Churchill Downs

Race 9 — 11/28/2026

Class: Fern Creek Stakes (Listed)

Distance: 6 1/2 Furlongs

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $225,000

Starters: 9

Post Time: 4:55 ET

FERN CREEK S. Purse $225,000 (includes $50,000 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR FILLIES TWO YEARS OLD. By subscription of $100 each or by supplementary nomination of $1,000 each at time of entry. $500 to pass the entry box; $500 additional to start, with $175,000 guaranteed plus an additional $50,000 KTDF for KTDF eligible horses. Weight, 122 lbs.

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R9
Saturday, November 28, 2026 | 6 1/2 Furlongs Dirt | 2-Year-Old Fillies | Fern Creek Stakes | Purse: $225,000

Field note: The report's header left off the day. **Same race:** Myrtlewood Stakes at Keeneland on 10/23—Stress Relief 1st, Glory Run 2nd by a head, Rescue Dawn 3rd, Elewene 5th as the favorite. **Class rises:** Joyful Flight, Appeals to Me and Forgive Me (maiden winners); Right in Time (allowance winner). **Turf to dirt:** Cafe Rose (New York-bred, first dirt start; off 57 days). No also-eligibles.

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Right in Time (Post 9) — Led throughout in both wins. **Glory Run** (Post 7) — Led to the final strides of the Myrtlewood, 2nd by a head. **Elewene** (Post 2) — Led throughout in her 9/10 allowance win (the report called her a closer).

Stalkers / Pressers

Rescue Dawn (Post 8) — 2nd early in the Myrtlewood; led throughout her maiden win. **Forgive Me** (Post 1) — 2nd early, won on 10/30. **Joyful Flight** (Post 5) — 3rd early in her debut win.

Closers

Stress Relief (Post 6) — 5th early, rallied to win the Myrtlewood (the report called her an early-speed horse). **Appeals to Me** (Post 3) — 4th early, won on 10/18.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **MODERATE** early pace—projected :22 1/5 opening quarter, :45 2/5 half-mile. At 6 1/2 furlongs, a :45 2/5 half is MODERATE (the report said HOT). **Right in Time** and **Glory Run** are the speed; Stress Relief rallies.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Forgive Me	8-1	10%	11.1%	-1.1%
2	Elewene	10-1	8%	9.1%	-1.1%
3	Appeals to Me	4-1	16%	20.0%	-4.0%
4	Cafe Rose	30-1	2%	3.2%	-1.2%
5	Joyful Flight	3-1	23%	25.0%	-2.0%
6	Stress Relief	5-2	18%	28.6%	-10.6%





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
7	Glory Run	15-1	7%	6.3%	**+0.7%**
8	Rescue Dawn	8-1	11%	11.1%	-0.1%
9	Right in Time	6-1	5%	14.3%	-9.3%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**128.7%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (the report's table column was scaled). **Fade: Stress Relief**, the 5-2 morning-line favorite, is –10.6% (not –4.2%). **Glory Run** +0.7% (not +2.1%) is the only overlay. Joyful Flight is –2.0% (not +3.6%), Appeals to Me –4.0% (not +0.4%), Rescue Dawn –0.1% (not +2.4%), and Right in Time –9.3%.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★)

Joyful Flight (Post 5) — Model Win %: 23%

PTW Profile: A 2-year-old filly, 1 for 1. Won a 5 1/2-furlong maiden at Keeneland by 4 1/2 on 10/24 in her debut (the report said she won off a layoff). Peter Eurton trains.

Concerns: One start; first stakes. At 3-1 (25.0% implied), –2.0%.

Stress Relief (Post 6) — Model Win %: 18% — **FADE**

PTW Profile: A 2-year-old filly, 3 for 4 ($393,921). Won the Myrtlewood by a head at Keeneland on 10/23, rallying from 5th; 4th by 12 3/4 in the Spinaway (G1) on 9/5; won the Adirondack (G3) by 3 1/2 on 8/2. Kinnon LaRose trains.

Concerns: Won last out by only a head. At 5-2 (28.6% implied), –10.6%.

