Churchill Downs

Race 5 — 11/22/2026

Class: Maiden Claiming $20,000

Distance: 1 Mile

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $48,000

Claiming Price: $20,000

Starters: 8

Post Time: 2:57 ET

MAIDEN CLAIMING. Purse $48,000 (include $5,700 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR MAIDENS, TWO YEARS OLD. Weight, 119 lbs. Claiming Price $20,000.

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R5
Sunday, November 22, 2026 | 1 Mile Dirt | 2YO | Maiden Claiming $20,000

Field note: No horse in the field has won a race. **Big Mike Fink**, the 2-1 favorite, has made only two starts, both on turf (Ellis Park 8/1, Kentucky Downs 9/3, not Keeneland). He makes his **first dirt start**, is off **80 days**, has **blinkers on** and drops from maiden special weight to a $20,000 maiden claimer. **Mambo Man** is 0 for 5 (the report gives him a 9/16 win; he was 3rd). **Dosc** makes his **first dirt start**; his only start was on the turf at Indiana Grand (not Belmont). **Captain Call** has **blinkers on**. **Army Run** makes his second start for Genaro Garcia since being claimed on 9/20. **Mystic D** wore blinkers in both starts (no change) and returns to John Hancock after one start for Duane Wells. Mambo Man, Captain Call and Army Run all ran in the same 11/1 race here.

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Mambo Man (Post 4) — Led by a neck early in a 1-mile race here on 9/16 before finishing 3rd. **Army Run** (Post 5) — Led on 9/20 and was 2nd early on 11/1 before fading both times. **Big Mike Fink** (Post 2) — Led by a neck early on the turf on 9/3.

Stalkers / Pressers

Croatoan (Post 6) — Pressed in 3rd on 10/18; 7th early on 10/27. **Good Lies** (Post 3) — 6th early on 10/22.

Closers

Captain Call (Post 1) — 9th early on 11/1. **Dosc** (Post 7) — 10th early in his only start. **Mystic D** (Post 8) — 4th then 7th early on 10/13; he has only run in sprints.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **SOFT** early pace—projected :23 2/5 opening quarter, :47 1/5 half-mile, inside the SOFT band for 1 mile on dirt (the report labeled it HOT). Mambo Man and Army Run are the likely leaders.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Captain Call	6-1	9%	14.3%	-5.3%
2	Big Mike Fink	2-1	22%	33.3%	-11.3%
3	Good Lies	3-1	16%	25.0%	-9.0%
4	Mambo Man	5-1	19%	16.7%	**+2.3%**
5	Army Run	20-1	4%	4.8%	-0.8%





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
6	Croatoan	15-1	7%	6.3%	**+0.7%**
7	Dosc	9-2	16%	18.2%	-2.2%
8	Mystic D	15-1	7%	6.3%	**+0.7%**
	TOTAL		**100%**	**124.9%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (the report's column was scaled). **FADE: Big Mike Fink, the 2-1 favorite**—33.3% implied vs 22% model, –**11.3%** (not –4.7%). He is also the model's top horse. Good Lies (3-1) is –9.0%; Dosc is –2.2% (not +1.4%). Overlays: **Mambo Man +2.3%** (not +5.6%), **Croatoan +0.7%**, **Mystic D +0.7%**.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★)

Big Mike Fink (Post 2) — Model Win %: 22% — **FADE (top model horse)**

PTW Profile: **The 2-1 favorite and the model's top horse.** Two starts, both on turf: 9th, beaten 11 1/4, at 6-1 in a maiden special weight at Ellis Park on 8/1; 11th, beaten 20, at 22-1 in a maiden special weight at Kentucky Downs on 9/3 after leading by a neck early. **First dirt start**, **blinkers on**, off 80 days and dropping into a $20,000 maiden claimer. Brendan Walsh (2 for 24 at the meet) trains; Tyler Gaffalione rides him for the first time.

Concerns: Well beaten in both starts (two starts, not eleven). At 2-1 (33.3% implied), –11.3%.

Mambo Man (Post 4) — Model Win %: 19%

PTW Profile: **0 for 5** with two 3rds; he has never won (the report's 9/16 "wire-to-wire victory" was a 3rd, beaten 4 1/2, after leading early in a $30,000 maiden claimer here). Last out, 3rd, beaten 10 1/4, at 6-1 in a $20,000 maiden claimer here at this distance on 11/1 with a 5-pound apprentice; 4th, beaten 5 1/4, at Keeneland on 10/9. One prior start at this level (not four). Kelly Fernandez trains; Daniel Machado rides.

Concerns: Loses the 5-pound allowance. At 5-1 (16.7% implied), +2.3%.

