Churchill Downs

Race 3 — 11/27/2026

Class: Starter Allowance $50,000

Distance: 6 Furlongs

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $83,000

Starters: 6

Post Time: 1:56 ET

STARTER ALLOWANCE. Purse $83,000 (include $9,700 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF $50,000 OR LESS OR WHICH HAVE BROKEN THEIR MAIDEN IN A MAIDEN AUCTION RACE OF $75,000 OR LESS AND WHICH HAVE NEVER WON A RACE OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING OR WAIVER CLAIMING. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 122 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since October 27 Allowed 2 lbs. (Races Where Entered For $40,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances) Starter Races For $40,000 Or Less Not Considered In Eligibility.

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R3
Friday, November 27, 2026 | 6 Furlongs Dirt | 3YO & Up | Starter Allowance $50,000 | Purse: $83,000

Field note: First start off a claim (new trainers): Spirit of Royal (claimed for $50,000 on 11/8, now Aaron Shorter); White Whale (claimed for $20,000 on 10/29, now Randy Morse); Valiant Humor (claimed for $30,000 on 11/7, now Sarah Shaffer). **Apprentice:** Spirit of Royal (B. Martinez, 113 lbs). **Turnback:** Spirit of Royal from a mile. **Same races:** Churchill 11/5—Hillbilly Daydream 2nd, Skynet 4th; Churchill 9/27—White Whale 1st, Valiant Humor 2nd; Churchill 9/11—Hillbilly Daydream 1st, Valiant Humor 6th, White Whale 7th; Churchill 9/12—Send Cash 3rd, Spirit of Royal 8th; Churchill 6/10—Send Cash 1st, Skynet 7th. No also-eligibles.

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Hillbilly Daydream (Post 5) — Led to deep stretch at 7 furlongs here on 11/5 and lost by 1/2; wire-to-wire winner of his two wins. **Send Cash** (Post 3) — Led or pressed early in his last four; led and was caught here on 9/12 (3rd by 4 3/4).

Stalkers / Pressers

Skynet (Post 4) — Pressed 2nd early and won here on 9/20 (the report called him a closer). **Valiant Humor** (Post 6) — 4th early, then drew off to win here on 11/7.

Closers

White Whale (Post 2) — 4th early, then rallied to win by 2 here on 10/29 (not wire to wire). **Spirit of Royal** (Post 1) — 6th to 11th early in his last four.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **MODERATE** early pace—projected :22 1/5 opening quarter, :44 4/5 half-mile (the report's half-mile fifth was garbled; 4/5 is used). At 6 furlongs a :44 4/5 half falls in the MODERATE band (the report called it HOT). **Hillbilly Daydream** and **Send Cash** are the likely leaders, with **Skynet** pressing.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Spirit of Royal	20-1	3%	4.8%	-1.8%
2	White Whale	6-1	18%	14.3%	**+3.7%**
3	Send Cash	3-1	29%	25.0%	**+4.0%**
4	Skynet	12-1	8%	7.7%	**+0.3%**





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
5	Hillbilly Daydream	4-5	34%	55.6%	-21.6%
6	Valiant Humor	4-1	8%	20.0%	-12.0%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**127.4%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (the report used 44.4% for 4-5 and 4.0% for 4-1). **Fade: Hillbilly Daydream**, the 4-5 morning-line favorite, is –21.6% (not –10.4%). He is also the model's top horse, so he stays the Win Bet with a fair-odds floor. **Valiant Humor** is also at –12.0% (the report showed +4.0%). Overlays: Send Cash +4.0%, White Whale +3.7%, Skynet +0.3%.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★)

Hillbilly Daydream (Post 5) — Model Win %: 34% — **FADE**

PTW Profile: A 3-year-old gelding, 2 for 4. **Last out** he led to deep stretch and was 2nd by 1/2 as the 5-2 favorite in a 7-furlong $50,000 starter allowance here on 11/5 (the report treated 9/11 as his last start). Won a $50,000 claimer here by 7 on a muddy track on 9/11, wire to wire. Broke his maiden in a $45,000 maiden claimer at Oaklawn on 4/17 (not this class). 2 for 3 at 6 furlongs. Thomas Vance trains.

Concerns: At 4-5 (55.6% implied), –21.6%.