Appeals to Me (Post 3) — Model Win %: 16%

PTW Profile: A 2-year-old filly, 1 for 2. Won a 6-furlong maiden at Keeneland by 5 1/4 on 10/18; 2nd by a head at Churchill on 9/11. Brad Cox trains.

Concerns: First stakes. At 4-1 (20.0% implied), –4.0%.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★)

Rescue Dawn (Post 8) — Model Win %: 11%

PTW Profile: A 2-year-old filly, 1 for 2. 3rd by 1 1/4 in the Myrtlewood; won a Saratoga maiden by 1 3/4 on 9/7, leading throughout. Mike Maker trains.

Concerns: At 8-1 (11.1% implied), –0.1%.

Forgive Me (Post 1) — Model Win %: 10%

PTW Profile: A 2-year-old filly, 1 for 2. Won a 7-furlong maiden at Keeneland by 1 on 10/30, beating Ohana Lulu; 5th by 8 at Churchill on 9/20. Brendan Walsh trains.





Concerns: First stakes. At 8-1 (11.1% implied), –1.1%.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors & Longshots (★)

Elewene (10-1) — 2 for 4; 5th as the favorite in the Myrtlewood (the report said she placed 2nd); won a Churchill allowance by 6 3/4 on 9/10. –1.1%. **Glory Run** (15-1) — 2 for 4; 2nd by a head in the Myrtlewood after leading throughout. +0.7%. **Right in Time** (6-1) — 2 for 2; won the 10/31 Keeneland allowance by a neck. –9.3%. **Cafe Rose** (30-1) — 5th by 13 in a New York-bred turf stakes at Belmont on 10/2. –1.2%.

Workout, pedigree 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
Joyful Flight	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — won by 4 1/2 on 10/24
Stress Relief	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — rallied, won by a head 10/23
Appeals to Me	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — won by 5 1/4 on 10/18
Rescue Dawn	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — 3rd by 1 1/4 in stakes 10/23
Forgive Me	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — won by 1 on 10/30
Right in Time	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — led, won by a neck 10/31
Glory Run	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — led, 2nd by a head 10/23
Elewene	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — 5th as favorite 10/23
Cafe Rose	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — 5th by 13 on turf 10/2

Critical MPH Insight

Stress Relief rallied from 5th to win last out, so her opening speed is VULNERABLE, not ELITE. **Right in Time** led and held on to win (sustained changed from VULNERABLE to STRONG). **Joyful Flight**'s ELITE/ELITE rested on one 5 1/2-furlong start (changed to STRONG/STRONG). Cafe Rose has starts, so UNRATED was invalid.

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Joyful Flight — Second start off a 4 1/2-length debut win.

Appeals to Me — Third start off a 5 1/4-length maiden win.

Bounce / Regression Risks





Stress Relief — Favorite off a head win.

Elewene — Beaten as the favorite last out.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: JOYFUL FLIGHT — Confidence 3/10 — Target odds: 7-2 or better

Model projects 23% at 3-1 (25.0% implied): –2.0%. Top model horse; fair odds are about 3.3-1.

VALUE PLAY: NONE — No overlay under 10-1 (the report's Appeals to Me is –4.0%).

LONGSHOT PLAY: GLORY RUN — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 15-1 or better

Model projects 7% at 15-1 (6.3% implied): +0.7%, the only overlay in the race.

SECOND PLAY: APPEALS TO ME — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 11-2 or better

Model projects 16% at 4-1 (20.0% implied): –4.0%. Next unused model horse (Stress Relief is the fade).

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

A: Joyful Flight — 23%
B: Appeals to Me — 16%
C: Rescue Dawn — 11%

Combined Projected Probability: 50%

Stress Relief (the fade) replaces with Rescue Dawn.

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★ (2 of 5 stars)

A competitive 2-year-old filly stakes. **Joyful Flight** is the model's top horse but not an overlay at 3-1. The 5-2 favorite **Stress Relief**, a head winner of the Myrtlewood, is the fade at –10.6%.

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