Churchill Downs

Race 8 — 11/28/2026

Class: Maiden Special Weight

Distance: 1 1/16 Miles

Surface: Turf

Purse: $120,000

Starters: 12 (plus 4 also-eligibles)

Post Time: 4:25 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). (If deemed inadvisable by management to run this race over the turf course, it will be run on the main track at One and One Sixteenth mile.)

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R8
Saturday, November 28, 2026 | 1 1/16 Miles Turf | 2-Year-Old Fillies | Maiden Special Weight | Purse: $120,000

Field note: The report's header left off the day. **Also-eligibles: Jordan's Wish (13)**, **Ms Candice (14)**, **Just Dance (15)** and **Novo Mesto (16)** run only on scratches from the main field of 12. They are left out of the fade, the bets and the multi-race top 3 (the report made Just Dance the Win Bet). **Same race:** Keeneland maiden on 10/17, taken off the turf to the main track—Rosabella Gold 2nd, Gray Eminence 3rd, Speedbird 9th, Nuccia 10th (the report called it a turf race). **First-time starters:** Luangwa Valley, Just Fab, and also-eligible Jordan's Wish. **First turf start:** Gray Eminence, Majestic Marie, Blame to Fame, She's All Kristi. **Class rise:** Blame to Fame, from $150,000 maiden claimers. **Same barns:** Ian Wilkes (Rosabella Gold, Just Fab); Victoria Oliver (Love Line, Nuccia); Eddie Kenneally (Just Dance, Novo Mesto). Luis Saez is named on Nuccia and Novo Mesto. **Layoff:** Majestic Marie, 69 days. If taken off the turf, this race goes 1 1/16 miles on the main track.

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Gray Eminence (Post 9) — Led to the stretch call before finishing 3rd by 3 3/4 on 10/17. **Rosabella Gold** (Post 1) — 2nd early throughout in the same race.

Stalkers / Pressers

Blame to Fame (Post 8) — 2nd at the start in both maiden claimers. **Nuccia** (Post 11) — 4th early on the Kentucky Downs turf on 8/30.

Closers

Free Verse (Post 5) — 6th to 7th early, rallied to 2nd by 1 on the Keeneland turf on 10/10. **Bredkorn** (Post 7) — 10th early, rallied to 3rd on 10/21. **Speedbird** (Post 3) and **Love Line** (Post 10) — Raced well back.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **SOFT** early pace—projected :24 1/5 opening quarter, :50 2/5 half-mile. At 1 1/16 miles on turf, a :50 2/5 half is SOFT (the report said MODERATE). **Gray Eminence** is the main-field speed; the report's other 'elite speed' horse, Just Dance, is an also-eligible.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Rosabella Gold	8-1	4%	11.1%	-7.1%
2	Luangwa Valley	12-1	7%	7.7%	-0.7%
3	Speedbird	15-1	3%	6.3%	-3.3%





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
4	Majestic Marie	15-1	2%	6.3%	-4.3%
5	Free Verse	8-5	10%	38.5%	-28.5%
6	Just Fab	20-1	2%	4.8%	-2.8%
7	Bredkorn	20-1	10%	4.8%	**+5.2%**
8	Blame to Fame	30-1	1%	3.2%	-2.2%
9	Gray Eminence	9-2	14%	18.2%	-4.2%
10	Love Line	6-1	6%	14.3%	-8.3%
11	Nuccia	8-1	5%	11.1%	-6.1%
12	She's All Kristi	50-1	1%	2.0%	-1.0%
13 AE	Jordan's Wish	30-1	1%	3.2%	-2.2%
14 AE	Ms Candice	20-1	2%	4.8%	-2.8%
15 AE	Just Dance	5-1	24%	16.7%	**+7.3%**
16 AE	Novo Mesto	7-2	8%	22.2%	-14.2%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**175.2%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (the report's table column was scaled). **Fade: Free Verse**, the 8-5 morning-line favorite, is –28.5% (not –12.0%). **Bredkorn** +5.2% (not +7.3%) is the only overlay in the main field. Gray Eminence is –4.2% (not +3.6%) and Luangwa Valley –0.7% (not +2.6%). Among the also-eligibles, Just Dance is +7.3% (not +14.5%) and Novo Mesto –14.2%.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★)

Gray Eminence (Post 9) — Model Win %: 14%

PTW Profile: A 2-year-old filly, 0 for 1. 3rd by 3 3/4 at 1 1/16 miles at Keeneland on 10/17 after leading to the stretch; that race was moved off the turf to a fast main track. Arnaud Delacour trains.

Concerns: First turf start. At 9-2 (18.2% implied), –4.2%.

Free Verse (Post 5) — Model Win %: 10% — **FADE**

PTW Profile: A 2-year-old filly, 0 for 2. 2nd by 1 as the favorite in a turf mile at Keeneland on 10/10, rallying from 7th; 3rd by 12 3/4 at 6 furlongs at Saratoga on 8/15. Brad Cox trains.

Concerns: One good race in two. At 8-5 (38.5% implied), –28.5%.

