Churchill Downs

Race 1 — 11/27/2026

Class: Claiming $40,000

Distance: 1 Mile

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $78,000

Starters: 7

Post Time: 1:00 ET

CLAIMING. Purse $78,000 (include $9,200 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race At A Mile Or Over Since October 27 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price $40,000 (Races Where Entered For $32,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R1
Friday, November 27, 2026 | 1 Mile Dirt | Fillies & Mares 3YO & Up | Claiming $40,000 | Purse: $78,000

Field note: First start off a claim: Up the Creek (claimed for $32,000 by Joe Sharp on 10/29; up to $40,000 today). **Layoff:** Low Moon off 85 days (last raced 9/3). **Second start off a layoff:** Our Liberty Belle (off ten months before her 10/23 return). **Apprentice:** Clay Basket (B. Martinez, 116 lbs). **Class drops:** Cozy Curlin Kitten (from an $80,000 optional claimer); Clay Basket (from an $80,000 optional claimer). **Shared barn (not coupled):** Joe Sharp trains Up the Creek and Our Liberty Belle. **Same races:** Keeneland 10/23—Sassy Princess 1st, Our Liberty Belle 2nd; Indiana Grand 7/7—Low Moon 1st, Clay Basket 4th. No first-time starters, no also-eligibles, no main-track-only entries.

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Up the Creek (Post 1) — Led early at Ellis Park on 8/7 (7 furlongs) and was caught late, 4th by 4 3/4. On 10/29 here she was 5th early, **not on the lead**, and finished 4th by 6 1/4. **Sassy Princess** (Post 3) — 2nd early, then drew off to win at Keeneland on 10/23 (7 furlongs); pressed and won at a mile here on 5/8.

Stalkers / Pressers

West Coast Dream (Post 4) — 3rd early, bid and won at 1 1/16 miles at Keeneland on 10/14. **Cozy Curlin Kitten** (Post 7) — 4th early, then won at a mile at Del Mar on 8/29; 5th early and 4th by 10 at Belmont on 10/25. **Clay Basket** (Post 6) — 3rd early, then took over in her last two Belterra route wins.

Closers

Our Liberty Belle (Post 5) — 5th early, rallied to 2nd by 3/4 at Keeneland on 10/23. **Low Moon** (Post 2) — 5th early in her 2026 routes; rallied to win at Indiana Grand on 7/7.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **MODERATE** early pace—projected :23 1/5 opening quarter, :46 2/5 half-mile. **Up the Creek** and **Sassy Princess** are the likely leaders; **West Coast Dream** and **Cozy Curlin Kitten** sit just behind them.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Up the Creek	5-1	10%	16.7%	-6.7%
2	Low Moon	10-1	7%	9.1%	-2.1%
3	Sassy Princess	6-1	14%	14.3%	-0.3%





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
4	West Coast Dream	3-1	24%	25.0%	-1.0%
5	Our Liberty Belle	4-1	19%	20.0%	-1.0%
6	Clay Basket	20-1	7%	4.8%	**+2.2%**
7	Cozy Curlin Kitten	9-5	19%	35.7%	-16.7%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**125.6%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion. **Fade: Cozy Curlin Kitten**, the 9-5 morning-line favorite, is –16.7% (19% model vs 35.7% implied). The report used 10.1% implied and showed her as a +8.9% overlay. The only overlay is Clay Basket, +2.2%.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★)

West Coast Dream (Post 4) — Model Win %: 24%

PTW Profile: A 4-year-old filly, **3 for 5** (not six route wins). Won a 1 1/16-mile $30,000 starter allowance at Keeneland on 10/14 by 1 1/2; 2nd by 3 as the 3-5 favorite at a mile here on 9/20; won a $30,000 claimer at a mile at Ellis Park on 8/17 (moved off the turf, muddy track); broke her maiden in a $30,000 maiden claimer at Keeneland on 4/11. **This is not her first claiming start.** Off 44 days. Michael McCarthy trains; Edgar Morales rides.

Concerns: First start against open $40,000 claimers. At 3-1 (25.0% implied), –1.0%.

Our Liberty Belle (Post 5) — Model Win %: 19%

PTW Profile: A 6-year-old mare, **8 for 32** (not 8 for 28). 2nd by 3/4 to Sassy Princess in a 7-furlong $20,000 starter allowance at Keeneland on 10/23—her first start in ten months and her first back with Joe Sharp (she **was not claimed**; Wayne Potts had her for her 12/21/25 start). Her last win was at 1 1/8 miles at Saratoga on 7/27/25. 1 mile on dirt: won a $40,000 claimer at Belmont at Aqueduct on 5/2/25. Luis Saez rides.

Concerns: Winless in her last ten. Her last five were 2nd, 4th, 5th, 4th, 5th (the report listed 4th, 2nd, 1st, 2nd, 1st). 0 for 1 here (not 1 for 4). At 4-1 (20.0% implied), –1.0%.

