Churchill Downs

Race 8 — 11/22/2026

Class: Maiden Claiming $20,000

Distance: 7 Furlongs

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $48,000

Claiming Price: $20,000

Starters: 12 (plus 4 also-eligibles)

Post Time: 4:25 ET

MAIDEN CLAIMING. Purse $48,000 (include $5,700 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Claiming Price $20,000.

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R8
Sunday, November 22, 2026 | 7 Furlongs Dirt | 3YO & Up | Maiden Claiming $20,000

Field note: Also-eligibles: Slip Strike (13), Quiet Empire (14), Crave a Ball (15) and Amalgamate (16) run only if horses scratch from the main field of 12; they are left out of the bets and multi. **Cut** is a **first-time starter**, was **gelded** on 11/15 and carries a 7-pound apprentice allowance. **Unionista** is off **145 days** and makes his first start in a maiden claimer. **Cerberus** is off **198 days**, has **blinkers off** and was gelded since his last start. **Page Two** makes his **first sprint start** and his first start on a fast dirt track (his two dirt starts were on sloppy tracks). **Stakeholder** makes his second start for Jordan Blair after being claimed on 9/17. **Amalgamate** (AE) has blinkers off.

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Tegatron (Post 6) — Pressed and was 2nd by a neck early on 11/6 before fading to 7th. **Federal Agent** (Post 10) — Pressed early on 9/23 and led early at Fair Grounds in January.

Stalkers / Pressers

Stakeholder (Post 7) — 4th early on 9/17 and 11/4. **Premiere Dancer** (Post 5) — 5th early in his last two. **Page Two** (Post 9) — 4th to 6th early in his routes.

Closers

Unionista (Post 11) — 6th early on 6/30 and 12th early in his debut (not a speed horse). **Jem's Hershey Kiss** (Post 8), **Four Dimes** (Post 4) and **Cerberus** (Post 3) — 5th to 8th early. **Cut** (Post 1) is a first-time starter (no running style).

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **SOFT** early pace—projected :23 2/5 opening quarter, :46 1/5 half-mile, inside the SOFT band for 7 furlongs on dirt (the report labeled it MODERATE). No proven front-runner in the main field; Tegatron and Federal Agent are the likeliest early leaders.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Cut	4-1	13%	20.0%	-7.0%
2	Johnny Ringo	30-1	1%	3.2%	-2.2%
3	Cerberus	5-1	11%	16.7%	-5.7%
4	Four Dimes	12-1	6%	7.7%	-1.7%





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
5	Premiere Dancer	15-1	5%	6.3%	-1.3%
6	Tegatron	20-1	4%	4.8%	-0.8%
7	Stakeholder	10-1	9%	9.1%	-0.1%
8	Jem's Hershey Kiss	8-1	11%	11.1%	-0.1%
9	Page Two	6-1	12%	14.3%	-2.3%
10	Federal Agent	15-1	5%	6.3%	-1.3%
11	Unionista	3-1	16%	25.0%	-9.0%
12	Old Trace	50-1	1%	2.0%	-1.0%
13	Slip Strike (AE)	30-1	1%	3.2%	-2.2%
14	Quiet Empire (AE)	30-1	2%	3.2%	-1.2%
15	Crave a Ball (AE)	20-1	2%	4.8%	-2.8%
16	Amalgamate (AE)	30-1	1%	3.2%	-2.2%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**140.9%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (the report's column was scaled). The table's model % is used: Unionista 16% and Page Two 12% (the report's text said 17% and 13%). **FADE: None.** Unionista, the 3-1 favorite, is –9.0%, short of the –10% line. Cut is –7.0% (not –1.2%) and Cerberus –5.7%. **No horse in the field is an overlay** (the report showed eight).

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★)

Unionista (Post 11) — Model Win %: 16%

PTW Profile: **The 3-1 favorite.** A 4-year-old colt with two starts: 10th, beaten 11 1/4, in a 6-furlong maiden special weight **on dirt** here for Wayne Lukas on 11/29/2024; 3rd, beaten 5 1/2, at 5-2 in a **5-furlong turf sprint** at Indiana Grand on 6/30. This is not his first dirt start, he has not run in turf routes and he has not been claimed. Off 145 days; first start in a maiden claimer. Eoin Harty trains; Robby Bejarano rides.

Concerns: Two starts in two years; long layoff. At 3-1 (25.0% implied), –9.0%.

Cut (Post 1) — Model Win %: 13%

PTW Profile: **First-time starter**, gelded on 11/15. Peter Eurton trains; Yarnier Ortiz Jr. rides with a 7-pound apprentice allowance. He breaks from the rail (not an outside post).

Concerns: No race experience. At 4-1 (20.0% implied), –7.0%.

Page Two (Post 9) — Model Win %: 12%





PTW Profile: A 3-year-old gelding, 0 for 7 with two 3rds. His last start was **5th, beaten 18 3/4, on a sloppy track here on 11/4** (the 10/11 3rd at Keeneland, also on a sloppy track, was two starts back). Five turf starts before that. **First sprint** and first start on fast dirt. Victoria Oliver trains; Mario Gutierrez rides.

