# Churchill Downs

## Race 3 — 11/22/2026

Class: Allowance Optional Claiming $80,000 (N2X)

Distance: 5 1/2 Furlongs

Surface: Turf

Purse: $134,000

Claiming Price: $80,000

Starters: 7

Post Time: 1:58 ET

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING. Purse $134,000 (include $50,100 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON $20,000 TWICE OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER, OR STATE BRED OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES OR CLAIMING PRICE $80,000. (If deemed inadvisable by management to run this race over the turf course, it will be run on the main track at Five and a Half Furlongs.) (Rail at 12 feet).

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# COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

**Churchill Downs R3**
**Sunday, November 22, 2026 | 5 1/2 Furlongs Turf | 3YO & Up | Allowance Optional Claiming $80,000**

**Field note: Heart Headed** is the **5-2 favorite** (28.6% implied, not 14.3%) and is **winless in 2026**; the wins the report calls recent were in November 2025. **Zakinthos** won on 10/16 in a race **taken off the turf** (fast main track), not on turf; his other races were turf routes, and he was gelded on 10/10. **Cheval de Guerre** has not raced since **10/9/2025** (409 days) and makes his first start for Eddie Kenneally. **War At Sea** makes his first start for James DiVito, off 84 days, and did not win a stakes on 4/4. **Our Starry Night** did not win on 10/4 (2nd).

## Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

### True Front Runners

**Amoudi Bay** (Post 3) — Led in the stretch on 10/16 and 8/2 before being caught. **Our Starry Night** (Post 2) — Led in three summer starts. **Zakinthos** (Post 4) — Led throughout off the turf on 10/16 and led in his turf routes. **Bobrovsky** (Post 1) — 2nd to 3rd early in his sprints (not a closer).

### Stalkers / Pressers

**Cheval de Guerre** (Post 5) — 3rd to 4th early in 2025.

### Closers

**Heart Headed** (Post 6) — 4th to 9th early. **War At Sea** (Post 7) — 5th to 8th early.

### Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT** early pace—projected :22 1/5 opening quarter, :44 4/5 half-mile (garbled fraction defaults to 4/5). There is no fixed band for 5 1/2 furlongs on turf; the label comes from the speed in the field. Amoudi Bay, Our Starry Night, Zakinthos and Bobrovsky all want the lead (the report labeled it MODERATE).

## Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

| Post | Horse | ML Odds | Model Win % | Implied ML % | Edge |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Bobrovsky | 10-1 | 6% | 9.1% | -3.1% |
| 2 | Our Starry Night | 5-1 | 10% | 16.7% | -6.7% |
| 3 | Amoudi Bay | 4-1 | 13% | 20.0% | -7.0% |
| 4 | Zakinthos | 3-1 | 29% | 25.0% | **+4.0%** |
| 5 | Cheval de Guerre | 8-1 | 9% | 11.1% | -2.1% |







| Post | Horse | ML Odds | Model Win % | Implied ML % | Edge |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | Heart Headed | 5-2 | 21% | 28.6% | -7.6% |
| 7 | War At Sea | 6-1 | 12% | 14.3% | -2.3% |
| | **TOTAL** | | **100%** | **124.8%** | |

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (the report showed Heart Headed's 5-2 as 14.3% and War At Sea's 6-1 as 4.9%). **No fade:** the 5-2 favorite, Heart Headed, is –7.6% (not +6.7%). Only overlay: **Zakinthos +4.0%**. War At Sea is –2.3% (not +7.1%).

## Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

**Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★)**

**Zakinthos** (Post 4) — Model Win %: 29%

PTW Profile: **The model's top horse.** A 3-year-old gelding (gelded 10/10), 2 wins in 8. Won a Keeneland allowance wire-to-wire and drew off on 10/16 in a race **taken off the turf** onto a fast main track (not a turf win). His turf form is at routes: 2nd, beaten 1 1/2, at a mile here on 6/5; 5th, beaten 1 1/2, after leading at 1 1/16 miles at Ellis Park on 7/4; no finish recorded at Kentucky Downs on 8/30. **First turf sprint** and first try at this level. Brian Lynch is 4 for 16 at the meet; Luis Saez rides.

Concerns: Turf sprint debut; contested pace. At 3-1 (25.0% implied), +4.0%, the only overlay.

**Heart Headed** (Post 6) — Model Win %: 21%

PTW Profile: **The 5-2 favorite.** A 5-year-old horse, 8 wins in 29. **0 for 7 in 2026**: 6th, beaten 3 1/4, on the Belmont Tapeta on 10/16; 4th, beaten 2 1/4, in a Saratoga stakes; 3rd, beaten 2, in the William Garrett at Indiana. His wins here at 5 1/2 furlongs on 11/14 and 11/27 were in **2025**. Mike Maker is 2 for 30 at the meet; Jose Ortiz rides.

