Churchill Downs

Race 11 — 11/21/2026

Class: Maiden Special Weight

Distance: 6 1/2 Furlongs

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $120,000

Starters: 12

Post Time: 5:55 ET

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT. Purse $120,000 (include $47,200 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR MAIDENS, TWO YEARS OLD. Weight, 119 lbs. (Preference To Horses That Have Not Started For Less Than $50,000).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R11
Saturday, November 21, 2026 | 6 1/2 Furlongs Dirt | 2YO | Maiden Special Weight

Field note: Seven first-time starters, including the 3-1 favorite **Stun** (the report credits him with "established early speed"). **Vukota**'s "win" was a non-wagering race declared no contest on 9/19 (not a walkover); he has **blinkers off** today. **C R Sultan**, **Essen Lane** and **Vukota** all ran in the same 10/25 maiden race here. **Banyan Bay** comes out of a $150,000 maiden claimer.

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Vukota (Post 10) — Led throughout and won by 4 3/4 in the 9/19 non-wagering race; 7th early and beaten 10 3/4 on 10/25. **C R Sultan** (Post 4) — Led in the stretch in his last two starts and was caught both times.

Stalkers / Pressers

Essen Lane (Post 5) — Pressed 3 wide (3rd early) on 10/25, then yielded (not a closer). **Banyan Bay** (Post 8) — 3rd to 2nd early on 10/22.

Closers

It's a Good Time (Post 7) — Off slowly, 10th early, rallied for 3rd on 10/23. **Stun**, **Dalmore**, **Balearic**, **Inquest**, **Maverick Mo**, **Red Hot Iron** and **Five Star Guard** are first-time starters.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **MODERATE** early pace—projected :22 2/5 opening quarter, :45 1/5 half-mile, inside the MODERATE band for 6 1/2 furlongs on dirt (the report labeled it HOT). Vukota and C R Sultan are the known speed; Stun has never raced.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Dalmore	6-1	9%	14.3%	-5.3%
2	Maverick Mo	15-1	5%	6.3%	-1.3%
3	Balearic	9-2	8%	18.2%	-10.2%
4	C R Sultan	8-1	11%	11.1%	-0.1%
5	Essen Lane	6-1	17%	14.3%	**+2.7%**
6	Stun	3-1	20%	25.0%	-5.0%
7	It's a Good Time	12-1	7%	7.7%	-0.7%





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
8	Banyan Bay	20-1	4%	4.8%	-0.8%
9	Inquest	8-1	11%	11.1%	-0.1%
10	Vukota	10-1	6%	9.1%	-3.1%
11	Red Hot Iron	30-1	1%	3.2%	-2.2%
12	Five Star Guard	30-1	1%	3.2%	-2.2%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**128.3%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (the report's column was scaled). **No fade:** the 3-1 favorite, Stun, is –5.0%. **Balearic** (9-2) is overbet at –**10.2%** (not –6.2%). Only overlay: **Essen Lane +2.7%** (not +5.9%). Dalmore is –5.3% and C R Sultan and Inquest –0.1% (not +2.3%).

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★)

Stun (Post 6) — Model Win %: 20%

PTW Profile: **The 3-1 favorite and the model's top horse; a first-time starter** with no race data (not "established early speed"). Brad Cox is 13 for 31 at the meet and wins with 17% of first-time starters. Florent Geroux is 1 for 16 at the meet.

Concerns: Debut runner. At 3-1 (25.0% implied), –5.0%.

Essen Lane (Post 5) — Model Win %: 17%

PTW Profile: One start: **5th, beaten 7 1/2**, as the 5-2 second choice in a 6-furlong maiden race here on 10/25 after pressing 3 wide and getting tight in the upper stretch (he did not rally from four lengths back or break slowly). Bill Mott is 3 for 12 at the meet and wins with 14% of second-time maidens. **Junior** Alvarado (not Irad) rides again.

Concerns: Yielded in the stretch last out. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), +2.7%, the only overlay.

C R Sultan (Post 4) — Model Win %: 11%

PTW Profile: 0 for 3 with **three 2nds** (not two placings): beaten 4 at Indiana on 8/5, by a neck at Indiana on 9/17 and by a quarter length at 24-1 here on 10/25, when he led in the stretch, dueled and was outfinished (in Essen Lane's and Vukota's race). Third start, not second. Lilia Gonzalez is 0 for 1 at the meet; J. M. Romero rides.

