Churchill Downs

Race 2 — 11/29/2026

Class: Allowance Optional Claiming $100,000

Distance: 6 Furlongs

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $141,000

Starters: 6

Post Time: 1:28 ET

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING. Purse $141,000 (include $51,600 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON $20,000 THREE TIMES OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER, RESTRICTED, OR STATE BRED OR WHICH HAVE NOT WON A RACE OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER, RATING, RESTRICTED, OR STATE BRED IN 2026 OR CLAIMING PRICE $100,000. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Non-winners Of Two Races Since September 29 Allowed 2 lbs. Non-winners Of A Sweepstakes In 2025 - 2026 Allowed 4 lbs. Claiming Price $100,000 (Races Where Entered For $80,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R2
Sunday, November 29, 2026 | 6 Furlongs Dirt | 3-Year-Olds & Up | Optional Claiming $100,000 | Purse: $141,000

Field note: The report dated this race Saturday; it is Sunday. **Same races:** Bet On Sunshine here on 11/7—Dreaminblue 6th, Lips Say Bliss 7th, Echo Again 10th; Louisville Thoroughbred Society Stakes here on 9/12—Echo Again 2nd, Dreaminblue 3rd, Keep It Easy 5th; Churchill optional claimer on 6/27—Bring the Smoke won, Keep It Easy 3rd, Echo Again 7th. **Blinkers on:** Bring the Smoke. **Layoffs:** Champlin 141 days, Keep It Easy 78 days, Bring the Smoke 59 days.

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Champlin (Post 1) — On or near the lead in most of his starts (the report called him a deep closer). **Keep It Easy** (Post 3) — Pressed and won at Ellis Park on 8/1; 2nd early on 6/27.

Stalkers / Pressers

Bring the Smoke (Post 2), **Echo Again** (Post 6) — Sit 2 to 5 lengths back.

Closers

Dreaminblue (Post 4) — 6th early in his recent starts. **Lips Say Bliss** (Post 5) — Rallies from far back.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **MODERATE** early pace—projected :22 1/5 opening quarter, :45 2/5 half-mile. At 6 furlongs on dirt, a :45 2/5 half is MODERATE (the report said HOT). **Champlin** and **Keep It Easy** lead.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Champlin	9-2	15%	18.2%	-3.2%
2	Bring the Smoke	9-5	18%	35.7%	-17.7%
3	Keep It Easy	4-1	32%	20.0%	**+12.0%**
4	Dreaminblue	5-2	19%	28.6%	-9.6%
5	Lips Say Bliss	10-1	11%	9.1%	**+1.9%**
6	Echo Again	6-1	5%	14.3%	-9.3%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**125.9%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (the report's table column was scaled). **Fade:** the 9-5 favorite **Bring the Smoke** is –17.7% (not –10.4%). Overlays: **Keep It Easy** +12.0% (not +16.1%) and **Lips Say Bliss** +1.9% (not +3.8%). Champlin is –3.2% (not +0.6%); Dreaminblue





–9.6%; Echo Again –9.3%.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★)

Keep It Easy (Post 3) — Model Win %: 32%

PTW Profile: A 4-year-old colt, 3 for 15. Won a 6-furlong optional claimer at Ellis Park by 1 1/2 on 8/1 after pressing; 3rd, beaten less than a length, behind Bring the Smoke here on 6/27. Dale Romans trains.

Concerns: 5th by 7 1/4 in a Churchill stakes on 9/12; off 78 days. At 4-1 (20.0% implied), +12.0%.

Dreaminblue (Post 4) — Model Win %: 19%

PTW Profile: A 4-year-old gelding, 4 for 18. 3rd by 2 3/4 in a Churchill stakes on 9/12; won an Ellis Park optional claimer by a head on 8/17; 3rd in the Grade 3 Count Fleet in April. Randy Morse trains.

Concerns: 6th by 5 1/4 in the Bet On Sunshine on 11/7. At 5-2 (28.6% implied), –9.6%.

Bring the Smoke (Post 2) — Model Win %: 18%

PTW Profile: A 4-year-old gelding, 3 for 8. Won the Grade 3 Maryland Sprint by a head in May and a Churchill optional claimer by 1/2 on 6/27. Blinkers on. D. Whitworth Beckman trains.

Concerns: 9th by 10 1/2 in the Grade 3 Vosburgh on 10/1 and last in the Grade 1 Forego on 8/29. At 9-5 (35.7% implied), –17.7%—the fade.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★)

Champlin (Post 1) — Model Win %: 15%

PTW Profile: A 6-year-old gelding, 5 for 19. Won the Sam's Town Stakes at Delta Downs by 1 1/2 in January. Greg Foley trains.

Concerns: Off 141 days (the report missed it); 8th in the Iowa Sprint on 7/11 and 7th at this level here on 6/17. At 9-2 (18.2% implied), –3.2%.

Lips Say Bliss (Post 5) — Model Win %: 11%

PTW Profile: A 6-year-old gelding, 5 for 17. 3rd by 4 1/2 in a Kentucky Downs turf sprint on 8/30; won an Oaklawn optional claimer by 1/2 in December 2025. Robert Medina trains.

Concerns: 7th by 6 1/2 in the Bet On Sunshine on 11/7. At 10-1 (9.1% implied), +1.9%.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors & Longshots (★)

Echo Again (6-1) — 2nd by 2 at 48-1 in the 9/12 stakes; 10th by 8 in the Bet On Sunshine. –9.3%.

Jockey 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
Champlin	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — 8th on 7/11; off 141 days
Keep It Easy	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — pressed, won by 1 1/2 8/1
Bring the Smoke	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — 9th by 10 1/2 on 10/1
Echo Again	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — 2nd by 2 on 9/12
Dreaminblue	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — rallied, 3rd by 2 3/4 9/12
Lips Say Bliss	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — rallied, 3rd by 4 1/2 8/30

Critical MPH Insight

No horse rates ELITE late (Keep It Easy changed from ELITE/ELITE to STRONG/STRONG). **Champlin** is speed, not a closer. **Bring the Smoke** has been well beaten in two graded stakes (changed from ELITE/STRONG to STRONG/VULNERABLE). **Dreaminblue** closes (changed from STRONG/VULNERABLE to VULNERABLE/STRONG).

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Keep It Easy — Back at the right level after a stakes try.

Bring the Smoke — Blinkers on; drops out of graded stakes.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Champlin — Off 141 days.

Dreaminblue — Short price after a 6th.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: KEEP IT EASY — Confidence 3/10 — Target odds: 9-4 or better

Model projects 32% at 4-1 (20.0% implied): +12.0%. Top model horse; fair odds are about 2.1-1.

VALUE PLAY: NONE — No other overlay under 10-1.

LONGSHOT PLAY: LIPS SAY BLISS — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 9-1 or better

Model projects 11% at 10-1 (9.1% implied): +1.9%.

SECOND PLAY: DREAMINBLUE — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 9-2 or better

Model projects 19% at 5-2 (28.6% implied): –9.6%. Next unused model horse.





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

A: Keep It Easy — 32%
B: Dreaminblue — 19%
C: Champlin — 15%

Combined Projected Probability: 66%

Favorite to fade: **Bring the Smoke** (9-5), –17.7%; Champlin replaces him in the multi.

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★ (2 of 5 stars)

A short, sharp optional claimer. **Keep It Easy** is the top model horse and a big overlay. Fade the 9-5 favorite **Bring the Smoke** (–17.7%).

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