Churchill Downs

Race 8 — 11/26/2026

Class: Maiden Special Weight

Distance: 1 1/16 Miles

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $92,000

Starters: 12 (+4 also-eligibles)

Post Time: 2:47 ET

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT. Purse $92,000 (include $18,000 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR MAIDENS, FILLIES TWO YEARS OLD. Weight, 119 lbs. (For Horses That Sold Or RNA For $65,000 Or Less In Their Most Recent Auction).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R8
Thursday, November 26, 2026 | 1 1/16 Miles Dirt | Fillies 2YO | Maiden Special Weight | Purse: $92,000

Field note: Also-eligibles (draw in only on scratches): Modifly (13), New to Me (14), **Finally No Drama (15)** and Waawaatesi (16). Finally No Drama is the 3-1 morning-line favorite but an AE, so **Clever One (4-1) is the main-field favorite**. **Entered elsewhere:** New to Me (11/29, race 12 here). **Blinkers ON:** Kihei Kiana, Mariamakesmelaugh and Waawaatesi (not Finally No Drama, who has worn them in both starts). **No first-time starters:** Holiday Pi and Diva Dani have each raced once. **Shared barn (not coupled):** Victoria Oliver trains Great Grenzen and Bravojuliet. **Jockey conflict:** Jose Ortiz is named on Clever One and on AE Modifly. **Same races:** Keeneland 10/22—Bravojuliet 2nd, Shiftyindependence 4th, Kihei Kiana 5th, Mariamakesmelaugh 8th, She's Good Trouble lost the rider; Churchill 10/25—Racheli 3rd, Diva Dani 5th, Chasing Aces 6th; Churchill 9/20—Kihei Kiana 4th, Clever One 6th, She's Good Trouble 7th. All twelve in the main field are maidens.

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Bravojuliet (Post 3, not Post 2) — Led early, then 2nd in a 1 1/16-mile maiden special weight at Keeneland on 10/22 (her only time on the lead; no gate-to-wire wins). **Great Grenzen** (Post 1) — 2nd early at Keeneland on 10/9 and at Kentucky Downs on 9/6.

Stalkers / Pressers

The Final Secret (Post 6) — 3rd, then 2nd early at Ellis Park on 8/9. **Racheli** (Post 12) — 4th early in her last two.

Closers

Clever One (Post 11) — 7th to 9th early in all three starts. **Shiftyindependence** (Post 9) — 5th to 9th early in four of five starts (not a presser). **Kihei Kiana** (Post 2), **Diva Dani** (Post 5) and **Chasing Aces** (Post 10) — well back early.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT** early pace—projected :22 4/5 opening quarter (garbled in the report; read as 4/5), :46 2/5 half-mile. At 1 1/16 miles a :46 2/5 half falls in the HOT band (the report called it MODERATE). **Bravojuliet** and **Great Grenzen** are the likely leaders; the setup suits **Clever One**.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Great Grenzen	6-1	6%	14.3%	-8.3%





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
2	Kihei Kiana	12-1	5%	7.7%	-2.7%
3	Bravojuliet	9-2	10%	18.2%	-8.2%
4	Holiday Pi	8-1	4%	11.1%	-7.1%
5	Diva Dani	10-1	6%	9.1%	-3.1%
6	The Final Secret	9-2	8%	18.2%	-10.2%
7	Mariamakesmelaugh	30-1	1%	3.2%	-2.2%
8	She's Good Trouble	15-1	3%	6.3%	-3.3%
9	Shiftyindependence	20-1	4%	4.8%	-0.8%
10	Chasing Aces	20-1	5%	4.8%	**+0.2%**
11	Clever One	4-1	15%	20.0%	-5.0%
12	Racheli	8-1	5%	11.1%	-6.1%
13 AE	Modifly	5-1	8%	16.7%	-8.7%
14 AE	New to Me	8-1	3%	11.1%	-8.1%
15 AE	Finally No Drama	3-1	16%	25.0%	-9.0%
16 AE	Waawaatesi	50-1	1%	2.0%	-1.0%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**183.6%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (the report's column was scaled; it showed 3-1 as 13.6%). On raw implied, **no horse is an overlay except Chasing Aces (+0.2%)**—the report's overlays on Finally No Drama, Clever One, Diva Dani, Kihei Kiana and Shiftyindependence disappear. **No fade:** Clever One, the main-field favorite, is –5.0%. **The Final Secret** (9-2) is overbet at –**10.2%**. AE Finally No Drama is –9.0%.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★)