Sassy Princess (Post 3) — Model Win %: 14%

PTW Profile: A 5-year-old mare, 8 for 28, **5 wins in 2026**. 3rd by 5 3/4 as the 3-2 favorite in a 6-furlong $10,000 starter allowance at Penn National on 11/6—**21 days ago, not a layoff**. Won the 7-furlong Keeneland starter allowance on 10/23 after sitting 2nd early (not wire to wire). On 9/25 here she was **3rd** in a 6-furlong starter allowance (not a maiden win). **She has no graded-stakes starts**; her wins are in allowance and starter allowance races. David Jacobson trains; Tyler Gaffalione rides.

Strengths: **The mile is not new**—she is 3 for 5 at the distance, including a win here on 5/8 and at Aqueduct on 1/16/26. 2 for 4 here. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –0.3%.

Concerns: Her first race in a claimer this year.





Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★)

Cozy Curlin Kitten (Post 7) — Model Win %: 19% — **FADE**

PTW Profile: A 5-year-old mare, 6 for 22. 4th by 10 in an $80,000 optional claimer at Belmont on 10/25 (broke from post 1, not 5). Won a mile optional claimer at Del Mar on 8/29 by 1 1/2. Won a $40,000 claimer at a mile here on 6/19 and was claimed. Doug O'Neill trains; Jose Ortiz rides.

Corrections: The 2024 route wins the report listed (8/3, 7/6, 10/4) are not in her record. Most of her starts are on turf (3 for 13); she is 2 for 5 on fast dirt.

Concerns: At 9-5 (35.7% implied), –16.7%.

Up the Creek (Post 1) — Model Win %: 10%

PTW Profile: A 5-year-old **mare** (the report called her “him”), 3 for 19. 4th by 6 1/4 in a $32,000 claimer here on 10/29, when Joe Sharp claimed her—**first start for the new barn**, 29 days later (not 35). Her last win came in a $30,000 claimer at 6 furlongs at Ellis Park on 7/10 (the report's “11/3/24 CD $40,000 win” does not exist).

Concerns: All three wins are at 6 1/2 furlongs or shorter; 0 for 1 at the distance. Up in price from $32,000 to $40,000. At 5-1 (16.7% implied), –6.7%.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors & Longshots (★)

Clay Basket (20-1) — A 4-year-old filly, 3 for 17. **All three wins are at a mile or longer** (the report said she has none): a maiden special weight at Belterra on 5/15, then a $13,500 and a $14,000 allowance there on 9/11 and 10/2, both moved off the turf. 10th by 20 1/2 in an $80,000 optional claimer here on 11/4. Apprentice B. Martinez. +2.2%. **Low Moon** (10-1) — A 4-year-old filly, 3 for 14. Last win was a 1-mile allowance at Indiana Grand on 7/7; 4th by 4 3/4 there on 9/3; **off 85 days**. First start here. –2.1%.

Workout, speed-figure, trainer-percentage, 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
Our Liberty Belle	STRONG	ELITE	Low — rallied to 2nd by 3/4 on 10/23
West Coast Dream	STRONG	STRONG	Low — won by 1 1/2 on 10/14
Sassy Princess	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — 3rd by 5 3/4 on 11/6
Cozy Curlin Kitten	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — 4th by 10 on 10/25
Clay Basket	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — won by 4 3/4 on 10/2
Up the Creek	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — led, 4th by 4 3/4 on 8/7





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Low Moon	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — 4th by 4 3/4 on 9/3

Critical MPH Insight

Our Liberty Belle is the best sustained finisher in the field. **Up the Creek** is the quickest away (opening changed from STRONG to ELITE) but has been caught when she leads. Cozy Curlin Kitten's and West Coast Dream's opening speed changes from ELITE to STRONG—both sit 3rd to 5th early.

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Our Liberty Belle — Second start after ten months off.

West Coast Dream — 3 for 5 and won her last start.

Up the Creek — First start off the claim.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Cozy Curlin Kitten — Beaten 10 last out; heavily favored at 9-5.

Low Moon — Off 85 days.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: WEST COAST DREAM — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 7-2 or better

Model projects 24% at 3-1 (25.0% implied): –1.0%. Top model horse; fair odds are about 3.2-1.

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

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

Model projects 7% at 20-1 (4.8% implied): +2.2%, the only overlay in the race.

SECOND PLAY: OUR LIBERTY BELLE — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 9-2 or better

Model projects 19% at 4-1 (20.0% implied): –1.0%. Next unused model horse (Cozy Curlin Kitten, also 19%, is the fade).

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

A: West Coast Dream — 24%
B: Our Liberty Belle — 19%
C: Sassy Princess — 14% (replaces the fade, Cozy Curlin Kitten)

Combined Projected Probability: 57%





Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★ (2 of 5 stars)

A MODERATE pace with **West Coast Dream** on top at 24%. The 9-5 favorite **Cozy Curlin Kitten** is the fade at –16.7%. **Clay Basket** is the only overlay.

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Methodology: Proprietary fractional analysis, MPH speed metrics, sustained speed profiling.





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