3.1%.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

Artemus Citylimits (Post 4, 5%): 9-year-old gelding, 11-for-50; **won his last start** at Woodbine on 9/20 and the Vice Regent Stakes there on 8/16, leading both times. Apprentice Y. Ortiz Jr. for Joe Sharp. –6.1%.

Mister Mmmmm (Post 1, 4%): 8-year-old gelding, 8-for-28 on turf; **won** at Indiana Grand on 9/14 by a neck (no fade). –5.1%.

Meroney (Post 3, 3%): His only turf start was a 3-length win at Canterbury on 8/30 (not 7/3). –6.1%.

Golden Ale (Post 8, 3%): Won a $25,000 turf claimer at Ellis Park on 8/22; 2nd to Mister Mmmmm on 9/14; 11th at Keeneland on 10/4. –3.3%.

Itzel (Post 7, 2%): 6-year-old mare, 5-for-24; led and was 3rd, beaten 1 3/4, in the Franklin (G2) on 10/11 and 2nd in a listed stakes at Ellis Park in August—her form has not collapsed. –4.3%.

Gold Front (13, AE), **American Wind** (15, AE), **Biz Biz Buzz** (16, AE), **Outlaw Country** (5) and **Coming in Hot** (10): 1-2% each.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Proprietary Trade	ELITE	ELITE	Low — on dirt; turf debut
Initialize	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate
Shape Note	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate
Brie's in Town (AE)	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate
Jungle Glow	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — in form





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Cinister Cix	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High
Artemus Citylimits	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate
Mister Mmmmm	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — won last out
Itzel	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — placed in G2
Golden Ale	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High
Meroney	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High
Gold Front (AE)	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate
Outlaw Country	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High
Coming in Hot	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High
American Wind (AE)	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High
Biz Biz Buzz (AE)	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High

Critical MPH Insight

Proprietary Trade's ELITE ratings come from dirt races; he has never run on grass. Itzel, Mister Mmmmm and Gold Front are upgraded from VULNERABLE/UNRATED based on their recent turf form.

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Initialize — First start for a barn that wins 17% off the claim.

Jungle Glow — Two wins and a nose loss in his last three.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Proprietary Trade — Turf debut.

Shape Note — Off 84 days; barn winless at the meet.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: INITIALIZE — Confidence 5/10 — Target odds: 11-4 or better

Model projects 27% win probability, the highest in the field. At 7-2 (22.2% implied), +4.8%. Fair price is about 5-2.

Value Assessment: **OVERLAY** (+4.8%).





SECOND PLAY: PROPRIETARY TRADE — Confidence 3/10 — Target odds: 9-1 or better

Model projects 11% at 6-1 (14.3% implied): –3.3%. Underlay, and first time on turf; play only at 9-1 or better.

LONGSHOT PLAY: None—no horse at 10-1 or higher is an overlay.

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

A: Initialize — 27%
B: Shape Note — 12%
C: Proprietary Trade — 11%

Combined Projected Probability: 50%

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★★ (3 of 5 stars)

Initialize is the favorite, the model's top pick and the only overlay. No favorite to fade. Large field with four also-eligibles and plenty of speed.

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