Churchill Downs

Race 10 — 11/28/2026

Class: Golden Rod Stakes (G2)

Distance: 1 1/16 Miles

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $400,000

Starters: 8

Post Time: 5:25 ET

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R10
Saturday, November 28, 2026 | 1 1/16 Miles Dirt | 2-Year-Old Fillies | Golden Rod Stakes (G2) | Purse: $400,000

Field note: Same race: Rags to Riches at Churchill on 10/25—Wharfie 1st, Juana Margarita 2nd by 3/4. **Same barn:** Kenny McPeek (Juana Margarita, Tiger Baby). **Quick return:** Tiger Baby, 8 days after her maiden win. **Maiden in a graded stakes:** Spectacular Sam (0 for 4). **Class rises:** Tulsi (Ohio-bred allowance winner at Mahoning Valley); Breezy, Stand by Me and Tiger Baby (maiden winners). **Turf to dirt:** Dazzling. **First route:** Stand by Me. No also-eligibles.

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

No proven front-runner. **Tulsi** (Post 5) — 3rd early and in front by the stretch in her wins. **Dazzling** (Post 2) — 3rd to 4th early on turf.

Stalkers / Pressers

Stand by Me (Post 6) — 4th early, won at 6 furlongs on 10/25. **Spectacular Sam** (Post 1) — 5th to 3rd early, 2nd on 10/7 at Keeneland (not Churchill).

Closers

Wharfie (Post 8) and **Juana Margarita** (Post 3) — 6th to 7th and 5th to 6th early in the Rags to Riches (the report said Juana Margarita led and won). **Tiger Baby** (Post 7) — 9th early, then led to win on 11/20. **Breezy** (Post 4) — 7th early, won her only start (she has no earlier 6-furlong races).

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **SOFT** early pace—projected :23 2/5 opening quarter, :47 4/5 half-mile (the report's half-mile fifth was garbled). At 1 1/16 miles on dirt, a :47 4/5 half is SOFT. Most of the field comes from off the pace.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Spectacular Sam	10-1	7%	9.1%	-2.1%
2	Dazzling	12-1	8%	7.7%	**+0.3%**
3	Juana Margarita	8-1	14%	11.1%	**+2.9%**
4	Breezy	9-2	18%	18.2%	-0.2%
5	Tulsi	30-1	5%	3.2%	**+1.8%**





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
6	Stand by Me	7-2	15%	22.2%	-7.2%
7	Tiger Baby	4-1	21%	20.0%	**+1.0%**
8	Wharfie	9-5	12%	35.7%	-23.7%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**127.2%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (the report had 9-5 at 10.5% instead of 35.7%). **Fade: Wharfie**, the 9-5 morning-line favorite, is –23.7% (the report had her at +1.5%). Overlays: **Juana Margarita** +2.9%, **Tulsi** +1.8%, **Tiger Baby** +1.0%, Dazzling +0.3%. Breezy is –0.2%.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★)

Tiger Baby (Post 7) — Model Win %: 21%

PTW Profile: A 2-year-old filly, 1 for 1. Won a mile maiden at Churchill by 5 on 11/20, rallying from 9th to lead at the stretch. Kenny McPeek trains.

Concerns: Back in 8 days; first stakes; has not run 1 1/16 miles (the report called her proven at the exact distance). At 4-1 (20.0% implied), +1.0%.

Breezy (Post 4) — Model Win %: 18%

PTW Profile: A 2-year-old filly, 1 for 1. Won a 1 1/16-mile maiden at Keeneland by 2 1/4 on 10/17, rallying from 7th, in a race taken off the turf. William Walden trains.

Concerns: One start. At 9-2 (18.2% implied), –0.2%.

Stand by Me (Post 6) — Model Win %: 15%

PTW Profile: A 2-year-old filly, 1 for 2. Won a 6-furlong maiden at Churchill by 2 on 10/25; 2nd by 3 1/4 at 6 1/2 furlongs on 9/20. Eric Foster trains.

Concerns: First route. At 7-2 (22.2% implied), –7.2%.

Juana Margarita (Post 3) — Model Win %: 14%

PTW Profile: A 2-year-old filly, 1 for 4. 2nd by 3/4 to Wharfie in the Rags to Riches on 10/25 (the report said she won); won a $30,000 maiden claimer at Keeneland by 5 1/4 on 10/8. Kenny McPeek trains.

Concerns: Her win came in a maiden claimer. At 8-1 (11.1% implied), +2.9%.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★)

Wharfie (Post 8) — Model Win %: 12% — **FADE**

PTW Profile: A 2-year-old filly, 2 for 3 ($180,740). Won the Rags to Riches (a listed stakes, not graded) by 3/4 on 10/25, rallying from 7th; won a mile maiden at Belmont by 2 3/4 on 9/19. Bill Mott trains.





Concerns: Short price off a 3/4-length win. At 9-5 (35.7% implied), –23.7%.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors & Longshots (★)

Dazzling (12-1) — 1 for 5; 2nd by 1 in a turf allowance at Keeneland on 10/9 (the report said she won); first dirt start since June. +0.3%. **Spectacular Sam** (10-1) — A maiden, 0 for 4 with three 2nds; 2nd by 2 1/4 at Keeneland on 10/7. –2.1%. **Tulsi** (30-1) — 2 for 5, all in Ohio-bred company; won a Mahoning Valley allowance by 4 3/4 on 11/11. +1.8%.

Workout and trainer-percentage claims removed throughout.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Tiger Baby	VULNERABLE	ELITE	Low — rallied to win by 5 on 11/20
Breezy	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — rallied to win by 2 1/4 10/17
Stand by Me	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — won by 2 on 10/25
Juana Margarita	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — 2nd by 3/4 on 10/25
Wharfie	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — rallied, won by 3/4 10/25
Dazzling	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — 2nd by 1 on turf 10/9
Spectacular Sam	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — 2nd by 2 1/4 on 10/7
Tulsi	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — won by 4 3/4 on 11/11

Critical MPH Insight

Tiger Baby is the field's best sustained finisher. The report rated **Wharfie** ELITE/ELITE and **Juana Margarita** ELITE early, but both raced 5th to 7th early in the Rags to Riches (opening changed to VULNERABLE; Wharfie's sustained to STRONG).

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Tiger Baby — Second start off a 5-length debut-route win.

Breezy — Second start off a debut win at the distance.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Wharfie — 9-5 favorite off a narrow listed-stakes win.

Tulsi — Massive class rise from Ohio-bred company.





Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: TIGER BABY — Confidence 3/10 — Target odds: 4-1 or better

Model projects 21% at 4-1 (20.0% implied): +1.0%. Top model horse; fair odds are about 3.8-1.

VALUE PLAY: JUANA MARGARITA — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 13-2 or better

Model projects 14% at 8-1 (11.1% implied): +2.9%, the biggest overlay under 10-1.

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

Model projects 5% at 30-1 (3.2% implied): +1.8%, the biggest overlay at 10-1 or higher.

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

Model projects 18% at 9-2 (18.2% implied): –0.2%. Next unused model horse. (Left off the quad, which shows three bets.)

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

A: Tiger Baby — 21%
B: Breezy — 18%
C: Stand by Me — 15%

Combined Projected Probability: 54%

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★ (2 of 5 stars)

A deep Golden Rod with no proven speed. **Tiger Baby** is the play. The 9-5 favorite **Wharfie** is the fade at –23.7%.

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