Clever One (Post 11) — Model Win %: 15%

PTW Profile: A 2-year-old filly (not a mare), 0 for 3 with one 2nd and one 3rd (not three 3rds). 3rd by 2 1/2 in a 5 1/2-furlong maiden special weight here on 6/11; 6th by 10 3/4 as the favorite going a mile here on 9/20; **2nd by a head in a $50,000 maiden claimer** going a mile at Keeneland on 10/23 as the favorite. Mark Casse trains; Jose Ortiz rides.

Concerns: Moves back up from a maiden claimer. At 4-1 (20.0% implied), –5.0%.

Bravojuliet (Post 3) — Model Win %: 10%





PTW Profile: A 2-year-old Virginia-bred filly, 0 for 4 with two 2nds. 2nd by 1/2 in a maiden special weight at Colonial Downs on 6/26; 7th in the Keswick Stakes there on 8/2; 6th of 10 in a turf allowance at Kentucky Downs on 8/29 (not 2nd in a Keeneland allowance); led early, then 2nd in a 1 1/16-mile maiden special weight at Keeneland on 10/22 in her first start with blinkers. Victoria Oliver trains; Luis Saez rides.

Concerns: No wins. At 9-2 (18.2% implied), –8.2%.

The Final Secret (Post 6) — Model Win %: 8%

PTW Profile: A 2-year-old filly, 0 for 2. 2nd by 6 in a 7-furlong maiden special weight at Ellis Park on 8/9; 7th by 22 going 1 1/16 miles at Keeneland on 10/7 (not a career-best last out). Off 50 days. Ben Colebrook trains.

Concerns: Beaten 22 lengths at this distance. Overbet at 9-2 (18.2% implied), –**10.2%**.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★)

Great Grenzen (Post 1) — Model Win %: 6%

PTW Profile: A 2-year-old filly, 0 for 3 with one 3rd (no 2nd-place finish). 4th by 11 at Ellis Park on 7/25; 10th on turf at Kentucky Downs on 9/6; 3rd by 2 1/2 in a 6-furlong Kentucky-bred maiden special weight at Keeneland on 10/9.

Concerns: First try around two turns. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –8.3%.

Diva Dani (Post 5) — Model Win %: 6%

PTW Profile: A 2-year-old filly, 0 for 1 (**not a first-time starter**). 5th by 5 1/2 in a 6-furlong Kentucky-bred maiden special weight here on 10/25. Dale Romans trains.

Concerns: Stretches out from 6 furlongs. At 10-1 (9.1% implied), –3.1%.

Chasing Aces (Post 10) — Model Win %: 5%

PTW Profile: A 2-year-old filly, 0 for 1. 6th by 6 3/4 in her debut, a 6-furlong maiden special weight here on 10/25 (a debut, not a race off a layoff). Second start; first route. Ethan West trains.

Concerns: At 20-1 (4.8% implied), +0.2%—the only overlay in the main field.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors & Longshots (★)

Kihei Kiana (12-1) — 0 for 4, one 3rd; 5th by 13 1/4 at Keeneland on 10/22. **Blinkers ON.** –2.7%. **Racheli** (8-1) — 0 for 3 with one 3rd (not three): 3rd by 2 1/2 on 10/25; sprints only. –6.1%. **Shiftyindependence** (20-1) — 0 for 5; 4th by 8 1/4 at Keeneland on 10/22; has worn blinkers in every start. –0.8%. **Holiday Pi** (8-1) — 0 for 1 (not a first-time starter); 7th by 11 3/4 at 51-1 at Keeneland on 10/30. –7.1%. **She's Good Trouble** (15-1) — 0 for 2; 7th by 11 3/4 on 9/20; lost the rider on 10/22. –3.3%. **Mariamakesmelaugh** (30-1) — 0 for 2, beaten 23 and 30 lengths. **Blinkers ON.** –2.2%.

