Churchill Downs

Race 3 — 11/25/2026

Class: Claiming $20,000

Distance: 1 1/16 Miles

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $60,000

Claiming Price: $20,000

Starters: 8

Post Time: 1:58 ET

CLAIMING. Purse $60,000 (include $7,000 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race At A Mile Or Over Since October 25 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price $20,000 (Races Where Entered For $16,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R3
Wednesday, November 25, 2026 | 1 1/16 Miles Dirt | 3YO & Up | Claiming $20,000 | Purse: $60,000

Field note: First start off a claim: Raising Kane (claimed for $12,500 on 11/5 by Nery Alvarez—out of Joe Sharp's barn, which now sends out Try to Make Cents). **Shared barn:** Alvarez also trains Forge in Fire; the two carry the same silks but are not coupled on the program. **Second start for a new trainer:** Try to Make Cents (Joe Sharp). **Class moves:** He B Ready jumps from a $5,000 Indiana-bred claimer; Raising Kane up from $12,500; Pappy's Revenge up from $16,000; Forge in Fire up from $15,000; Try to Make Cents drops from an allowance. **Layoffs:** Quality Chic off 70 days; Creative Minister and Trusty Rusty off 45. **Same race 10/11 at Keeneland:** Creative Minister 5th, Trusty Rusty eased. **Same race 5/7 here:** Trusty Rusty 2nd, Pappy's Revenge 3rd. Forge in Fire carries a 7-lb. apprentice allowance.

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Pappy's Revenge (Post 4) — Pressed in 2nd, then led to win at 36-1 at Keeneland on 10/18; 2nd early in two other 2026 starts. He is the main speed (the report called him a stalker). **Forge in Fire** (Post 1) — 2nd to 3rd early in his last three.

Stalkers / Pressers

Raising Kane (Post 7) — Pressed in 2nd on 10/2; came from 6th to win on 11/5. **Trusty Rusty** (Post 6) — 2nd early on 10/11. **He B Ready** (Post 5) — 4th to 5th early.

Closers

Creative Minister (Post 8) — 11th early, then 3rd on 9/13. **Try to Make Cents** (Post 3) — 8th early in his last two and 4th early before that (not the primary speed, as the report claimed). **Quality Chic** (Post 2) — 6th early on 9/16.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **MODERATE** early pace—projected :23 3/5 opening quarter, :47 2/5 half-mile. **Pappy's Revenge** should get an easy lead with Forge in Fire and Raising Kane closest.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Forge in Fire	30-1	2%	3.2%	-1.2%
2	Quality Chic	15-1	5%	6.3%	-1.3%
3	Try to Make Cents	3-1	20%	25.0%	-5.0%





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
4	Pappy's Revenge	6-1	14%	14.3%	-0.3%
5	He B Ready	20-1	4%	4.8%	-0.8%
6	Trusty Rusty	4-1	17%	20.0%	-3.0%
7	Raising Kane	5-1	15%	16.7%	-1.7%
8	Creative Minister	9-5	23%	35.7%	-12.7%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**126.0%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (the report's column was scaled, creating five fake overlays). **FADE: Creative Minister, the 9-5 favorite**—35.7% implied vs 23% model, –**12.7%** (the report's text called him a +4.8% overlay). He is also the model's top horse, so he stays as the Win Bet only at fair odds. **No overlays** in the field.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★)

Creative Minister (Post 8) — Model Win %: 23% — **FADE at 9-5**

PTW Profile: **The 9-5 favorite.** A 7-year-old gelding, 5 for 39, $785,348. 5th of 6 at nearly 5-1 in an allowance on a sloppy track at Keeneland on 10/11 (Trusty Rusty eased). 3rd by 3/4 at 11-1 in a one-mile $20,000 claimer here on 9/13 after racing 11th early. Winless in 2026; last win a $40,000 claimer at Oaklawn on 12/26/25. Off 45 days. Chris Hartman trains; M. Murrill rides.

Concerns: No graded-stakes record (the report's "G1/G2 history" is unsupported). At 9-5 (35.7% implied), –12.7%.

Try to Make Cents (Post 3) — Model Win %: 20%

PTW Profile: A 4-year-old gelding, 4 for 19. 10th, beaten 8, at 25-1 in a 7-furlong allowance here on 11/14 after racing 8th early—his first start for Joe Sharp. 7th at Parx on 10/18; 2nd by 1/2 as the 17-10 favorite at Delaware on 9/5; won an allowance at Penn National by a head on 7/29. Drops into a $20,000 claimer. Luis Saez rides.