Concerns: Caught late in both recent starts. At 8-1 (11.1% implied), –0.1%.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★)

Inquest (8-1) — **First-time starter.** Randy Morse is 0 for 11 at the meet and 1 for 36 with first-time starters. Albin Cedillo is 1 for 14. –0.1%. **Balearic** (9-2) — **First-time starter.** Brendan Walsh is 1 for 22 at the meet;





15% with debut runners. Tyler Gaffalione rides. –10.2%. **Dalmore** (6-1) — **First-time starter.** Steve Asmussen (11 for 57 at the meet) wins with 10% of first-time starters. Jose Ortiz rides. –5.3%. **It's a Good Time** (12-1) — One start: off slowly and 3rd, beaten 6 1/2, at Keeneland on 10/23. Dallas Stewart is 1 for 15 at the meet. –0.7%. **Vukota** (10-1) — 3 starts: 4th, beaten 7, at Saratoga; won the 9/19 non-wagering race (declared no contest); 6th, beaten **10 3/4**, as the 9-5 favorite on 10/25. **Blinkers off today** (he wore them last out). No trainer change; Kinnon LaRose is 2 for 11 at the meet. –3.1%. **Banyan Bay** (20-1) — One start: 2nd, beaten 6 3/4 (not 6 1/4), in a $150,000 maiden claimer at Keeneland on 10/22. Greg Foley is 0 for 9 at the meet. –0.8%. **Maverick Mo** (15-1), **Red Hot Iron** (30-1) and **Five Star Guard** (30-1) — **First-time starters.** Greg Foley (Maverick Mo) is 0 for 9 and Darrin Miller (Five Star Guard) 0 for 7 at the meet; Anna Meah (Red Hot Iron) is 0 for 12 with first-time starters.

Pedigree, workout and trainer-ROI claims removed throughout.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Stun	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter
Essen Lane	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pressed, yielded 10/25
C R Sultan	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — outfinished by 1/4 10/25
Vukota	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — beaten 10 3/4 on 10/25
It's a Good Time	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — rallied for 3rd 10/23
Banyan Bay	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — 2nd best 10/22
Inquest	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter
Dalmore	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter
Balearic	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter
Maverick Mo	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter
Red Hot Iron	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter
Five Star Guard	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter

Critical MPH Insight

Stun is changed from ELITE/ELITE to UNRATED: he has never raced. **Essen Lane** pressed and yielded (sustained changed to VULNERABLE). **It's a Good Time** is a late runner (opening VULNERABLE, sustained STRONG; the report had them reversed). **C R Sultan** lost by a quarter length after a long duel (sustained changed to STRONG). **Vukota** faded badly last out (sustained changed to VULNERABLE).





Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Essen Lane — Second start; Mott wins with 14% of second-time maidens.

It's a Good Time — Second start; stretches out after a slow-starting debut.

Vukota — Blinkers off after a dull effort.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Stun — Debut runner at 3-1.

Balearic — Debut runner overbet at 9-2.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: STUN — Confidence 2/10 — 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 him only at 4-1 or more.

VALUE PLAY: ESSEN LANE — Confidence 3/10 — Target odds: 5-1 or better

Model projects 17% at 6-1 (14.3% implied): +2.7%, the only overlay.

SECOND PLAY: C R SULTAN — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 9-1 or better

Model projects 11% at 8-1 (11.1% implied): –0.1%. Ties Inquest on model %; preferred on three 2nd-place finishes.

LONGSHOT PLAY: None. No horse at 10-1 or more is an overlay (the report's longshot, C R Sultan, is 8-1).

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

A: Stun — 20%
B: Essen Lane — 17%
C: C R Sultan — 11% (ties Inquest; three 2nds vs. a first-time starter from a 1-for-36 debut barn)

Combined Projected Probability: 48%

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★ (1 of 5 stars)

Seven debut runners, including the favorite **Stun**, and no raced horse who has won a betting race. The value is **Essen Lane** at 6-1 in his second start; **Balearic** is the most overbet at 9-2.





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