Churchill Downs

Race 5 — 11/27/2026

Class: Maiden Special Weight

Distance: 5 1/2 Furlongs

Surface: Turf (rail at 24 feet)

Purse: $120,000

Starters: 10

Post Time: 2:55 ET

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT. Purse $120,000 (include $47,200 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR MAIDENS, TWO YEARS OLD. Weight, 119 lbs. (Preference To Horses That Have Not Started For Less Than $50,000). (If deemed inadvisable by management to run this race over the turf course, it will be run on the main track at Five and a Half Furlongs.) (Rail at 24 feet).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R5
Friday, November 27, 2026 | 5 1/2 Furlongs Turf | 2-Year-Olds | Maiden Special Weight | Purse: $120,000

Field note: First-time starters: Caesar, Primus Pilus, Taino Sun. **First start on turf:** Mo Octane. **Blinkers ON:** Kendom. **Apprentice:** Take Charge Beach (B. Martinez). **Same races:** Churchill 11/1 (race 3, turf)—Take Charge Beach 2nd, Fire Marshal 4th, Kalapaki Point 6th, Kendom 7th, Captivate 8th; Indiana Grand 9/29 (turf)—Captivate 2nd, Kendom 3rd. No also-eligibles.

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Take Charge Beach (Post 2) — Led into the stretch in turf routes at Kentucky Downs on 9/7 and Indiana Grand on 7/14 and was caught both times (2nd by 3/4 and by 1/2). **Captivate** (Post 1) — Led early here on 11/1, then faded to 8th. **Fire Marshal** (Post 10) — Led into the stretch at Saratoga on 8/21 and at Belmont on 10/16.

Stalkers / Pressers

McKeonville (Post 4) — 2nd early, 5th by 1 1/4 in his only start here on 11/1.

Closers

Kendom (Post 8) and **Kalapaki Point** (Post 7) — Back in the pack on 11/1. First-time starters **Caesar** (Post 6), **Primus Pilus** (Post 9) and **Taino Sun** (Post 3) have no race data.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **MODERATE** early pace—projected :21 4/5 opening quarter, :44 4/5 half-mile (the report's fifths were garbled; 4/5 is used). **Take Charge Beach**, **Captivate** and **Fire Marshal** have all shown early speed.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Captivate	10-1	6%	9.1%	-3.1%
2	Take Charge Beach	4-1	18%	20.0%	-2.0%
3	Taino Sun	20-1	2%	4.8%	-2.8%
4	McKeonville	6-1	12%	14.3%	-2.3%
5	Mo Octane	20-1	1%	4.8%	-3.8%
6	Caesar	3-2	23%	40.0%	-17.0%





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
7	Kalapaki Point	20-1	2%	4.8%	-2.8%
8	Kendom	30-1	1%	3.2%	-2.2%
9	Primus Pilus	5-1	21%	16.7%	**+4.3%**
10	Fire Marshal	8-1	14%	11.1%	**+2.9%**
	TOTAL		**100%**	**128.8%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (the report's table column was scaled). **Fade: Caesar**, the 3-2 morning-line favorite, is –17.0% (not –8.1%). He is also the model's top horse, so he stays the Win Bet with a fair-odds floor. Overlays: Primus Pilus +4.3% and Fire Marshal +2.9% (not +8.0% and +5.4%). Take Charge Beach is –2.0% and McKeonville –2.3% (not +2.5% and +0.9%).

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★)

Caesar (Post 6) — Model Win %: 23% — **FADE**

PTW Profile: A 2-year-old colt and **first-time starter** for Brad Cox; Manny Franco rides. No race data, so no running style to project (the report called him an elite early-speed threat).

Concerns: At 3-2 (40.0% implied), –17.0%.

Primus Pilus (Post 9) — Model Win %: 21%

PTW Profile: A 2-year-old colt and **first-time starter** for Eddie Kenneally; Jose Ortiz rides.

Concerns: At 5-1 (16.7% implied), +4.3%.

