Churchill Downs

Race 3 — 11/20/2026

Class: Claiming $40,000 N2L

Distance: 6 Furlongs

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $69,000

Claiming Price: $40,000

Starters: 6

Post Time: 1:58 ET

CLAIMING. Purse $69,000 (include $9,000 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Claiming Price $40,000.

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R3
Friday, November 20, 2026 | 6 Furlongs Dirt | 3YO+ | Claiming $40,000 N2L

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Grande Sorpreso (Post 1) — Led throughout to win his maiden race at Indiana on 8/20. **Countthecarats** (Post 3) — Vied for the lead in most of his recent starts.

Stalkers / Pressers

Rocky Raccoon (Post 4) — Tracked in 4th and loomed to finish 2nd at Keeneland on 10/18; he was 8th–9th early in two of his three races before that. He is **not** the field's elite speed. **Dr. Park** (Post 2).

Closers

Union Cait (Post 6) — Rallied from 5th–8th in his Tampa races. **S S Quality** (Post 5).

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **MODERATE** early pace—projected :22 2/5 opening quarter, :45 1/5 half-mile. Grande Sorpreso and Countthecarats show the way.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Grande Sorpreso	6-1	10%	14.3%	-4.3%
2	Dr. Park	5-2	13%	28.6%	-15.6%
3	Countthecarats	8-1	7%	11.1%	-4.1%
4	Rocky Raccoon	7-5	18%	41.7%	-23.7%
5	S S Quality	12-1	5%	7.7%	-2.7%
6	Union Cait	4-1	47%	20.0%	**+27.0%**
	TOTAL		**100%**	**123.4%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (the report's column was scaled). **FADE: Rocky Raccoon, the 7-5 favorite**—41.7% implied vs 18% model, –**23.7%**. Also overbet: **Dr. Park** –**15.6%** at 5-2. Only overlay: **Union Cait +27.0%**. **Note:** the model's 47% for Union Cait is an outlier for a horse off 259 days.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★)





Union Cait (Post 6) — Model Win %: 47%

PTW Profile: The model's top horse. 3-year-old gelding, 1 win in 7: a $25,000 maiden claimer at Tampa by 11 3/4 on 12/31/2025. His 3/6 Tampa race was a **2nd, beaten a head**, in a $25,000 optional claimer, not a win. He has **not raced since 3/6** (259 days); he is not "race-fit." First start at Churchill and first start for $40,000. Joel Campbell trains; G. Rodriguez rides (0 for 4 at the meet).

Concerns: Long layoff; class rise; never raced in Kentucky. At 4-1 (20.0% implied), +27.0% on the model's numbers.

Rocky Raccoon (Post 4) — Model Win %: 18% — **FADE**

PTW Profile: **The 7-5 favorite.** 3-year-old gelding, 1 win in 8: a $38,000 maiden race at Remington Park (not Ruidoso) on 10/2 by a half-length at 2-5. His 10/18 Keeneland race in this condition was a **2nd, beaten 1 3/4**, not a win or a fade. Claimed for $30,000 in August; Steve Asmussen is 10 for 53 at the meet. Off 33 days.

Concerns: At 7-5 (41.7% implied), –23.7%.

Dr. Park (Post 2) — Model Win %: 13%

PTW Profile: 5-year-old gelding, an $850,000 purchase, 1 win in 6: a Keeneland maiden race at 6 furlongs by a half-length (not a length) in April 2025. 0 for 4 this year, all in allowances or a turf route; 3rd at Colonial on 7/16. Off 127 days. Peter Eurton is 1 for 4 at the meet; Luis Saez rides. Overbet at 5-2 (28.6% implied): –15.6%.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★)

Grande Sorpreso (Post 1) — Model Win %: 10%

PTW Profile: 3-year-old gelding. Won an Indiana maiden race wire-to-wire by 1 1/2 on 8/20; 2nd by a quarter-length for $100,000 here in June. Claimed for $40,000 on 10/18 (5th, beaten 4 1/4). His 7/17 race was on the Ellis Park turf. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –4.3%.

Countthecarats (8-1) — 4-year-old gelding; won an Indiana maiden race by a quarter-length on 9/2, then two 2nds and a 3rd in Indiana allowances. Speed. –4.1%. **S S Quality** (12-1) — 3-year-old colt; his only win was a maiden race at **Colonial Downs** in September 2025 (not Remington). 7th and 6th in allowances this year. –2.7%.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Union Cait	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — late rallies
Rocky Raccoon	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — loomed, 2nd





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Dr. Park	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — faded in allowances
Grande Sorpreso	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — faded last two
Countthecarats	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — vied, faded
S S Quality	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — trailed

Critical MPH Insight

Union Cait is changed from ELITE sustained to STRONG: his last two were a 3rd and a 2nd at Tampa, eight months ago. **Rocky Raccoon** is not the field's speed (opening changed from ELITE to STRONG). **Countthecarats** is a front-runner (opening changed to ELITE).

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Grande Sorpreso — First start for the claiming barn.

Countthecarats — Consistent in Indiana allowances.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Union Cait — Off 259 days; class rise.

Dr. Park — 0 for 4 this year; off 127 days.

Rocky Raccoon — Overbet at 7-5.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: UNION CAIT — Confidence 4/10 — Target odds: 6-5 or better

Model projects 47% win probability, the highest in the field. At 4-1 (20.0% implied), +27.0%: EXCEPTIONAL VALUE on the numbers, but he is off 259 days.

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

LONGSHOT PLAY: None.

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

A: Union Cait — 47%
B: Dr. Park — 13%
C: Grande Sorpreso — 10% (Rocky Raccoon, the fade, removed)

Combined Projected Probability: 70%





Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★ (2 of 5 stars)

The clear angle is against the 7-5 favorite **Rocky Raccoon** (–23.7%) and 5-2 **Dr. Park** (–15.6%). The model's top horse, **Union Cait**, is a big overlay but returns from a 259-day layoff.

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Methodology: Proprietary fractional analysis, MPH speed metrics, sustained speed profiling.





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