Churchill Downs

Race 9 — 11/20/2026

Class: Allowance Optional Claiming $100,000 N3X

Distance: 1 1/16 Miles (8.5f)

Surface: Turf (rail at 36 feet)

Purse: $141,000

Claiming Price: $100,000

Starters: 9

Post Time: 4:55 ET

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING. Purse $141,000 (include $51,600 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON $20,000 THREE TIMES OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER, RESTRICTED, OR STATE BRED OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON FOUR RACES OR CLAIMING PRICE $100,000. (If taken off the turf, it will be run on the main track at 1 1/16 miles.)

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R9
Friday, November 20, 2026 | 1 1/16 Miles Turf | 3YO+ | Allowance Optional Claiming $100,000 N3X

Field note: #1 Sir Greylind has **never raced on turf** (the report credits him with turf starts). If the race comes off the turf, the analysis below no longer applies.

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Blast Furnace (Post 4) — Led throughout to win his last two: by 10 3/4 at Kentucky Downs on 8/30 and by 1 1/2 at Keeneland on 10/14. **Tickled Quist** (Post 8) — Led in five of his last six starts. **Mesero** (Post 7) — Won on the lead at Keeneland in April.

Stalkers / Pressers

Show of Force (Post 5) — Sat 3rd, two lengths back, and surged to win here on 9/20 (a stalker, not a deep closer). **Judge Davis** (Post 6), **Clever Mischief** (Post 9) — Dueled and flattened out to 3rd in the Tapit on 8/30 (he did not win it).

Closers

Plensa (Post 3) — Rallied from 10th to win the Tapit on 8/30. **Green Light** (Post 2) — Rallied from 7th for 2nd here on 9/24. **Sir Greylind** (Post 1).

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT** early pace—projected :23 2/5 opening quarter, :47 4/5 half-mile, inside the 1 1/16-mile turf HOT band. Blast Furnace and Tickled Quist show the way.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Sir Greylind	20-1	2%	4.8%	-2.8%
2	Green Light	9-2	11%	18.2%	-7.2%
3	Plensa	5-2	14%	28.6%	-14.6%
4	Blast Furnace	7-2	26%	22.2%	**+3.8%**
5	Show of Force	15-1	15%	6.3%	**+8.7%**
6	Judge Davis	6-1	16%	14.3%	**+1.7%**
7	Mesero	8-1	7%	11.1%	-4.1%





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
8	Tickled Quist	10-1	5%	9.1%	-4.1%
9	Clever Mischief	6-1	4%	14.3%	-10.3%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**128.9%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (the report's column was scaled). **FADE: Plensa, the 5-2 favorite**—28.6% implied vs 14% model, –**14.6%**. Also overbet: **Clever Mischief** –**10.3%** at 6-1. Overlays: **Show of Force +8.7%**, **Blast Furnace +3.8%**, **Judge Davis +1.7%**.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★)

Blast Furnace (Post 4) — Model Win %: 26%

PTW Profile: The model's top horse. 5-year-old gelding, 3 wins in 13 on turf. Won his last two wire-to-wire: a Kentucky Downs N1X allowance at a mile by 10 3/4 (8/30) and a Keeneland N2X allowance at 1 1/16 miles by 1 1/2 as the 13-10 favorite (10/14). First start against N3X company. Mike Maker is **1 for 26** at the meet (not 17%); Luis Saez (21 for 86) rides. 0 for 4 on this turf course.

Concerns: Class rise; must deal with Tickled Quist early. At 7-2 (22.2% implied), +3.8%.

Judge Davis (Post 6) — Model Win %: 16%

PTW Profile: 7-year-old gelding, 3 wins on turf; his last win was at Aqueduct in September 2025. 0 for 4 at this distance on turf. Close 2nds in this condition: by a length here on 6/12 and by a length at Keeneland on 4/16 (he dueled; he did not fade). The fade was 9th in an Indiana stakes on 7/11. 2nd, beaten 3 3/4, off the turf at Keeneland on 10/18. His 12/26/2025 Gulfstream race was a 2nd, beaten 5 3/4, not a win. Same barn as Blast Furnace; Jose Ortiz rides. ROI claims removed.

Concerns: One win in 14 months. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), +1.7%.

Show of Force (Post 5) — Model Win %: 15%

PTW Profile: 4-year-old gelding, **3 wins in his last 4 starts** (not "4 in 18"): a $80,000 dirt claimer here (5/10), an Ellis Park turf allowance by 2 (8/1) and this condition's N2X level here by a **head** at a mile on 9/20. One try at 1 1/16 miles on turf (4th, beaten 3). Genaro Garcia is 0 for 11 at the meet; Edgar Esquivel (2 for 33) replaces E. Morales. Off 61 days.