Concerns: Winless this year. At 5-2 (28.6% implied), –7.6%.

**Amoudi Bay** (Post 3) — Model Win %: 13%

PTW Profile: A 4-year-old gelding, 3 wins in 14. Won a Keeneland turf allowance wire-to-wire in April. Led into the stretch and was 4th, beaten 1 1/2, in this condition on the Belmont Tapeta on 10/16; led and was 4th, beaten 3, at Saratoga on 8/2; 8th, beaten 10 1/2, at 6 1/2 furlongs at Kentucky Downs on 8/30. No graded starts. Entered for the $80,000 tag. Lindsay Schultz is 1 for 10 at the meet.

Concerns: Caught late twice. At 4-1 (20.0% implied), –7.0%.

**Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★)**

**War At Sea** (6-1) — A 7-year-old horse, 4 wins in 27. **No stakes win on 4/4**: 5th, beaten 2 1/2, in a Santa Anita optional claimer on 4/3. 3rd, beaten 1 3/4, and 4th, beaten 2 1/4, in Del Mar turf allowances; 7th, beaten 10 3/4, on dirt on 8/30. **First start for James DiVito**; off 84 days. A closer. –2.3%. **Our Starry Night** (5-1) — 2 wins in 13. 2nd, beaten 2 3/4, at Keeneland on 10/4 (not a win); 6th, beaten 2 3/4, in this condition on 10/28. Philip Bauer is 2 for 13 at the meet. –6.7%. **Cheval de Guerre** (8-1) — 2 wins in 5 (an Ellis Park





allowance, not a maiden race, and a Colonial maiden race via disqualification). **Off since 10/9/2025.** First start for Eddie Kenneally. –2.1%. **Bobrovsky** (10-1) — A 3-year-old colt, 2 wins in 6: the Skidmore at Saratoga and a dirt maiden race, both in 2025. Well beaten in both 2026 starts (12th in the Quick Call; 7th, beaten 16 1/2, on 10/8). –3.1%.

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 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Zakinthos | ELITE | STRONG | Moderate — wire-to-wire off turf 10/16 |
| Heart Headed | VULNERABLE | STRONG | Moderate — 6th by 3 1/4 on 10/16 |
| Amoudi Bay | ELITE | VULNERABLE | High — led, caught late 10/16 |
| War At Sea | VULNERABLE | STRONG | Moderate — 3rd by 1 3/4 on 7/17 |
| Our Starry Night | STRONG | STRONG | Moderate — 2nd by 2 3/4 on 10/4 |
| Cheval de Guerre | STRONG | VULNERABLE | High — off since 10/9/25 |
| Bobrovsky | ELITE | VULNERABLE | High — beaten 16 1/2 on 10/8 |

### Critical MPH Insight

**Zakinthos** is changed from ELITE to STRONG sustained: his big win came on the main track, and he has been caught in turf routes. **Amoudi Bay** has led and been caught twice (sustained changed to VULNERABLE). **War At Sea** and **Heart Headed** are closers (opening VULNERABLE). **Bobrovsky** is early speed, not a closer (opening changed to ELITE).

## Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

### Likely to Improve

**Heart Headed** — Back on turf at Churchill, where he won twice in 2025.

**War At Sea** — New barn; fast pace suits his late run.

### Bounce / Regression Risks

**Zakinthos** — Big off-turf win; now a turf sprint.

**Cheval de Guerre** — Off 409 days.

**Bobrovsky** — Well beaten twice this year.





## Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

**WIN BET: ZAKINTHOS** — Confidence 3/10 — 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.** The only overlay is the win horse (the report's value play, Heart Headed, is the 5-2 favorite and –7.6%).

**SECOND PLAY: HEART HEADED** — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 4-1 or better

Model projects 21% at 5-2 (28.6% implied): –7.6%.

**LONGSHOT PLAY: None.** The report's longshot, War At Sea, is 6-1 and –2.3%.

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

**A: Zakinthos** — 29%
**B: Heart Headed** — 21%
**C: Amoudi Bay** — 13% (not War At Sea, 12%; ordered by model %)

**Combined Projected Probability: 63%**

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## Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★ (2 of 5 stars)

**Zakinthos** is the model's top horse and a slight overlay, but his best race came off the turf and he faces several speed rivals in his first turf sprint. The favorite, **Heart Headed**, is winless this year. The report's two big "overlays" came from misread odds.

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