Churchill Downs

Race 2 — 11/20/2026

Class: Claiming $20,000

Distance: 6 Furlongs

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $60,000

Claiming Price: $20,000

Starters: 8

Post Time: 1:29 ET

CLAIMING. Purse $60,000 (include $7,000 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 20 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price $20,000 (Races Where Entered For $16,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R2
Friday, November 20, 2026 | 6 Furlongs Dirt | 3YO+ | Claiming $20,000

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Gardiner (Post 1) — On or near the lead in nearly every start; led and yielded here on 11/1 and 9/26. He is speed, not a stalker. **Ravin's Ransom** (Post 7) — Vied or tracked close in most starts. **Charge for Gold** (Post 8) — A turf front-runner.

Stalkers / Pressers

Eli's Promise (Post 5), **Decatur Street** (Post 3), **Mister Banderas** (Post 4).

Closers

Executive Chef (Post 6) — Rallied from 7th to 3rd, beaten a neck, at Keeneland on 10/16. **Halloween** (Post 2) — Closing 2nds at Belterra.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **SOFT** early pace—projected :22 1/5 opening quarter, :45 4/5 half-mile (garbled fraction defaults to 4/5), inside the 6-furlong dirt SOFT band (the report labeled it MODERATE). Gardiner and Ravin's Ransom show the way.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Gardiner	7-2	19%	22.2%	-3.2%
2	Halloween	15-1	5%	6.3%	-1.3%
3	Decatur Street	12-1	6%	7.7%	-1.7%
4	Mister Banderas	20-1	2%	4.8%	-2.8%
5	Eli's Promise	8-1	11%	11.1%	-0.1%
6	Executive Chef	3-1	29%	25.0%	**+4.0%**
7	Ravin's Ransom	5-2	20%	28.6%	-8.6%
8	Charge for Gold	4-1	8%	20.0%	-12.0%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**125.7%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (the report's column was scaled). **No fade:** the 5-2 favorite, Ravin's Ransom, is –8.6%. One non-favorite is badly overbet: **Charge for Gold** –**12.0%** at 4-1. Only overlay: **Executive Chef +4.0%**.





Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★)

Executive Chef (Post 6) — Model Win %: 29%

PTW Profile: The model's top horse. 7-year-old gelding, 8 wins in 22 on dirt. Rallied to **3rd, beaten a neck**, for $25,000 at Keeneland on 10/16 (he did not fade). Before that, Emerald Downs stakes: 3rd in the Governor's and 7th in the Longacres Mile. Claimed for $40,000 in June; Michael Puhich trains. First start at Churchill. Tyler Gaffalione rides.

Concerns: First time over this track. At 3-1 (25.0% implied), +4.0%: SLIGHT VALUE (not "exceptional").

Ravin's Ransom (Post 7) — Model Win %: 20%

PTW Profile: **The 5-2 favorite.** 4-year-old gelding. Won a Fairmount optional claimer by 5 on 8/8; 2nd by a nose in an Illinois-bred allowance on 10/24. **1 win in 7 this year** (not "5 wins in 8"). Won his only start here (a $40,000 claimer in November 2025). Larry Rivelli is 25% this year. At 5-2 (28.6% implied), –8.6%.

Gardiner (Post 1) — Model Win %: 19%

PTW Profile: 4-year-old colt, 4 wins in 13, all here (4 for 11 at Churchill). His last start was **not a win**: 4th, beaten 5 3/4, as the 4-5 favorite for **$12,500** on 11/1, when Carlos David claimed him. He moves up $7,500 today. Last win was for $20,000 on 6/21. Luis Saez rides. At 7-2 (22.2% implied), –3.2%.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★)

Eli's Promise (Post 5) — Model Win %: 11%

PTW Profile: 6-year-old gelding, 5 wins in 31 on dirt. Claimed for $16,000 at Keeneland on 10/14 (2nd that day); 4th, beaten 8 1/2, for $32,000 here on 11/7. Steve Asmussen is 10 for 53 at the meet. At 8-1 (11.1% implied), –0.1%.

Charge for Gold (Post 8) — Model Win %: 8%

PTW Profile: 5-year-old gelding, not "lightly raced": 3 wins in 25 turf starts and **1 dirt start**. His 9/18 race here was on **turf**, not dirt. A turf front-runner (not a deep closer); 11th, beaten 11 3/4, in a turf route on 11/12. Overbet at 4-1 (20.0% implied): –12.0%.

Decatur Street (12-1) — Claimed for $12,500 here on 11/1 (9th, beaten 15 1/4); moves up. His wins were $5,000 and $12,500 claimers at Indiana; there is no "9/30 maiden win." –1.7%. **Halloween** (15-1) — A 7-year-old with over 40 starts (not lightly raced); three straight 2nds at Belterra. –1.3%. **Mister Banderas** (20-1) — 5-year-old with 3 wins in 20, including a $16,000 claimer here in May (not a maiden background). 5th in an Indiana optional claimer last out. Rated (he has race data). –2.8%.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Executive Chef	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — rallied, missed by a neck
Ravin's Ransom	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — missed by a nose
Gardiner	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — led, yielded last two
Eli's Promise	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — bid, gave way
Charge for Gold	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — led, stopped
Decatur Street	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — weakened
Halloween	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — closing 2nds
Mister Banderas	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — vied, faded

Critical MPH Insight

Ravin's Ransom is changed from ELITE sustained to STRONG (1 win in 7 this year). **Gardiner** is the speed and has yielded in his last two. **Executive Chef** and **Halloween** are the late runners. **Mister Banderas** has race data and is now rated.

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Executive Chef — Close 3rd last out; closer in a field with speed.

Ravin's Ransom — Missed by a nose last out.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Gardiner — Up $7,500 off the claim; beaten as the 4-5 favorite.

Charge for Gold — Turf horse trying a dirt sprint.

Decatur Street — Up from $12,500; beaten 15 1/4 last out.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: EXECUTIVE CHEF — Confidence 4/10 — Target odds: 5-2 or better

Model projects 29% win probability, the highest in the field. At 3-1 (25.0% implied), +4.0%.

VALUE PLAY: None. No other horse under 10-1 is an overlay.

SECOND PLAY: RAVIN'S RANSOM — Confidence 3/10 — Target odds: 4-1 or better

Model projects 20% at 5-2 (28.6% implied): –8.6%.





LONGSHOT PLAY: None.

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

A: Executive Chef — 29%
B: Ravin's Ransom — 20%
C: Gardiner — 19%

Combined Projected Probability: 68%

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★ (2 of 5 stars)

The model's play is **Executive Chef** at 3-1 (+4.0%). The clear public mistake is **Charge for Gold** at 4-1 (–12.0%), a turf horse trying a dirt sprint.

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