Churchill Downs

Race 9 — 11/19/2026

Class: Maiden Special Weight

Distance: 5 1/2 Furlongs

Surface: Turf

Purse: $120,000

Starters: 10

Post Time: 4:55 ET

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT. Purse $120,000 (include $47,200 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR MAIDENS, FILLIES TWO YEARS OLD. Weight, 119 lbs. (Preference To Horses That Have Not Started For Less Than $50,000). (If deemed inadvisable by management to run this race over the turf course, it will be run on the main track at Five and a Half Furlongs.) (Rail at 36 feet).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R9
Thursday, November 19, 2026 | 5 1/2 Furlongs Turf | 2YO Fillies | Maiden Special Weight

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Cosmic Creed (Post 1) — Pressed, led and faded here on 10/25; also on the lead early on 9/11. **Avalon Beach** (Post 2) — Led at Kentucky Downs on 9/6. **Bit Tipsy** (Post 5) — Led this course and distance on 6/19. **Pardi Vida** (Post 7) — Led or vied early in both starts.

Stalkers / Pressers

R Last Laugh (Post 9) — Chased in 4th–5th in both starts; she is **not** a front-runner. **Speightful Moon** (Post 6), **Marigold Run** (Post 10).

Closers

Midwinter (Post 4) — Last early, rallied to 3rd in her debut. **Blazing Sunset** (Post 3) — 7th early, swung 6 wide, 2nd at Kentucky Downs on 9/9. **Kodera Gale** (Post 8) is a first-time starter.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT** early pace—projected :22 4/5 opening quarter (garbled fraction defaults to 4/5), :45 1/5 half-mile. 5 1/2 furlongs has no threshold band, so the call is based on the four proven speed horses inside; good for the closers.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Cosmic Creed	5-1	9%	16.7%	-7.7%
2	Avalon Beach	8-1	17%	11.1%	**+5.9%**
3	Blazing Sunset	5-2	8%	28.6%	-20.6%
4	Midwinter	6-1	11%	14.3%	-3.3%
5	Bit Tipsy	8-1	12%	11.1%	**+0.9%**
6	Speightful Moon	30-1	1%	3.2%	-2.2%
7	Pardi Vida	12-1	14%	7.7%	**+6.3%**
8	Kodera Gale (Ire)	15-1	6%	6.3%	-0.3%
9	R Last Laugh	3-1	20%	25.0%	-5.0%





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
10	Marigold Run	20-1	2%	4.8%	-2.8%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**128.8%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (the report's column was scaled). **FADE: Blazing Sunset, the 5-2 favorite**—28.6% implied vs 8% model, –**20.6%**. Overlays: **Pardi Vida +6.3%**, **Avalon Beach +5.9%**, **Bit Tipsy +0.9%**.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★)

R Last Laugh (Post 9) — Model Win %: 20%

PTW Profile: The model's top horse. Two turf starts: 3rd, beaten 3, at Ellis Park at this distance on 7/24, then 4th, beaten 6 3/4, as the 8-5 favorite at Kentucky Downs on 9/9. **Blinkers on** today; off 71 days. Pedigree claims removed.

Strengths: Tyler Gaffalione rides; Brendan Walsh is 15% off 61–180 days.

Concerns: Walsh is **0-for-19** at the meet (not "18% YTD"); 13% with first-time blinkers. Weakened late as the favorite last time. At 3-1 (25.0% implied), –5.0%.

Avalon Beach (Post 2) — Model Win %: 17%

PTW Profile: **Two starts, not four.** Led and finished 4th, beaten 4 1/4, as the favorite in a Kentucky-bred maiden race at Kentucky Downs on 9/6; then 4th, beaten 2 1/4, in a $75,000 maiden optional claimer on the Belmont turf on 10/15. Both on turf. Luis Saez (21-for-86 at the meet) takes over.

Concerns: Michael Maker is 1-for-26 at the meet. At 8-1 (11.1% implied), +5.9%.