Concerns: Never raced short or on a fast dirt track. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –2.3%.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★)

Cerberus (Post 3) — Model Win %: 11%

PTW Profile: Two starts: 4th, beaten 11 1/2, in a maiden optional claimer at Gulfstream on 1/31; 7th, beaten 14, in a maiden special weight here on 5/8 (one 7th, not two). Off **198 days**, **blinkers off** and gelded since his last start. Lasix is not new. Lauren Robson trains; Tyler Gaffalione rides.

Concerns: Long layoff. At 5-1 (16.7% implied), –5.7%.

Jem's Hershey Kiss (Post 8) — Model Win %: 11%

PTW Profile: A 3-year-old gelding, 0 for 5 (not ten starts). 4th in a $20,000 maiden claimer here on 11/6; 10th on a sloppy track at Keeneland on 10/11. Blinkers in every start. Greg Foley trains; Edgar Morales rides.

Concerns: Has not finished better than 4th. At 8-1 (11.1% implied), –0.1%.

Stakeholder (Post 7) — Model Win %: 9%

PTW Profile: A 3-year-old gelding, 0 for 7 with one 2nd (at Keeneland in April). Claimed by Jordan Blair out of a 5th, beaten 7, in a $20,000 maiden claimer here on 9/17; 6th, beaten 20, at 3-1 on a sloppy track here on 11/4 in his first start for Blair. Edgar Esquivel rides.

Concerns: Well beaten twice since dropping to claimers. At 10-1 (9.1% implied), –0.1%.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★)

Four Dimes (12-1) — A 3-year-old colt, 0 for 3; claimed twice (8/23 and 9/23). 6th, beaten 11 3/4, in his first start for J.K. Sweezey on 11/6. –1.7%. **Federal Agent** (15-1) — 0 for 12 (not lightly raced) with two 2nds. 7th, beaten 34 1/2, on a sloppy track here on 11/4; 2nd, beaten 10 1/2, as the 2-1 favorite in an off-the-turf $20,000 maiden claimer at Indiana Grand on 10/14. Not recently claimed (last claimed in September 2025). –1.3%. **Premiere Dancer** (15-1) — 0 for 3; 4th, beaten 10 1/2, in a $20,000 maiden claimer here on 10/29. –1.3%. **Tegatron** (20-1) — 0 for 2; pressed, then 7th, beaten 12 1/4, here on 11/6. –0.8%. **Johnny Ringo** (30-1) — 0 for 6, all in Indiana-bred maiden special weights; first start in a maiden claimer. –2.2%. **Old Trace** (50-1) — 0 for 20. –1.0%.

Workout, 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
Unionista	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — rallied, 3rd by 5 1/2 6/30
Cut	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter
Page Two	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — 5th by 18 3/4 on 11/4
Cerberus	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 7th by 14 on 5/8
Jem's Hershey Kiss	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — 4th on 11/6
Stakeholder	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — 6th by 20 on 11/4
Four Dimes	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 6th by 11 3/4 on 11/6
Premiere Dancer	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — 4th by 10 1/2 on 10/29
Federal Agent	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — 7th by 34 1/2 on 11/4
Tegatron	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — pressed, 7th by 12 1/4 11/6
Johnny Ringo	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 9th on turf 11/13
Old Trace	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 0 for 20

Critical MPH Insight

Unionista is changed from ELITE/ELITE to VULNERABLE/STRONG: he was 6th and 12th early in his two starts. **Cut** is a first-time starter (UNRATED, not ELITE opening). **Cerberus** has raced twice (rated VULNERABLE, not UNRATED). **Page Two** was beaten 18 3/4 last out (sustained changed to VULNERABLE). Also-eligibles are not rated.

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Cerberus — Blinkers off; gelded; drops into a maiden claimer.

Unionista — Drops into a maiden claimer.

Page Two — Returns to a fast track.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Unionista — Off 145 days with two starts in two years.

Stakeholder — Well beaten in both claiming starts.

Federal Agent — Beaten 34 1/2 last out.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets





WIN BET: UNIONISTA — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 11-2 or better

Model projects 16% at 3-1 (25.0% implied): –9.0%, the highest model win % in the field. Bet him only at 11-2 or more.

VALUE PLAY: None. No overlay in the field.

SECOND PLAY: CUT — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 7-1 or better

Model projects 13% at 4-1 (20.0% implied): –7.0%. First-time starter.

LONGSHOT PLAY: None.

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

A: Unionista — 16%
B: Cut — 13%
C: Page Two — 12% (not Jem's Hershey Kiss, 11%)

Combined Projected Probability: 41%

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★ (1 of 5 stars)

A weak, wide-open maiden claimer with no overlays. **Unionista** tops the model at only 16% and is overbet at 3-1 off a 145-day layoff; **Cut** is a first-time starter. The report's 8/10 confidence and four-star rating are not supported.

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