Send Cash (Post 3) — Model Win %: 29%

PTW Profile: A 5-year-old gelding, 3 for 16. Won a 6-furlong $30,000 starter allowance here on 6/10 by 2 3/4. On 7/25 at Ellis Park he was **2nd by 3 1/4** as the 1.14-1 favorite (not a win). Led and was 3rd by 4 3/4 in an N1X allowance here on 9/12; 6th by 13 1/2 in an N1X allowance at Keeneland on 10/30. Won a $25,000 claimer at Gulfstream on 5/15. David Fawkes trains.

Concerns: Caught after leading in his last two dirt starts. At 3-1 (25.0% implied), +4.0%.

White Whale (Post 2) — Model Win %: 18%

PTW Profile: A 4-year-old gelding, 3 for 20. Won a $20,000 claimer here on 10/29 by 2 after racing 4th early and was **claimed by Randy Morse**—first start for the new barn. Won a 7-furlong $30,000 claimer here on 9/27 over Valiant Humor. 7th by 8 behind Hillbilly Daydream on 9/11.

Concerns: Up from a $20,000 claimer. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), +3.7%.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★)

Valiant Humor (Post 6) — Model Win %: 8%

PTW Profile: A 4-year-old colt, 2 for 15. Won a $30,000 claimer here on 11/7 by 3 3/4 and was **claimed by Sarah Shaffer**—first start for the new barn (he was claimed by Joe Sharp on 9/27 too). 2nd to White Whale on 9/27.

Concerns: At 4-1 (20.0% implied), –12.0%.





Skynet (Post 4) — Model Win %: 8%

PTW Profile: A 4-year-old gelding, 3 for 16. 4th by 11 1/2 at 7 furlongs here on 11/5 behind Hillbilly Daydream. Won a 6-furlong $30,000 claimer here on 9/20 by 1/2 after pressing 2nd early. Roddina Barrett trains.

Concerns: At 12-1 (7.7% implied), +0.3%.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors & Longshots (★)

Spirit of Royal (20-1) — A 3-year-old colt, 1 for 12. 5th by 10 1/2 at a mile here on 11/8, when Aaron Shorter claimed him for $50,000; 7th in the Louisiana Derby (G2) and 9th in the Southwest (G3) this spring. Cuts back to 6 furlongs. –1.8%.

Workout, speed-figure, 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
Hillbilly Daydream	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — led, 2nd by 1/2 on 11/5
Send Cash	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — led, 3rd by 4 3/4 on 9/12
White Whale	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — rallied, won by 2 on 10/29
Skynet	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — 4th by 11 1/2 on 11/5
Valiant Humor	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — won by 3 3/4 on 11/7
Spirit of Royal	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 5th by 10 1/2 on 11/8

Critical MPH Insight

Hillbilly Daydream is the speed of the race and has held well after leading. **Send Cash** has been caught after leading in his last two dirt starts (sustained changed from STRONG to VULNERABLE). Skynet's sustained changes from ELITE to STRONG; Spirit of Royal's opening changes from STRONG to VULNERABLE.

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Hillbilly Daydream — Lightly raced 3-year-old; back to 6 furlongs, where he is 2 for 3.

White Whale and **Valiant Humor** — First starts off claims.

Bounce / Regression Risks





Send Cash — Caught after leading in his last two dirt starts.

Spirit of Royal — Beaten 10 1/2 last out; 1 for 12.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: HILLBILLY DAYDREAM — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 2-1 or better

Model projects 34% at 4-5 (55.6% implied): –21.6%. Top model horse, but the fade at 4-5; bet him only at about fair odds (1.9-1) or better.

VALUE PLAY: SEND CASH — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 5-2 or better

Model projects 29% at 3-1 (25.0% implied): +4.0%, the biggest overlay under 10-1.

LONGSHOT PLAY: SKYNET — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 12-1 or better

Model projects 8% at 12-1 (7.7% implied): +0.3%.

SECOND PLAY: WHITE WHALE — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 5-1 or better

Model projects 18% at 6-1 (14.3% implied): +3.7%. Next unused model horse.

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

A: Hillbilly Daydream — 34%
B: Send Cash — 29%
C: White Whale — 18%

Combined Projected Probability: 81%

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★ (2 of 5 stars)

A MODERATE pace with **Hillbilly Daydream** controlling it. He is the model's top horse but an underlay at 4-5. **Send Cash** is the value at 3-1.

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





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