Churchill Downs

Race 4 — 11/21/2026

Class: Maiden Special Weight

Distance: 1 Mile

Surface: Turf (rail at 12 feet)

Purse: $120,000

Starters: 12 (plus 4 also-eligibles)

Post Time: 2:28 ET

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT. Purse $120,000 (include $47,200 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. (If deemed inadvisable by management to run this race over the turf course, it will be run on the main track at One mile.)

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R4
Saturday, November 21, 2026 | 1 Mile Turf | 3YO+ | Maiden Special Weight

Field note: The main field is **12 horses**. **Still Sober (13), Dark Hope (14), Mayfield (15) and Ur a Collection (16) are also-eligibles**; Still Sober is also entered at Laurel on 11/22. **Puteketeke has made 8 starts** (not 2). **Section is off 311 days.** Ryu, Stormiest, Noble Anthem, Sonic Saint and Tribal Talent (a first-time starter) have never raced on turf. **Off-turf caveat:** off the grass, the race goes at 1 mile on the dirt.

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Puteketeke (Post 3) — Led and gave way at Keeneland on 10/16; on or near the lead in most of his eight starts. **Ryu** (Post 1) — Led early and gave way on 11/4. **Noble Anthem** (Post 7) — Vied early in his last three.

Stalkers / Pressers

Tend to You (Post 6) — Stalked in 2nd in three of his four starts. **War and Majesty** (Post 2).

Closers

Democracy Defender (Post 8) — 11th early, then 2nd by a length on 9/7 (a closer, not early speed). **Jaydeevee** (Post 12), **Navigate** (Post 4).

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **MODERATE** early pace—projected :23 3/5 opening quarter, :47 4/5 half-mile (garbled fraction defaults to 4/5), inside the MODERATE band for a 1-mile turf race (the report labeled it HOT). Puteketeke is the main speed.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Ryu	8-1	5%	11.1%	-6.1%
2	War and Majesty	5-1	8%	16.7%	-8.7%
3	Puteketeke	6-1	14%	14.3%	-0.3%
4	Navigate	30-1	1%	3.2%	-2.2%
5	Stormiest	50-1	1%	2.0%	-1.0%
6	Tend to You	4-1	17%	20.0%	-3.0%
7	Noble Anthem	30-1	2%	3.2%	-1.2%





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
8	Democracy Defender	3-2	24%	40.0%	-16.0%
9	Sonic Saint	30-1	1%	3.2%	-2.2%
10	Tribal Talent	20-1	1%	4.8%	-3.8%
11	Section	30-1	2%	3.2%	-1.2%
12	Jaydeevee	15-1	5%	6.3%	-1.3%
13	Still Sober (AE)	20-1	4%	4.8%	-0.8%
14	Dark Hope (AE)	30-1	1%	3.2%	-2.2%
15	Mayfield (AE)	9-2	10%	18.2%	-8.2%
16	Ur a Collection (AE)	15-1	4%	6.3%	-2.3%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**160.5%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (the report's column was scaled). The table's model % is used (the text said 23% for Democracy Defender and 16% for Tend to You). **FADE: Democracy Defender, the 3-2 favorite**—40.0% implied vs 24% model, –**16.0%**. He is also the model's top horse. **There are no overlays**: the report's +5.1% and +4.5% for Puteketeke and Tend to You are –0.3% and –3.0%.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★)

Democracy Defender (Post 8) — Model Win %: 24% — **FADE (top model horse)**

PTW Profile: **The 3-2 favorite and the model's top horse.** A 3-year-old colt, **0 for 6**, all on turf, with four 2nds and a 3rd (not 4 starts). 2nd by a nose at Saratoga on 8/9; 2nd, beaten 1, as the 7-4 favorite at Kentucky Downs on 9/7 after a pinched start, rallying from 11th. **Off 75 days.** Jorge Abreu is 21 for 178 this year; Fernando Arrieta rides.

Concerns: Keeps finishing 2nd. At 3-2 (40.0% implied), –16.0%.

