Churchill Downs

Race 4 — 11/19/2026

Class: Md Sp Wt 92k (sale-price restricted)

Distance: 5 1/2 Furlongs

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $92,000

Starters: 9

Post Time: 2:27 ET

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT. Purse $92,000 (include $18,000 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR MAIDENS, TWO YEARS OLD. Weight, 119 lbs. (For Horses That Sold Or RNA For $65,000 Or Less In Their Most Recent Auction).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R4
Thursday, November 19, 2026 | 5 1/2f Dirt | 2YO | Maiden Special Weight | Purse: $92,000

Field note: four first-time starters (Bergkamp, Onceortwicebefore, Boot Scooter, Victor Domino). Psalm One Eighteen was also entered here on 11/18 (R3).

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Soap Note (Post 3) — Led or pressed in all three starts (the report says he showed no early speed in his first two). **City of Rome** (Post 8) — 3rd early at Saratoga, then tired badly. **Psalm One Eighteen** (Post 4) — 2nd early in his debut.

Stalkers / Pressers

Tio Colocho (Post 6) — Dueled at Indiana on 5/7, then faded.

Closers

Epic Max (Post 9) — Broke slowly, 7th early, rallied to 2nd on 10/25: a closer, not a gate-to-wire speed horse.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **MODERATE** early pace—projected :22 2/5 opening quarter, :45 1/5 half-mile. 5 1/2f is not covered by the half-mile bands, so the label is judged by the number of speed horses: Soap Note, with City of Rome and Psalm One Eighteen close up. There is no Epic Max–Victor Domino speed duel; Epic Max closes and Victor Domino is unraced.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Bergkamp	15-1	4%	6.3%	-2.3%
2	Onceortwicebefore	12-1	5%	7.7%	-2.7%
3	Soap Note	3-1	18%	25.0%	-7.0%
4	Psalm One Eighteen	10-1	6%	9.1%	-3.1%
5	Boot Scooter	15-1	4%	6.3%	-2.3%
6	Tio Colocho	20-1	2%	4.8%	-2.8%
7	Victor Domino	6-1	16%	14.3%	**+1.7%**





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
8	City of Rome	4-1	17%	20.0%	-3.0%
9	Epic Max	2-1	28%	33.3%	-5.3%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**126.8%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion. **Epic Max is the 2-1 favorite**: 33.3% implied (the report used 6.5%), so he is –**5.3%**, not +21.5%—not enough to fade. The only overlay is **Victor Domino, +1.7%**.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★)

Epic Max (Post 9) — Model Win %: 28%

PTW Profile: The model's top horse and the 2-1 favorite. One start: 2nd, beaten 6, here on 10/25 after a slow start—a rally from 7th, so the "elite gate speed" and "wire-to-wire" claims are wrong. Carlos Santamaria is 1-for-3 with second-time starters and 2-for-6 at the meet. Pedigree claim removed.

Concerns: One start. At 2-1 (33.3% implied), –5.3%.

Soap Note (Post 3) — Model Win %: 18%

PTW Profile: 0 for 3—**not a maiden-claiming winner**. 2nd, beaten 3 1/4, in a $100,000 maiden claimer here on 11/1; 5th in two maiden special weights. He led or pressed each time, then faded. Dallas Stewart and Mario Gutierrez are 32% together here. At 3-1 (25.0% implied), –7.0%.

City of Rome (Post 8) — Model Win %: 17%

PTW Profile: One start: **11th, beaten 20 1/2**, at Saratoga on 8/7 after racing 3rd early. Off 104 days. Eddie Kenneally is **4% with second-time starters** (the report cited 13% in maiden special weights). Apprentice Y. Ortiz Jr. takes off 7 lbs (112). No Keeneland race. At 4-1 (20.0% implied), –3.0%.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★)

Victor Domino (Post 7) — Model Win %: 16%

PTW Profile: First-time starter. Riley Mott is 10% with first-time starters (the report also says 14.29%). Jose Alvarado is 6-for-37 at the meet. Pedigree claims removed. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), +1.7%.

Psalm One Eighteen (10-1) — **Blinkers on.** 4th, beaten 3 1/2, in his debut here (reluctant); 8th, beaten 14 1/2, at Keeneland. Also entered 11/18. –3.1%. **Onceortwicebefore** (12-1) — First-time starter; Randy Morse is 1 for 36 with first-timers. –2.7%. **Bergkamp** (15-1) — First-time starter; Fergus Bogle is 0 for 18 in maiden special weights. –2.3%. **Boot Scooter** (15-1) — First-time starter; Aaron Shorter is 0 for 6 in maiden special weights. –2.3%. **Tio Colocho** (20-1) — 0 for 2; his 4/25 debut was here, not at Indiana. Off 196 days; first start for Rogelio Labra. He already wore blinkers—no change. –2.8%.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings





PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Epic Max	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — slow start, ran on
Soap Note	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — led, faded
City of Rome	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — beaten 20 1/2
Victor Domino	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter
Psalm One Eighteen	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — gave way 10/15
Tio Colocho	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — dueled, faded
Onceortwicebefore	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter
Bergkamp	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter
Boot Scooter	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter

Critical MPH Insight

Epic Max is changed from ELITE/ELITE to VULNERABLE/STRONG: he broke slowly and closed. **Soap Note** is the most reliable early speed (opening changed to ELITE). The four first-time starters are UNRATED for both ratings (the report gave them STRONG opening speed with no race data).

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Epic Max — Second start after a 2nd.

Psalm One Eighteen — Blinkers on.

Soap Note — Close 2nd last out; speed fits a short sprint.

Bounce / Regression Risks

City of Rome — Beaten 20 1/2; barn 4% with second-time starters.

Tio Colocho — Off 196 days.

Victor Domino — Unraced at 6-1.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: EPIC MAX — Confidence 3/10 — Target odds: 11-4 or better

Model projects 28% win probability, the highest in the field. At 2-1 (33.3% implied), –5.3%: NO VALUE at the morning line.





VALUE PLAY: VICTOR DOMINO — Confidence 3/10 — Target odds: 11-2 or better

Model projects 16% at 6-1 (14.3% implied): +1.7%. First-time starter.

LONGSHOT PLAY: None.

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

A: Epic Max — 28%
B: Soap Note — 18%
C: City of Rome — 17%

Ordered by model %: Soap Note (18%) belongs in the top 3; Victor Domino (16%) is 4th.

Combined Projected Probability: 63%

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★ (2 of 5 stars)

Not "dominant overlay" territory: the favorite, **Epic Max**, is underlaid at –5.3% (the report used 6.5% implied for a 2-1 shot). Four first-time starters add uncertainty; **Victor Domino** is the only overlay.

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