Concerns: Class rise to N3X. At 15-1 (6.3% implied), +8.7%.

Plensa (Post 3) — Model Win %: 14% — **FADE**

PTW Profile: **The 5-2 favorite.** 4-year-old gelding with $1.59 million in earnings and 3 wins in 12, two of them stakes at Kentucky Downs: the $1.9 million Gun Runner by a length at 22-1 (9/6/2025) and the $492,000 Tapit by a half-length at 12-1 (8/30/2026; not an OC 100k). Last out: 7th, beaten 6 1/2, at 51-1 in the Turf Mile (G1) on 10/3. 1 win in 6 at this distance on turf. George Arnold is 3 for 10 at the meet; Florent Geroux rides.





Concerns: Deep closer; overbet. At 5-2 (28.6% implied), –14.6%.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★)

Green Light (Post 2) — Model Win %: 11%

PTW Profile: 5-year-old gelding, 3 wins in 11 on turf, 2 of 4 on this course. Won this condition's N2X level here by a neck as the even-money favorite in June 2025. Returned from seven months off to rally for 2nd, beaten 1 1/2, at 10-1 in this condition here on 9/24. John Ennis is 1 for 17 at the meet. At 9-2 (18.2% implied), –7.2%.

Mesero (8-1) — A **turf horse** (12 turf starts), not a dirt specialist: 2 wins (not 3), 2nd in the Texas Turf Classic and the Old Dominion Derby (G3). 3rd, beaten 4 1/4, off the turf at Keeneland on 10/18. Dale Romans is 4 for 21 at the meet. –4.1%. **Tickled Quist** (10-1) — Speed. His 2026 wins were on the Turfway synthetic, not dirt. On turf: 1 win in 6 (a Keeneland maiden race); 3rd, beaten a length, after a loose lead here on 5/18/2025 (not a win). 8th in the Kentucky Cup Classic on 3/21; **off 244 days**. Brad Cox is 13 for 30 at the meet; apprentice Y. Ortiz Jr. –4.1%. **Clever Mischief** (6-1) — 3 wins in 13; last win in a N2X allowance here at a mile on 5/7. 3rd, beaten 2 3/4, in the Tapit; 8th, beaten 10 1/4, in the Schiller at Belmont on 10/2. Brendan Walsh is 0 for 19 at the meet. Overbet: –10.3%. **Sir Greylind** (20-1) — A 5-year-old gelding (not a 3-year-old) with 4 wins, **all on dirt**; first turf start. His 1/17 Fair Grounds race was the Louisiana Stakes (G3) on dirt. 8th, beaten 10, at Keeneland on 10/31. Michel Douaihy is 0 for 6 at the meet. –2.8%.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Blast Furnace	ELITE	ELITE	Low — wire-to-wire last two
Judge Davis	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — bid, outkicked
Show of Force	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — surged late 9/20
Plensa	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — circled, held 8/30
Green Light	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — rallied for 2nd
Mesero	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — gained 10/18
Tickled Quist	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — weakened 3/21
Clever Mischief	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — flattened out
Sir Greylind	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — first turf start

Critical MPH Insight





Blast Furnace led throughout to win his last two. **Plensa** and **Green Light** are late runners (opening changed to VULNERABLE). **Mesero** gained late last out (sustained changed to STRONG). **Tickled Quist** weakened in his last start (sustained changed to VULNERABLE).

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Show of Force — 3 wins in his last 4 starts.

Green Light — Second start back; 2 for 4 on this course.

Mesero — Back on turf.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Plensa — Beaten 6 1/2 in the Turf Mile; overbet at 5-2.

Clever Mischief — Beaten 10 1/4 last out; overbet at 6-1.

Tickled Quist — Off 244 days; first turf start since 2025.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: BLAST FURNACE — Confidence 3/10 — Target odds: 3-1 or better

Model projects 26% win probability, the highest in the field. At 7-2 (22.2% implied), +3.8%.

VALUE PLAY: JUDGE DAVIS — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 11-2 or better

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

LONGSHOT PLAY: SHOW OF FORCE — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 6-1 or better

Model projects 15% at 15-1 (6.3% implied): +8.7%, the biggest edge in the race.

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

A: Blast Furnace — 26%
B: Judge Davis — 16%
C: Show of Force — 15% (ordered by model %; the report had B and C reversed)

Combined Projected Probability: 57%

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★ (2 of 5 stars)

The clear angle is against the 5-2 favorite **Plensa** (–14.6%). The model's top horse, **Blast Furnace**, is an overlay at 7-2, and all three multi-race horses are overlays, led by **Show of Force** at 15-1.





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