Churchill Downs

Race 2 — 11/25/2026

Class: Maiden Special Weight

Distance: 1 1/16 Miles

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $120,000

Starters: 6

Post Time: 1:29 ET

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT. Purse $120,000 (include $47,200 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR MAIDENS, FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. (Preference To Horses That Have Not Started For Less Than $50,000 In Last 3 Starts).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R2
Wednesday, November 25, 2026 | 1 1/16 Miles Dirt | F&M 3YO & Up | Maiden Special Weight | Purse: $120,000

Field note: Same race 10/23 at Keeneland: Al Ghadeer 2nd, Permutation 5th, Thesewallshaveears 7th. **Same race 11/29/25 here:** Al Ghadeer 3rd, Noble Glow 6th. **Equipment:** Permutation races with **blinkers on**. **Shared barn:** Chad Brown trains Noble Glow and Permutation (not coupled). **Second start off a layoff:** Dancin in Old Town returned on 10/28 after nine months off. **Shipper:** Noble Glow (Belmont). **Class and distance:** Giovanni Alfonso moves up from a $100,000 maiden claimer and stretches out from 6 furlongs; she has **one start** (not a first-time starter). Dancin in Old Town carries a 7-lb. apprentice allowance (114 lbs.).

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

No horse in the field has led at the first call in a recent start. **Al Ghadeer** (Post 5) — Pressed in 2nd and led in the stretch here on 9/27; came from 7th early on 10/23 (she has not led at the first call in four of five, as the report claimed).

Stalkers / Pressers

Thesewallshaveears (Post 6) — 3rd early on 10/23. **Noble Glow** (Post 4) — 4th early in her two one-mile starts. **Permutation** (Post 3) — 4th early on 10/23; 2nd early at Aqueduct last November.

Closers

Dancin in Old Town (Post 2) — 7th early on 10/28. **Giovanni Alfonso** (Post 1) — 10th early in her only start.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **MODERATE** early pace—projected :23 4/5 opening quarter, :47 2/5 half-mile. At 1 1/16 miles a :47 2/5 half falls in the MODERATE band (the report labeled it HOT). No true speed; Al Ghadeer and Thesewallshaveears should be closest early.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Giovanni Alfonso	30-1	2%	3.2%	-1.2%
2	Dancin in Old Town	7-2	13%	22.2%	-9.2%
3	Permutation	4-1	11%	20.0%	-9.0%
4	Noble Glow	7-5	17%	41.7%	-24.7%





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
5	Al Ghadeer	2-1	44%	33.3%	**+10.7%**
6	Thesewallshaveears	20-1	13%	4.8%	**+8.2%**
	TOTAL		**100%**	**125.2%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (the report's column was scaled; it showed 7-5 as 33.3%). **FADE: Noble Glow, the 7-5 favorite**—41.7% implied vs 17% model, –**24.7%** (not –16.3%). Al Ghadeer is **+10.7%** (not +17.4%; the report's text also said +43.7%). Thesewallshaveears is **+8.2%** (not +9.2%).

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★)

Al Ghadeer (Post 5) — Model Win %: 44%

PTW Profile: A 3-year-old filly, 0 for 6 (not five) with two 2nds and three 3rds. 2nd by a head at 3-1 in a 1 1/16-mile maiden special weight at Keeneland on 10/23 after racing 7th early (Permutation 5th, Thesewallshaveears 7th). 2nd by 1 3/4 at 27-10 at this distance here on 9/27 after pressing and taking the lead in the stretch. Andrew McKeever trains; Declan Sheehy rides.

Concerns: 0 for 6, including 3rd as the 9-10 favorite at Indiana Grand on 7/6. At 2-1 (33.3% implied), **+10.7%**.

Noble Glow (Post 4) — Model Win %: 17% — **FADE**

PTW Profile: **The 7-5 favorite.** A 3-year-old filly, 0 for 4. Ships from New York: 2nd by 3/4 at 7-2 in a one-mile maiden special weight at Belmont on 10/8 after stalking in 4th; 7th, beaten 10 3/4, at 3-1 going 7 furlongs at Saratoga on 9/7 (not 5 furlongs); 2nd by 2 1/4 at a mile at Saratoga on 8/5. Off 48 days. Chad Brown trains; Jose Ortiz rides.