Tend to You (Post 6) — Model Win %: 17%

PTW Profile: A 4-year-old gelding, 0 for 4 with two 2nds. Led inside the sixteenth and was 2nd by a neck in a 1 1/8-mile turf maiden race at Ellis Park on 7/19; 4th, beaten 5 1/4, as the 9-5 favorite on the Kentucky Downs turf on 8/29; 9th, beaten 30 3/4, in a race **taken off the turf** at Keeneland on 10/16 (not a dirt sprint). No equipment change. Eoin Harty is 2 for 7 at the meet; J. A. Torres rides.

Concerns: Empty last out. At 4-1 (20.0% implied), –3.0%.

Puteketeke (Post 3) — Model Win %: 14%

PTW Profile: A 4-year-old gelding, **0 for 8** (not a lightly raced second-starter): one 2nd and six 3rds. Led and was 3rd, beaten 6 1/2, as the 13-5 favorite in an off-turf race at Keeneland on 10/16; 3rd, beaten 3 3/4, on the Kentucky Downs turf on 9/5. Michael Maker is 1 for 28 at the meet; Tyler Gaffalione rides.





Concerns: Repeatedly flattens out. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –0.3%.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★)

War and Majesty (5-1) — A 4-year-old, 0 for 10. 2nd, beaten 4 1/4, at 1 1/2 miles here on 6/17; 7th, beaten 10, on 9/20. –8.7%. **Ryu** (8-1) — Two starts, **both in races taken off the turf**: 2nd, beaten 2 1/4, at Keeneland on 10/16; led and gave way to 4th, beaten 11 1/2, here on 11/4. –6.1%. **Jaydeevee** (15-1) — 0 for 6 (the report's "45 starts" is his trainer's turf record). 4th, beaten 5 3/4, here on 9/20. –1.3%. **Section** (30-1) — 0 for 7 with two 2nds; **off 311 days** (the 10/18 Keeneland start in the report does not exist). **Noble Anthem** (30-1) — First turf start; eased on 10/24. **Navigate** (30-1), **Sonic Saint** (30-1), **Stormiest** (50-1) — Beaten 10 lengths or more in every start. **Tribal Talent** (20-1) — **First-time starter.**

Also-eligibles (run only if they draw in): **Mayfield** (9-2) — Two dirt starts, faded both times; first turf start. **Still Sober** (20-1) — 0 for 12 on turf; also entered at Laurel. **Ur a Collection** (15-1) — Blinkers on. **Dark Hope** (30-1).

Pedigree, mph and trainer-percentage claims that do not match the past performances removed throughout.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Democracy Defender	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — rallied for 2nd 9/7
Tend to You	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — 2nd by a neck 7/19
Puteketeke	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — led, gave way 10/16
War and Majesty	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — no rally 9/20
Ryu	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — led, gave way 11/4
Jaydeevee	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — even 4th 9/20
Noble Anthem	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — wilted, eased 10/24
Section	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — off 311 days
Navigate	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — no rally 9/5
Sonic Saint	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — trailed 9/13
Stormiest	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — beaten 51 on 5/10
Tribal Talent	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter

Critical MPH Insight

Democracy Defender is a closer, not early speed, and has not finished the job in six tries (changed to VULNERABLE opening, STRONG sustained). **Puteketeke** is the speed and has faded repeatedly.





Navigate, Stormiest and Sonic Saint have race data and are rated, not UNRATED. Only Tribal Talent is UNRATED.

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Tend to You — Back on turf after an off-turf race.

Jaydeevee — Steady turf efforts here and at Indiana.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Democracy Defender — Off 75 days; heavily overbet at 3-2.

Section — Off 311 days.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: DEMOCRACY DEFENDER — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 7-2 or better

Model projects 24% win probability, the highest in the field, but he is also the **fade** at 3-2 (40.0% implied, –16.0%). Bet him only at 7-2 or more.

VALUE PLAY: None. No horse in the field is an overlay.

SECOND PLAY: TEND TO YOU — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 5-1 or better

Model projects 17% at 4-1 (20.0% implied): –3.0%.

LONGSHOT PLAY: None.

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

A: Democracy Defender — 24% (the fade, kept as top model horse)
B: Tend to You — 17%
C: Puteketeke — 14%

Combined Projected Probability: 55%

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★ (1 of 5 stars)

Democracy Defender is both the model's top horse and badly overbet at 3-2. There is no overlay anywhere in the 12-horse field, and the also-eligible list adds uncertainty.

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





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