Churchill Downs

Race 1 — 11/28/2026

Class: Maiden Special Weight

Distance: 1 1/16 Miles

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $120,000

Starters: 9

Post Time: 1:00 ET

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT. Purse $120,000 (includes $47,200 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR MAIDENS, FILLIES TWO YEARS OLD. Weight, 119 lbs. (Preference To Horses That Have Not Started For Less Than $50,000).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R1
Saturday, November 28, 2026 | 1 1/16 Miles Dirt | 2-Year-Old Fillies | Maiden Special Weight | Purse: $120,000

Field note: The report's header left off the day; this is Saturday's card. **Same races:** Keeneland maiden special weight on 10/14—Violent Gal 4th, Fortune Cookie 5th; Churchill maiden special weight on 9/11—New York to Paris 5th, Secret Light 8th. **Surface switches:** Mel Went Home (her three best races were on turf) and Delightful Beauty (first dirt start). **Class rise:** Delightful Beauty, from a $40,000 maiden claimer. **Blinkers on:** Secret Light. **First route:** Maximum Capital, New York to Paris, Fortune Cookie, Neuromap. No also-eligibles.

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Mel Went Home (Post 2) — Pressed in 2nd early and led in the stretch in her two Saratoga turf routes. **Fortune Cookie** (Post 5) — 4th early in her debut before fading.

Stalkers / Pressers

Violent Gal (Post 6) — 4th to 7th early. **New York to Paris** (Post 4) and **Secret Light** (Post 8) — Mid-pack early.

Closers

Delightful Beauty (Post 9), **Barbey Pourtales** (Post 1), **Neuromap** (Post 7) and **Maximum Capital** (Post 3) — Raced well back in their only starts.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT** early pace—projected :23 1/5 opening quarter, :46 2/5 half-mile. At 1 1/16 miles on dirt, a :46 2/5 half is HOT (the report said MODERATE). **Mel Went Home** is the most proven pace factor.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Barbey Pourtales	30-1	2%	3.2%	-1.2%
2	Mel Went Home	3-1	26%	25.0%	**+1.0%**
3	Maximum Capital	15-1	6%	6.3%	-0.3%
4	New York to Paris	6-1	10%	14.3%	-4.3%
5	Fortune Cookie	8-5	20%	38.5%	-18.5%
6	Violent Gal	4-1	14%	20.0%	-6.0%





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
7	Neuromap	12-1	7%	7.7%	-0.7%
8	Secret Light	15-1	7%	6.3%	**+0.7%**
9	Delightful Beauty	30-1	8%	3.2%	**+4.8%**
	TOTAL		**100%**	**124.5%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (the report's table column was scaled). **Fade: Fortune Cookie**, the 8-5 morning-line favorite, is –18.5% (not –10.9%). Overlays: **Delightful Beauty** +4.8% (not +5.4%), **Mel Went Home** +1.0% (not +5.9%), Secret Light +0.7%. Maximum Capital (–0.3%) and Neuromap (–0.7%) are not overlays.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★)

Mel Went Home (Post 2) — Model Win %: 26%

PTW Profile: A 2-year-old filly, 0 for 5 with two 2nds and two 3rds ($109,150 earned). 3rd by 2 1/4 in the Jessamine (G2) on the Keeneland turf on 10/2; 2nd by 1 1/4 in the P. G. Johnson on the Saratoga turf on 9/4; 2nd by a nose in a turf maiden on 8/14. Her two dirt starts were a 5th and a 3rd, both sprints. Robert Medina trains.

Concerns: First dirt route; off 56 days. At 3-1 (25.0% implied), +1.0%.

Fortune Cookie (Post 5) — Model Win %: 20% — **FADE**

PTW Profile: A 2-year-old filly, 0 for 1. 5th by 10 in a 6 1/2-furlong maiden special weight at Keeneland on 10/14, one spot behind Violent Gal. Brad Cox trains.