Concerns: First try at 1 1/16 miles. At 7-5 (41.7% implied), –24.7%.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★)

Thesewallshaveears (Post 6) — Model Win %: 13%

PTW Profile: A 3-year-old filly, 0 for 4 with no top-3 finishes (the report's "2nd at Fair Grounds in February" is wrong; she was 6th, beaten 13 1/4). 7th, beaten 10 1/2, at 23-1 after racing 3rd early on 10/23; 8th, beaten 10 1/2, going 6 1/2 furlongs here on 9/12 (not a route). Paul McGee trains.

Concerns: Best finish is 6th; one try around two turns. At 20-1 (4.8% implied), **+8.2%**.

Dancin in Old Town (Post 2) — Model Win %: 13%

PTW Profile: A 3-year-old filly, 0 for 4 with a 2nd and a 3rd. 4th, beaten 6 1/4, at 4-1 going 7 furlongs here on 10/28 after racing 7th early—her first start in nine months. 5th, beaten 2, at 15-1 in the Silverbulletday Stakes at Fair Grounds on 1/17. 2nd by 3 1/4 at this distance here last November. Keith Desormeaux trains; Y. Ortiz Jr. rides (7-lb. apprentice allowance).





Concerns: Comes from off the pace in a race without much speed. At 7-2 (22.2% implied), –9.2%.

Permutation (4-1) — 0 for 3 (not five). 5th, beaten 5 1/4, at 8-1 on 10/23; 10th, beaten 16 3/4, going 6 1/2 furlongs here on 9/12. **Blinkers on.** –9.0%. **Giovanni Alfonso** (30-1) — 0 for 1: 7th, beaten 11, at 40-1 in a 6-furlong $100,000 maiden claimer at Keeneland on 10/24. Moves up to a maiden special weight and stretches out. –1.2%.

Workout, pedigree, trainer-ROI and jockey-percentage claims removed throughout.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Al Ghadeer	STRONG	ELITE	Low — 2nd by a head on 10/23
Noble Glow	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — 2nd by 3/4 on 10/8
Dancin in Old Town	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — 4th by 6 1/4 on 10/28
Thesewallshaveears	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — 7th by 10 1/2 on 10/23
Permutation	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — 5th by 5 1/4 on 10/23
Giovanni Alfonso	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 7th by 11 on 10/24

Critical MPH Insight

Al Ghadeer has the field's best sustained profile but is not an early-speed horse (opening changed from ELITE to STRONG). **Giovanni Alfonso** has a race and is rated (not UNRATED). **Dancin in Old Town** is a closer (sustained changed to STRONG).

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Dancin in Old Town — Second start back from a nine-month layoff; stretches out.

Permutation — Blinkers on.

Al Ghadeer — Two straight 2nd-place finishes at this distance.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Noble Glow — First try at 1 1/16 miles; overbet at 7-5.

Giovanni Alfonso — Class rise and stretch-out off one start.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets





WIN BET: AL GHADEER — Confidence 3/10 — Target odds: 7-5 or better

Model projects 44% at 2-1 (33.3% implied): +10.7%, the highest model win % and largest overlay.

VALUE PLAY: None. No other overlay under 10-1.

LONGSHOT PLAY: THESEWALLSHAVEEARS — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 7-1 or better

Model projects 13% at 20-1 (4.8% implied): +8.2%, the only overlay at 10-1 or higher (the report listed her as the Value Play).

SECOND PLAY: DANCIN IN OLD TOWN — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 7-1 or better

Model projects 13% at 7-2 (22.2% implied): –9.2%. Next model horse after the fade, Noble Glow.

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

A: Al Ghadeer — 44%
B: Thesewallshaveears — 13%
C: Dancin in Old Town — 13% (replaces the fade, Noble Glow; Thesewallshaveears ranks ahead on the bigger edge)

Combined Projected Probability: 70%

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★ (2 of 5 stars)

Six maidens who are a combined 0 for 22. **Al Ghadeer** is the model's clear top choice and an overlay at 2-1. **Noble Glow** is badly overbet at 7-5 in her first try at the distance.

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