Take Charge Beach (Post 2) — Model Win %: 18%

PTW Profile: A 2-year-old colt, 0 for 6 with **three 2nds**, all on turf. 2nd by 1 1/2 in a 5-furlong turf maiden here on 11/1; led and was 2nd by 3/4 at Kentucky Downs on 9/7 and by 1/2 at Indiana Grand on 7/14. Genaro Garcia trains; apprentice B. Martinez rides.

Concerns: Caught late in three of his turf starts. At 4-1 (20.0% implied), –2.0%.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★)

Fire Marshal (Post 10) — Model Win %: 14%

PTW Profile: A New York-bred colt, 0 for 4. 4th by 3 1/2 here on 11/1 after racing 9th early. **That was not his turf debut**: he led and was 2nd by 1/2 in a New York-bred turf maiden at Saratoga on 8/21 and was 5th on the turf at Belmont at Aqueduct on 6/18. 5th in a $75,000 maiden claimer on dirt at Belmont on 10/16 after leading. Michael Maker trains.

Concerns: At 8-1 (11.1% implied), +2.9%.

McKeonville (Post 4) — Model Win %: 12%





PTW Profile: A 2-year-old colt, 0 for 1. 5th by 1 1/4 in a 5-furlong turf maiden here on 11/1 after pressing 2nd. Kelsey Danner trains; Luis Saez rides.

Concerns: At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –2.3%.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors & Longshots (★)

Captivate (10-1) — 0 for 2; 2nd by 2 on the Indiana Grand turf on 9/29, then led and faded to 8th by 8 here on 11/1. –3.1%. **Kendom** (30-1) — 0 for 2; 3rd by 7 1/2 at Indiana Grand on 9/29, 7th of 9 on 11/1. Blinkers ON. –2.2%. **Kalapaki Point** (20-1) — 0 for 1; 6th of 9 on 11/1. –2.8%. **Mo Octane** (20-1) — 0 for 2 in Kentucky-bred dirt maidens; first turf start. –3.8%. **Taino Sun** (20-1) — First-time starter. –2.8%.

Workout, pedigree, 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
Take Charge Beach	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — led, 2nd by 3/4 on 9/7
Fire Marshal	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — 4th by 3 1/2 on 11/1
McKeonville	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — 5th by 1 1/4 on 11/1
Captivate	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — led, 8th by 8 on 11/1
Mo Octane	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 5th by 7 3/4 on 11/11
Kalapaki Point	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 6th of 9 on 11/1
Kendom	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 7th of 9 on 11/1
Caesar	UNRATED	UNRATED	— First-time starter
Primus Pilus	UNRATED	UNRATED	— First-time starter
Taino Sun	UNRATED	UNRATED	— First-time starter

Critical MPH Insight

Take Charge Beach has the most early speed but has been caught late three times (sustained changed from ELITE to STRONG). **Caesar** and **Primus Pilus** are first-time starters and are UNRATED (the report gave them ratings).

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

McKeonville — Second start; beaten 1 1/4 in his debut.





Kendom — Blinkers ON.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Captivate — Led and faded to 8th last out.

Caesar — First-time starter at 3-2.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

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

Model projects 23% at 3-2 (40.0% implied): –17.0%. Top model horse, but the fade at 3-2; bet him only at about fair odds (3.3-1) or better.

VALUE PLAY: PRIMUS PILUS — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 4-1 or better

Model projects 21% at 5-1 (16.7% implied): +4.3%, the biggest overlay under 10-1.

LONGSHOT PLAY: NONE — No overlay at 10-1 or higher.

SECOND PLAY: TAKE CHARGE BEACH — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 5-1 or better

Model projects 18% at 4-1 (20.0% implied): –2.0%. Next unused model horse.

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

A: Caesar — 23%
B: Primus Pilus — 21%
C: Take Charge Beach — 18%

Combined Projected Probability: 62%

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★ (1 of 5 stars)

Two first-time starters top the model. **Caesar** is the top horse but an underlay at 3-2; **Primus Pilus** is the value at 5-1. **Take Charge Beach** has the best form but keeps getting caught.

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