Concerns: First route; beaten 10 lengths in her debut. At 8-5 (38.5% implied), –18.5%.

Violent Gal (Post 6) — Model Win %: 14%

PTW Profile: A 2-year-old filly, 0 for 3. 4th by 6 1/4 at Keeneland on 10/14; 8th by 18 3/4 at a mile at Ellis Park on 8/23; 3rd by 3 1/4 at Churchill on 6/10. Ian Wilkes trains.

Concerns: Beaten badly in her only route. At 4-1 (20.0% implied), –6.0%.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★)

New York to Paris (Post 4) — Model Win %: 10%

PTW Profile: A 2-year-old filly, 0 for 1. 5th of 11 in a sloppy 6-furlong maiden special weight at Churchill on 9/11. George Arnold II trains.

Concerns: Off 78 days; first route. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –4.3%.

Delightful Beauty (Post 9) — Model Win %: 8%





PTW Profile: A 2-year-old filly, 0 for 1. 6th by 10 1/2 in a $40,000 turf maiden claimer at Indiana Grand on 11/10, after trailing early. Erick Torres trains.

Concerns: Class rise and first dirt start. At 30-1 (3.2% implied), +4.8%.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors & Longshots (★)

Neuromap (12-1) — 7th by 13 1/2 in a 6-furlong maiden at Keeneland on 10/3. –0.7%. **Secret Light** (15-1) — 0 for 2; 4th of 8 at a mile at Churchill on 10/25. Blinkers on. +0.7%. **Maximum Capital** (15-1) — 6th by 8 3/4 at 7 furlongs at Keeneland on 10/30. –0.3%. **Barbey Pourtales** (30-1) — 10th by 28 3/4 at 1 1/16 miles at Churchill on 11/5. –1.2%.

Workout, pedigree, 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
Mel Went Home	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — 3rd by 2 1/4 in G2 10/2
Fortune Cookie	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — 5th by 10 on 10/14
Violent Gal	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — 4th by 6 1/4 on 10/14
New York to Paris	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — 5th of 11 on 9/11
Delightful Beauty	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 6th by 10 1/2 on 11/10
Secret Light	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — 4th of 8 on 10/25
Neuromap	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 7th by 13 1/2 on 10/3
Maximum Capital	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 6th by 8 3/4 on 10/30
Barbey Pourtales	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 10th by 28 3/4 on 11/5

Critical MPH Insight

Mel Went Home is the only proven route runner, but on turf (changed from ELITE/ELITE to STRONG/STRONG for the dirt). **Fortune Cookie** faded to lose by 10 in her debut (sustained changed to VULNERABLE). Delightful Beauty has a start, so UNRATED was invalid.

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Mel Went Home — Big class drop from graded stakes.

Secret Light — Blinkers on; second route.





Bounce / Regression Risks

Fortune Cookie — Heavy favorite off a 10-length debut loss, stretching out.

Violent Gal — Beaten 18 3/4 lengths in her only route.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: MEL WENT HOME — Confidence 3/10 — Target odds: 3-1 or better

Model projects 26% at 3-1 (25.0% implied): +1.0%. Top model horse; fair odds are about 2.8-1.

VALUE PLAY: NONE — No overlay under 10-1 other than the Win horse.

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

Model projects 8% at 30-1 (3.2% implied): +4.8%, the biggest overlay in the race.

SECOND PLAY: VIOLENT GAL — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 13-2 or better

Model projects 14% at 4-1 (20.0% implied): –6.0%. Next unused model horse (Fortune Cookie is the fade).

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

A: Mel Went Home — 26%
B: Violent Gal — 14%
C: New York to Paris — 10%

Combined Projected Probability: 50%

Fortune Cookie (the fade) replaces with New York to Paris.

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★ (2 of 5 stars)

A 2-year-old filly route maiden. **Mel Went Home** is the model's top horse, dropping from graded stakes. The 8-5 favorite **Fortune Cookie**, 5th by 10 in her debut, is the fade at –18.5%.

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