Bredkorn (Post 7) — Model Win %: 10%





PTW Profile: A 2-year-old filly, 0 for 3. 3rd by 7 1/2 at 1 1/16 miles on the Keeneland turf on 10/21, rallying from 10th; 6th by 2 3/4 on the Kentucky Downs turf on 8/29; 4th by 2 at Indiana Grand on 8/5. Matthew Sims trains.

Concerns: Beaten 7 1/2 lengths last out. At 20-1 (4.8% implied), +5.2%.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★)

Luangwa Valley (Post 2) — Model Win %: 7%

PTW Profile: A first-time starter. Brendan Walsh trains.

Concerns: Unraced. At 12-1 (7.7% implied), –0.7%.

Love Line (Post 10) — Model Win %: 6%

PTW Profile: A 2-year-old filly, 0 for 3. 5th by 17 on the Keeneland dirt on 10/7; 4th by 2 1/2 in a turf mile at Kentucky Downs on 9/5. Victoria Oliver trains.

Concerns: Beaten 17 lengths last out. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –8.3%.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors & Longshots (★)

Nuccia (8-1) — 10th by 32 on 10/17; 4th by 4 1/2 on the Kentucky Downs turf on 8/30. –6.1%. **Rosabella Gold** (8-1) — 2nd by 2 1/4 on 10/17; 9th by 15 1/4 on the Kentucky Downs turf on 9/9. –7.1%. **Speedbird** (15-1) — 9th by 25 1/4 on 10/17; 5th by 10 1/4 on the Churchill turf on 9/18. –3.3%. **Majestic Marie** (15-1) — 8th by 23 1/4 at 6 1/2 furlongs on 9/20. –4.3%. **Blame to Fame** (30-1) — 7th by 8 1/4 in a $150,000 maiden claimer on 11/7. –2.2%. **She's All Kristi** (50-1) — 7th by 17 at 5 furlongs on 11/6. –1.0%. **Just Fab** (20-1) — A first-time starter. –2.8%.

Also-eligibles: Just Dance (5-1) — 2nd by a head on the Indiana Grand turf on 10/22. +7.3%. **Novo Mesto** (7-2) — 2nd by 2 3/4 as the favorite on the Churchill turf on 10/25; 2nd by 3/4 on 9/18. –14.2%. **Ms Candice** (20-1) — 7th at 6 furlongs at Keeneland on 10/18. –2.8%. **Jordan's Wish** (30-1) — A first-time starter. –2.2%.

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
Gray Eminence	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — led, 3rd by 3 3/4 on 10/17
Free Verse	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — rallied, 2nd by 1 on 10/10
Bredkorn	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — rallied to 3rd on 10/21
Rosabella Gold	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — 2nd by 2 1/4 on 10/17





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Love Line	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 5th by 17 on 10/7
Nuccia	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 10th by 32 on 10/17
Speedbird	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 9th by 25 1/4 on 10/17
Blame to Fame	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — 7th by 8 1/4 on 11/7
Majestic Marie	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 8th by 23 1/4 on 9/20
She's All Kristi	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 7th by 17 on 11/6
Luangwa Valley	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter
Just Fab	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter
Just Dance (AE)	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — 2nd by a head on 10/22
Novo Mesto (AE)	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — 2nd by 2 3/4 on 10/25
Ms Candice (AE)	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 7th on 10/18
Jordan's Wish (AE)	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter

Critical MPH Insight

The report's top-rated horse, **Just Dance** (ELITE/ELITE), is an also-eligible and has a 2nd by a head as her best. In the main field, **Gray Eminence** is the speed. **Free Verse** rallies from well back (opening changed to VULNERABLE), and **Bredkorn** has not shown ELITE sustained speed (changed to STRONG).

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Gray Eminence — Second start; lone main-field speed in a soft pace.

Bredkorn — Fourth start; rallied for 3rd in her first two-turn turf race.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Free Verse — 8-5 favorite off one good race.

Love Line — Beaten 17 lengths last out.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: GRAY EMINENCE — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 13-2 or better

Model projects 14% at 9-2 (18.2% implied): –4.2%. Top model horse in the main field (Just Dance, 24%, is an also-eligible); fair odds are about 6.1-1.





VALUE PLAY: NONE — No overlay under 10-1 in the main field.

LONGSHOT PLAY: BREDKORN — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 9-1 or better

Model projects 10% at 20-1 (4.8% implied): +5.2%, the only overlay in the main field.

SECOND PLAY: LUANGWA VALLEY — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 15-1 or better

Model projects 7% at 12-1 (7.7% implied): –0.7%. Next unused model horse (Free Verse is the fade).

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

A: Gray Eminence — 14%
B: Bredkorn — 10%
C: Luangwa Valley — 7%

Combined Projected Probability: 31%

Just Dance (AE) drops; Free Verse (the fade) replaces with Luangwa Valley. A wide-open race; go deep in multi-race tickets.

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★ (1 of 5 stars)

A 2-year-old filly turf route with no standout in the main field. **Gray Eminence** is the lone speed in a soft pace. The 8-5 favorite **Free Verse** is the fade at –28.5%. If Just Dance draws in, she is the model's top horse at 24%.

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