Churchill Downs

Race 5 — 11/19/2026

Class: Clm 12500

Distance: 6 1/2 Furlongs

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $45,000

Claiming Price: $12,500

Starters: 10

Post Time: 2:57 ET

CLAIMING. Purse $45,000 (include $5,200 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 122 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since October 19 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price $12,500 (Races Where Entered For $8,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R5
Thursday, November 19, 2026 | 6 1/2f Dirt | 3YO+ | Claiming $12,500

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Here Comes Braylon (Post 1) — Set or pressed the pace in most starts. **One Cool Dude** (Post 5) — Led early at Oaklawn on 3/7 and pressed here on 11/1.

Stalkers / Pressers

Secured Lender (Post 8) — Stalks; his last win (4/4 at Oaklawn) came with a late bid, not wire-to-wire. **Camp Daddy** (Post 2) — Prompts the pace in routes; first sprint since early 2026.

Closers

Excellent Empire (Post 9) — Rallies from well back (11th early on 10/24), not early speed. **Stargazzers Dream** (Post 7), **League of Legends** (Post 6), **Downtown Connector** (Post 10), **Bloodline** (Post 4).

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **MODERATE** early pace (relabeled from HOT)—projected :22 4/5 opening quarter (garbled fraction defaults to 4/5), :45 1/5 half-mile, inside the 6 1/2f MODERATE band. Here Comes Braylon and One Cool Dude go; lots of closers behind them.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Here Comes Braylon	20-1	3%	4.8%	-1.8%
2	Camp Daddy	12-1	8%	7.7%	**+0.3%**
3	American Bear	30-1	2%	3.2%	-1.2%
4	Bloodline	10-1	6%	9.1%	-3.1%
5	One Cool Dude	15-1	5%	6.3%	-1.3%
6	League of Legends	6-1	10%	14.3%	-4.3%
7	Stargazzers Dream	4-1	15%	20.0%	-5.0%
8	Secured Lender	3-1	26%	25.0%	**+1.0%**
9	Excellent Empire	2-1	22%	33.3%	-11.3%
10	Downtown Connector	20-1	3%	4.8%	-1.8%





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
	TOTAL		**100%**	**128.5%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (the report's column was scaled). **FADE: Excellent Empire, the 2-1 favorite**—33.3% implied vs 22% model, –**11.3%**. Overlays: **Secured Lender +1.0%** (not +6.5%) and **Camp Daddy +0.3%**.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★)

Secured Lender (Post 8) — Model Win %: 26%

PTW Profile: The model's top horse. 5-year-old gelding, 3 wins in 16; 1 win in 5 starts in 2026 (a $10,000 claimer at Oaklawn on 4/4, rallying late). **First start off the claim**: Norm Casse took him for $12,500 here on 9/23 (4th, beaten 3 1/2). The 10/23/2025 Belmont win was a waiver claimer, not a first start off a claim. No class drop—he was claimed at this level.

Strengths: Casse is 23% with claimers and 16% first off the claim.

Concerns: Off 57 days; Gerardo Corrales is 3-for-23 at the meet. At 3-1 (25.0% implied), +1.0%.

Excellent Empire (Post 9) — Model Win %: 22% — **FADE**

PTW Profile: **The 2-1 favorite.** 4-year-old gelding, **6 wins in 20** (not 11). All recent races at Fairmount: won a $10,000 optional claimer on 9/12, 3rd on 10/24; his spring wins came for $4,000–$6,250. Big class rise and first start at Churchill. A closer, not gate-to-wire. Apprentice B. Martinez takes off 7 lbs (113).

Concerns: At 2-1 (33.3% implied), –11.3%.

Stargazzers Dream (Post 7) — Model Win %: 15%

PTW Profile: 4-year-old gelding, 4 wins in 27. 2nd here on 11/1; 2nd at Belterra on 10/9 (not a win); won for $5,000 at Belterra on 9/10. No wins at 6 1/2f in the last 90 days. Michelle Lovell is 25% with claimers but 0-for-4 at the meet. Apprentice M. Fernandez (0-for-25) rides. At 4-1 (20.0% implied), –5.0%.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★)

League of Legends (Post 6) — Model Win %: 10%

PTW Profile: 9-year-old, 3 wins in 38. **He won here on 6/19**—not "0-for-7 at Churchill this year." 3rd on 11/1. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –4.3%.

Camp Daddy (Post 2) — Model Win %: 8%

PTW Profile: 7-year-old, **8 wins in 40**. No stakes—his routes came in claimers and optional claimers. Steve Manley is 13% route-to-sprint (not 18%) and 0-for-2 at the meet. Apprentice Y. Ortiz Jr. takes off 7 lbs (113). At 12-1 (7.7% implied), +0.3%.

Bloodline (10-1) — No 2026 win (the "3/12 Turfway win" was a 4th on 3/28); off 162 days; first start for Jose Orantes. –3.1%. **One Cool Dude** (15-1) — 3 wins here lifetime; 5th on 11/1. –1.3%. **Here Comes Braylon**





(20-1) — First off a $16,000 claim (Chris Hartman); 9th in a route on 10/18. –1.8%. **Downtown Connector** (20-1) — **Has never raced at Churchill** (not "0-for-14 here"); off 105 days. –1.8%. **American Bear** (30-1) — 3 wins in 19 (not lightly raced); won his last two for $4,000–$5,000 at Belterra. –1.2%.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Secured Lender	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — late bid 4/4
Excellent Empire	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — rallies late
Stargazzers Dream	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — rallied 11/1
League of Legends	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — late rally
Camp Daddy	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — weakened 10/20
Bloodline	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — no impact 6/10
One Cool Dude	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — pressed, yielded
Here Comes Braylon	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — pace, faded
Downtown Connector	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — weakened
American Bear	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — won last two

Critical MPH Insight

Secured Lender is changed from ELITE/ELITE to STRONG/STRONG: he stalks and was a mild 4th last out. **Excellent Empire** is a closer (opening changed to VULNERABLE). **American Bear** has race data, so he is rated (not UNRATED).

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Secured Lender — First off the claim for Casse (16%).

Here Comes Braylon — First off the claim; back to a sprint.

Stargazzers Dream — 2nd last out at this level.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Excellent Empire — Big class rise from Fairmount.

Bloodline — Off 162 days; new barn.





American Bear — Jumps from $4,000–$5,000 to $12,500.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: SECURED LENDER — Confidence 3/10 — Target odds: 3-1 or better

Model projects 26% win probability, the highest in the field. At 3-1 (25.0% implied), +1.0%: SLIGHT VALUE.

SECOND PLAY: STARGAZZERS DREAM — Confidence 3/10 — Target odds: 6-1 or better

Model projects 15% at 4-1 (20.0% implied): –5.0%, an underlay (relabeled from Value Play).

LONGSHOT PLAY: CAMP DADDY — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 12-1 or better

Model projects 8% at 12-1 (7.7% implied): +0.3%.

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

A: Secured Lender — 26%
B: Stargazzers Dream — 15%
C: League of Legends — 10%

Excellent Empire (22%) is the fade, so he comes out of the top 3; League of Legends, next by model %, replaces him.

Combined Projected Probability: 51%

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★ (2 of 5 stars)

Secured Lender is a thin overlay at the top. The favorite, **Excellent Empire**, is a fade at –11.3% as he steps up sharply from Fairmount.

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