Concerns: Not a front-runner. The report's "nine-furlong maiden walk-off on 9/24/25" is not in his record. At 3-1 (25.0% implied), –5.0%.

Trusty Rusty (Post 6) — Model Win %: 17%

PTW Profile: A 6-year-old gelding, 6 for 50. **Eased** after racing 2nd early in an allowance on a sloppy track at Keeneland on 10/11 (not 2nd, as the report said). 6th by 10 1/4 as the 5-2 favorite at Saratoga on 8/26. 2nd by 2 here on 5/7 (Pappy's Revenge 3rd). Off 45 days. R.B. Hess Jr. trains; Jose Ortiz rides.

Concerns: Eased last out; the report's "walked off at Del Mar on 11/5" did not happen. At 4-1 (20.0% implied), –3.0%.





Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★)

Raising Kane (Post 7) — Model Win %: 15%

PTW Profile: A 4-year-old gelding, 4 for 25. Won a 1 1/16-mile $12,500 claimer here by 3/4 as the 2-1 favorite on 11/5 after racing 6th early; claimed that day by Nery Alvarez. 3rd by 3 1/2 after pressing at Keeneland on 10/2; 2nd by a head at 20-1 here on 9/10. Eduardo Morales rides.

Concerns: Moves up from $12,500. At 5-1 (16.7% implied), –1.7%.

Pappy's Revenge (Post 4) — Model Win %: 14%

PTW Profile: A 5-year-old horse, 4 for 28. Pressed in 2nd, then led to win a 1 1/8-mile $16,000 claimer by 3/4 at 36-1 at Keeneland on 10/18. 8th, beaten 32, as the 2-1 favorite at Indiana Grand on 9/8. Genaro Garcia trains.

Concerns: Moves up from $16,000. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –0.3%.

Quality Chic (15-1) — 4 for 42 (not lightly raced); winless since 2024. 5th of 6 in an allowance at Belterra on 9/16; off 70 days. –1.3%. **He B Ready** (20-1) — 4 for 32. 2nd by 1 3/4 in a $5,000 Indiana-bred claimer on 11/2; a big jump in class. –0.8%. **Forge in Fire** (30-1) — 3 for 25. 3rd by 3 3/4 in a $15,000 claimer at Mountaineer on 11/15. –1.2%.

Speed-figure, workout, 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
Creative Minister	VULNERABLE	ELITE	Low — rallied, 3rd by 3/4 on 9/13
Try to Make Cents	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — 2nd by 1/2 on 9/5
Trusty Rusty	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — eased on 10/11
Raising Kane	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — rallied, won by 3/4 11/5
Pappy's Revenge	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — led, won by 3/4 10/18
Quality Chic	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 5th of 6 on 9/16
He B Ready	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — 2nd by 1 3/4 on 11/2
Forge in Fire	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — 3rd by 3 3/4 on 11/15

Critical MPH Insight

Pappy's Revenge is the field's early speed (opening changed to ELITE); **Try to Make Cents** is not (changed from ELITE). **Creative Minister** has the best sustained profile from far back. "MODERATE"





ratings for Forge in Fire, Quality Chic and He B Ready replaced with valid ratings.

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Try to Make Cents — Drops from an allowance; second start for Joe Sharp.

Pappy's Revenge — Should get the lead in a moderate pace.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Trusty Rusty — Eased last out; off 45 days.

Raising Kane — Moves up from $12,500 off a claim.

He B Ready — Jumps from a $5,000 state-bred claimer.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: CREATIVE MINISTER — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 7-2 or better

Model projects 23% at 9-5 (35.7% implied): –12.7%. He is the model's top horse but the fade at his morning line—bet only at 7-2 or better.

VALUE PLAY: None. No overlays (the report's Raising Kane is –1.7%).

LONGSHOT PLAY: None. No overlay at 10-1 or higher (the report's Trusty Rusty is a 4-1 underlay).

SECOND PLAY: TRY TO MAKE CENTS — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 4-1 or better

Model projects 20% at 3-1 (25.0% implied): –5.0%. Second-highest model win %.

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

A: Creative Minister — 23% (top model horse; kept despite the fade)
B: Try to Make Cents — 20%
C: Trusty Rusty — 17%

Combined Projected Probability: 60%

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★ (2 of 5 stars)

A competitive $20,000 claimer with no overlays. **Creative Minister** tops the model but is overbet at 9-5. **Pappy's Revenge** should control a moderate pace.

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