Also-Eligibles





Finally No Drama (AE, 3-1) — 0 for 2: 3rd by 2 1/4 at Indiana Grand on 10/5; 2nd by 3 1/2 at 6 1/2 furlongs here on 11/15. Blinkers in both starts (no change); sprints only. 16%, –9.0%. **Modifly** (AE, 5-1) — 0 for 1: **2nd by 7 3/4** (not a winner) in a $50,000 maiden claimer on a sloppy track here on 11/4. –8.7%. **New to Me** (AE, 8-1) — 0 for 1 on turf; also entered 11/29. –8.1%. **Waawaatesi** (AE, 50-1) — 0 for 2; blinkers ON. –1.0%.

Workout, pedigree, trainer-ROI, trainer-percentage 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
Clever One	VULNERABLE	ELITE	Low — 2nd by a head on 10/23
Bravojuliet	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — led, 2nd on 10/22
The Final Secret	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — 7th by 22 on 10/7
Great Grenzen	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — 3rd by 2 1/2 on 10/9
Diva Dani	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — 5th by 5 1/2 on 10/25
Chasing Aces	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — 6th by 6 3/4 on 10/25
Kihei Kiana	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 5th by 13 1/4 on 10/22
Racheli	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — 10th by 20 on 9/18
Shiftyindependence	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — 4th by 8 1/4 on 10/22
Holiday Pi	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 7th by 11 3/4 on 10/30
She's Good Trouble	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — lost rider 10/22
Mariamakesmelaugh	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 8th by 30 on 10/22
Finally No Drama (AE)	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — 2nd by 3 1/2 on 11/15
Modifly (AE)	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — 2nd by 7 3/4 on 11/4
New to Me (AE)	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 7th on turf 10/9
Waawaatesi (AE)	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 9th by 17 on 9/18

Critical MPH Insight

Clever One is the best sustained finisher, closing from 7th to 2nd on 10/23. **Bravojuliet** is the early speed. Diva Dani, She's Good Trouble and New to Me have all raced and are rated (not UNRATED). Finally No Drama's opening rating changes from ELITE to STRONG—she was 5th to 7th early in both starts.





Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Clever One — Came within a head going a mile last out; the HOT pace suits her.

Kihei Kiana — Blinkers ON.

Chasing Aces and **Diva Dani** — Second starts, first time around two turns.

Bounce / Regression Risks

The Final Secret — Beaten 22 at this distance last out; overbet at 9-2.

Racheli — Sprint-only form; stretches out.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: CLEVER ONE — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 6-1 or better

Model projects 15% at 4-1 (20.0% implied): –5.0%. Top model horse in the main field (Finally No Drama is an AE); fair odds about 5.7-1.

VALUE PLAY: NONE — No overlay under 10-1 on raw implied.

LONGSHOT PLAY: CHASING ACES — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 20-1 or better

Model projects 5% at 20-1 (4.8% implied): +0.2%, the only overlay at 10-1 or higher.

SECOND PLAY: BRAVOJULIET — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 9-1 or better

Model projects 10% at 9-2 (18.2% implied): –8.2%. Next unused main-field model horse.

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

A: Clever One — 15%
B: Bravojuliet — 10%
C: The Final Secret — 8%
(AEs excluded; if Finally No Drama draws in at 16%, she moves to A.)

Combined Projected Probability: 33%

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★ (1 of 5 stars)

Twelve maidens and four also-eligibles, no horse above 16%, and only one marginal overlay. **Clever One** is the model's top main-field horse and gets a HOT pace to close into, but she is short at 4-1. Watch the scratches for Finally No Drama.





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