Churchill Downs

Race 5 — 11/15/2026

Class: Md Sp Wt 120k

Distance: 6f

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $120,000

Starters: 8

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT. Purse $120,000 (includes $47,200 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. (Preference To Horses That Have Not Started For Less Than $50,000 In Last 3 Starts).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R5
Sunday, November 15, 2026 | 6f Dirt | 3YO+ | Maiden Special Weight

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Eleos (Post 8) — Led or dueled early in three of his last six, including 10/11 at Keeneland (from post 1, not inside today—he breaks from post 8). **Sparked** (Post 1) — Vied 2 wide on 5/8. **Justice** (Post 3) — Pressed 3 wide on 10/11.

Stalkers / Pressers

Patriot Moon (Post 2) — 3rd early, then dueled in his 10/11/25 race. **Bluebeard** (Post 7) — Chased 4th early in his only start, then tired.

Closers

Rank (Post 4) — Has pressed or led in many of his routes, but trailed in his last start. **Magic Moose** (Post 5) and **Leading Off** (Post 6) — Off slowly and far back.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **MODERATE** early pace—projected :22 2/5 opening quarter, :45 1/5 half-mile. Eleos, Sparked and Justice provide the speed; Patriot Moon sits just behind.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Sparked	6-1	11%	14.3%	-3.3%
2	Patriot Moon	8-1	18%	11.1%	**+6.9%**
3	Justice	6-1	10%	14.3%	-4.3%
4	Rank	4-1	21%	20.0%	**+1.0%**
5	Magic Moose	15-1	8%	6.3%	**+1.7%**
6	Leading Off	20-1	5%	4.8%	**+0.2%**
7	Bluebeard	2-1	12%	33.3%	-21.3%
8	Eleos	3-1	15%	25.0%	-10.0%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**129.1%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (the report's column was scaled). **Bluebeard is the 2-1 favorite** at 33.3% implied, so his edge is –**21.3%**—the favorite to fade. Eleos (3-1) is –**10.0%**. Overlays: Patriot Moon +6.9% (not +9.4%), Magic Moose +1.7%, Rank +1.0% (not





+5.5%) and Leading Off +0.2%.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

Rank (Post 4) — Model Win %: 21%

PTW Profile: The model's top horse. 4-year-old Uncle Mo colt, **0-for-16** with five 2nds and four 3rds. In Southern California in 2025 he was 3rd in the Affirmed and the Los Alamitos Derby (listed stakes) and 4th in the Los Alamitos Futurity (G2). Off since 1/21/26 (about 10 months—not 13 months or two years). Most of his starts were routes, not sprints.

Strengths: Class. Doug O'Neill is 14% going from a route to a sprint. Rafael Bejarano (17%) rides. At 4-1 (20.0% implied), +1.0%.

Concerns: Sixteen tries without a win. O'Neill is 8% off 180+ days and 0-for-8 with Bejarano at Churchill.

Trip Projection: Stalks the speed, then rallies.

Patriot Moon (Post 2) — Model Win %: 18%

PTW Profile: Independence Hall gelding with **three** starts (not two): 2nd by a head at Keeneland (10/11/25), 3rd at Churchill and 4th at Turf Paradise—all maiden special weights, no maiden claimers. Off nearly a year (since 11/19/25).

Strengths: Victoria Oliver is 25% off 180+ days. Luis Saez (24%) rides; Saez and Oliver are 19% at Churchill. At 8-1 (11.1% implied), **+6.9%**.

Concerns: Lasix for the first time—Oliver is 0-for-24 with first-time Lasix.

Eleos (Post 8) — Model Win %: 15%

PTW Profile: Gelding, **0-for-13**—not a multiple maiden winner. He crossed the wire first on 5/8 here but was **disqualified**. His last three are a 3rd and two 2nds (not 4th-5th-7th), and he has worn blinkers all along (no change).

Strengths: Early speed. Jose Torres is 22% at the meet.

Concerns: Outside post. Five 2nds without a win. At 3-1 (25.0% implied), –**10.0%**.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

Bluebeard (Post 7) — Model Win %: 12%

PTW Profile: **The 2-1 favorite.** A $500,000 colt, 7th, beaten 13 1/2, in his 6f debut at Belmont on 10/2 (not 5 1/2f) after chasing and tiring.

Strengths: Chad Brown is 28% with second-time maiden starters and 2-for-4 at the meet; Tyler Gaffalione rides.

Concerns: One dull start. At 2-1 (33.3% implied), –**21.3%**—the favorite to fade.





Sparked (Post 1) — Model Win %: 11%

PTW Profile: Connect gelding, 4th in both starts, including after vying for the lead here on 5/8. Off 191 days; Andrew McKeever is 0-for-10 off 180+ days. D. Sheehy is 0-for-24 at the meet. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –3.3%.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

Justice (Post 3) — Model Win %: 10%

PTW Profile: Colt, 5th in both starts. On 10/11 he pressed 3 wide and yielded (he did not break slowly that day, and was 5th, not 4th). Wayne Mackey is 6% in sprints. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –4.3%.

Magic Moose (Post 5) — Model Win %: 8%

PTW Profile: Maxfield colt, 0-for-3, last raced 1/3 at Turf Paradise—off 316 days. Mark Simms is 0-for-6 off 180+ days and 4% with maiden special weights. At 15-1 (6.3% implied), +1.7%.

Leading Off (Post 6) — Model Win %: 5%

PTW Profile: Colt making his **second** start (not a debut). Off slowly and 9th at Keeneland on 10/11. Darrin Miller is 6% with second-time starters. At 20-1 (4.8% implied), +0.2%.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Eleos	ELITE	ELITE	Low — maintains velocity
Patriot Moon	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — balanced
Rank	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — consistent
Sparked	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — yields late
Justice	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — yields late
Bluebeard	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — tired in debut
Magic Moose	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — severe drop-off
Leading Off	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — minimal kick

Critical MPH Insight

The model rates **Eleos** ELITE early and late, but he has yet to win. Magic Moose and Leading Off had "WEAK" opening ratings, which is not a valid rating; both are set to VULNERABLE.

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates





Likely to Improve

Bluebeard — Second start for Brown (28%).

Rank — Cuts back to a sprint; O'Neill is 14% in that move.

Patriot Moon — Oliver is 25% off 180+ days.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Sparked — Off 191 days for a trainer who is 0-for-10 in that spot.

Magic Moose — Off 316 days for a trainer who is 0-for-6 in that spot.

Eleos — 0-for-13 from an outside post.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

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

Model projects 21% win probability, the highest in the field. At 4-1 (20.0% implied), +1.0%: SLIGHT VALUE. A 0-for-16 maiden off 10 months.

VALUE PLAY: PATRIOT MOON — Confidence 4/10 — Target odds: 5-1 or better

Model projects 18% at 8-1 (11.1% implied): **+6.9%**, the race's best overlay.

LONGSHOT PLAY: MAGIC MOOSE — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 12-1 or better

Model projects 8% at 15-1 (6.3% implied): +1.7%. Off 316 days.

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

A: Rank — 21%
B: Patriot Moon — 18%
C: Eleos — 15%

Combined Projected Probability: 54%

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★ (2 of 5 stars)

A wide-open maiden race: no horse above 21%, and the top two are coming off long layoffs. **Bluebeard**, the 2-1 favorite, is the fade at –21.3%; **Eleos** (–10.0%) is also overbet.

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