Pardi Vida (Post 7) — Model Win %: 14%

PTW Profile: **Two starts, both dirt sprints** (not routes). Led early and finished 4th, beaten 11 3/4 (not 4 1/2), here on 9/27; vied and gave way to finish 5th, **beaten 20 1/4**, at Keeneland on 10/16. Turf debut; Joe Sharp is 11% with first-time turf. J. A. Torres is 9-for-48. At 12-1 (7.7% implied), +6.3%.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★)

Bit Tipsy (Post 5) — Model Win %: 12%

PTW Profile: 0 for 4. Led and finished 5th, beaten 2 1/4, at this course and distance on 6/19 after being forced out at the start. 9th at a mile at Ellis Park, then 8th, beaten 7 3/4 (not 7 1/4), at Kentucky Downs on 9/6. Off 74 days. Eduardo Caramori is 0 for 13 with turf sprinters. At 8-1 (11.1% implied), +0.9%.

Midwinter (Post 4) — Model Win %: 11%

PTW Profile: One start: last early, rallied to 3rd, beaten 4, at Indiana (5f turf) on 10/12. A $300,000 yearling. Victoria Oliver is 2% with second-time maidens. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –3.3%.

Blazing Sunset (Post 3) — Model Win %: 8% — **FADE**





PTW Profile: **The 5-2 favorite.** 2nd, beaten 3 1/2, at Kentucky Downs on 9/9 (turf); 6th, beaten 17 1/4 (not 17 3/4), on dirt at Keeneland on 10/18. Back to turf. Joe Sharp is 9-for-41 at the meet; apprentice Y. Ortiz Jr. (7-lb allowance) rides at 112. She is a closer, not a front-runner.

Concerns: At 5-2 (28.6% implied), –20.6%.

Cosmic Creed (5-1) — Two dirt starts, both faded: 7th, beaten 3 3/4, on 9/11 and 4th, beaten 8 3/4, on 10/25. Turf debut; Dale Romans is 9% with first-time turf. –7.7%. **Kodera Gale (Ire)** (15-1) — First-time starter; Ben Colebrook is 8% with first-time starters and 0 for 25 with first-time turf. Pedigree claims removed. –0.3%. **Marigold Run** (20-1) — 0 for 3 in turf routes; 8th, beaten 24 3/4, at **Keeneland** (not Kentucky Downs) on 10/21. Cutting back to a sprint. –2.8%. **Speightful Moon** (30-1) — 12th, beaten 27 1/2, in her debut. –2.2%.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
R Last Laugh	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — weakened as favorite
Avalon Beach	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — led, beaten 4 1/4
Pardi Vida	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — gave way
Bit Tipsy	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — faded
Midwinter	VULNERABLE	ELITE	Low — rallied to 3rd
Blazing Sunset	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — 2nd on turf
Cosmic Creed	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — faded
Marigold Run	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — faded
Speightful Moon	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — stopped
Kodera Gale (Ire)	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter

Critical MPH Insight

R Last Laugh is changed from ELITE sustained to VULNERABLE: she weakened late as the favorite last out. **Midwinter** has race data and is now rated (ELITE sustained). **Blazing Sunset** is a closer (ratings reversed). **Avalon Beach** and **Bit Tipsy** have both led (opening changed to ELITE).

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Avalon Beach — Third start, both prior starts on turf; Saez rides.





Midwinter — Second start after a strong late rally.

R Last Laugh — First-time blinkers.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Pardi Vida — Beaten 20 1/4 last out; turf debut.

Cosmic Creed — Faded in both starts; turf debut.

Blazing Sunset — Beaten 17 1/4 last out; overbet at 5-2.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: R LAST LAUGH — Confidence 3/10 — Target odds: 4-1 or better

Model projects 20% win probability, the highest in the field. At 3-1 (25.0% implied), –5.0%: bet her only at 4-1 or more.

VALUE PLAY: AVALON BEACH — Confidence 3/10 — Target odds: 5-1 or better

Model projects 17% at 8-1 (11.1% implied): +5.9%, STRONG VALUE.

LONGSHOT PLAY: PARDI VIDA — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 13-2 or better

Model projects 14% at 12-1 (7.7% implied): +6.3%, the biggest edge in the race. (The report's longshot, Midwinter, is 6-1 and an underlay.)

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

A: R Last Laugh — 20%
B: Avalon Beach — 17%
C: Pardi Vida — 14%

Combined Projected Probability: 51%

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★ (2 of 5 stars)

An open 2-year-old turf sprint with four speed horses. The model's value is in **Avalon Beach** (+5.9%) and **Pardi Vida** (+6.3%). The big public mistake is the 5-2 favorite **Blazing Sunset** (–20.6%).

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