Good Lies (Post 3) — Model Win %: 16%

PTW Profile: A 2-year-old colt (not a 3-year-old or a filly). Two starts: 11th, beaten 8 3/4, at 12-1 in a 6-furlong maiden special weight here on 9/16; 5th, beaten 17 1/4, at 11-1 in a 1 1/16-mile maiden special weight at Keeneland on 10/22. Blinkers were added on 10/22 (not today). First start in a maiden claimer. Norm Casse trains; Gerardo Corrales rides.

Concerns: Well beaten in both starts. At 3-1 (25.0% implied), –9.0%.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★)

Dosc (Post 7) — Model Win %: 16%

PTW Profile: One start (not a debut runner): 8th, beaten 12, at 7-1 in a $40,000 maiden claimer on the turf at Indiana Grand on 10/19 (not Belmont). **First dirt start**; drops to $20,000. He has not been claimed. Brendan





Walsh trains; Yarnier Ortiz Jr. rides with a 7-pound apprentice allowance.

Concerns: 10th early and well beaten in his only start. At 9-2 (18.2% implied), –2.2%.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★)

Croatoan (15-1) — A gelding with two starts: 6th, beaten 14, after pressing in a $30,000 maiden claimer at Keeneland on 10/18; 3rd, beaten 5 1/4, after being 7th early in a $20,000 maiden claimer at Indiana Grand on 10/27. First route. Anna Meah trains. +0.7%. **Mystic D** (15-1) — Two starts in 5 1/2-furlong sprints: 7th, beaten 22 1/4, at Ellis Park on 7/4; 5th, beaten 7 1/4, in an $18,000 maiden special weight at Fair Plaza on 10/13. Blinkers in both (not added today). First route; first start in a maiden claimer. +0.7%. **Captain Call** (6-1) — 10th, beaten 28 1/2, on the turf at Kentucky Downs on 9/3; 5th, beaten 13 1/4, in a $20,000 maiden claimer here on 11/1. **Blinkers on.** Steve Asmussen trains. He breaks from the rail (not outside). –5.3%. **Army Run** (20-1) — 0 for 4. Claimed by Genaro Garcia on 9/20 (8th, beaten 20 1/4, after leading); 9th, beaten 27 1/2, after pressing on 11/1. –0.8%.

Workout, pedigree, speed-figure, trainer-ROI and trip-note claims removed throughout.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Big Mike Fink	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — led, 11th by 20 on 9/3
Mambo Man	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — 3rd by 10 1/4 on 11/1
Good Lies	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 5th by 17 1/4 on 10/22
Dosc	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 8th by 12 on 10/19
Croatoan	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — 3rd by 5 1/4 on 10/27
Mystic D	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 5th by 7 1/4 on 10/13
Captain Call	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 5th by 13 1/4 on 11/1
Army Run	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pressed, 9th by 27 1/2 11/1

Critical MPH Insight

Mystic D is changed from STRONG/ELITE to VULNERABLE/VULNERABLE: he has only run in two sprints and was beaten 7 1/4 and 22 1/4. **Big Mike Fink** led only by a neck early on 9/3 (opening changed from ELITE to STRONG). **Good Lies**, **Dosc** and **Captain Call** were well back early and well beaten (changed to VULNERABLE).

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates





Likely to Improve

Big Mike Fink — Blinkers on, first dirt start and a big class drop.

Dosc — Turf to dirt; class drop; 7-pound apprentice allowance.

Captain Call — Blinkers on.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Mambo Man — 0 for 5; loses his 5-pound apprentice allowance.

Army Run — Faded badly in both starts for his new trainer and since the claim.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: BIG MIKE FINK — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 4-1 or better

Model projects 22% win probability, the highest in the field, but he is also the **fade** at 2-1 (33.3% implied, –11.3%). Bet him only at 4-1 or more.

VALUE PLAY: MAMBO MAN — Confidence 3/10 — Target odds: 9-2 or better

Model projects 19% at 5-1 (16.7% implied): +2.3%, the only overlay under 10-1.

SECOND PLAY: DOSC — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 11-2 or better

Model projects 16% at 9-2 (18.2% implied): –2.2%. Ties Good Lies on model %; the smaller underlay.

LONGSHOT PLAY: CROATOAN — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 15-1 or better

Model projects 7% at 15-1 (6.3% implied): +0.7%. Ties Mystic D on edge; Croatoan has the better form at this level.

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

A: Big Mike Fink — 22% (the fade, kept as top model horse)
B: Mambo Man — 19%
C: Dosc — 16%

Combined Projected Probability: 57%

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★ (1 of 5 stars)

A weak 2-year-old maiden claimer: no runner has won and only Mambo Man has finished closer than 5 lengths at a mile. **Big Mike Fink** is the model's top horse but overbet at 2-1 off two turf losses. **Mambo Man** is the only overlay under 10-1, and the projected SOFT pace suits his early speed.





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