Churchill Downs

Race 7 — 11/29/2026

Class: Claiming $40,000

Distance: 7 Furlongs

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $78,000

Starters: 12 (+1 AE)

Post Time: 3:55 ET

CLAIMING. Purse $78,000 (include $9,200 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 122 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since October 29 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price $40,000 (Races Where Entered For $32,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R7
Sunday, November 29, 2026 | 7 Furlongs Dirt | 3-Year-Olds & Up | Claiming $40,000 | Purse: $78,000

Field note: The report labeled this an allowance; it is a $40,000 claimer. **Also-eligible the report missed:** Optical (#13) runs only if there is a scratch, so he is excluded from all bets. **First off the claim:** National Eclipse, Onthestage and Mena (all 11/11), Barksdale and Cool Cowboy (both 11/7), Doroteo (11/6), Mister Banderas (11/20). **Layoff the report missed:** De' Medici, off since 7/12 (140 days). **Same races:** Churchill 11/11—National Eclipse won, Mena 4th, Onthestage 5th; Churchill 11/7—Barksdale 2nd, Cool Cowboy 3rd, Scat Free 5th; Churchill 9/26—Margin of Air 2nd, Cool Cowboy 3rd.

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Barksdale (Post 6) — Led early in four of his last five. **Mischievous M** (Post 4) — Led early when 1st and 2nd at Saratoga on 8/19 and 9/4 (the report called him a stalker). **Cool Cowboy** (Post 2) — Led early here on 11/7.

Stalkers / Pressers

National Eclipse (Post 9) — Sat 3rd and took over on 11/11; led throughout on 10/2. **Margin of Air** (Post 11) — Sits 3rd to 5th early in sprints; leads only in his mile races. **Mister Banderas** (Post 12).

Closers

Doroteo (Post 1), **Skyro** (Post 8), **Onthestage** (Post 7), **De' Medici** (Post 5), **Mena** (Post 10), **Scat Free** (Post 3).

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **MODERATE** early pace—projected :22 2/5 opening quarter, :45 1/5 half-mile. **Barksdale**, **Mischievous M** and **Cool Cowboy** are the speed; **National Eclipse** sits right behind them.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Doroteo	6-1	8%	14.3%	-6.3%
2	Cool Cowboy	15-1	2%	6.3%	-4.3%
3	Scat Free	50-1	1%	2.0%	-1.0%
4	Mischievous M	4-1	16%	20.0%	-4.0%
5	De' Medici	8-1	5%	11.1%	-6.1%





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
6	Barksdale	10-1	4%	9.1%	-5.1%
7	Onthestage	8-1	4%	11.1%	-7.1%
8	Skyro	12-1	7%	7.7%	-0.7%
9	National Eclipse	3-1	30%	25.0%	**+5.0%**
10	Mena	15-1	2%	6.3%	-4.3%
11	Margin of Air	10-1	13%	9.1%	**+3.9%**
12	Mister Banderas	20-1	1%	4.8%	-3.8%
13 AE	Optical	6-1	7%	14.3%	-7.3%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**141.1%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (the report's table column was scaled). **No fade:** the 3-1 favorite **National Eclipse** is +5.0% (not +12.3%); no horse is at –10 or worse. Overlays: National Eclipse +5.0% and **Margin of Air** +3.9% (not +6.5%). Mischievous M is –4.0% (not +1.8%); Skyro –0.7% (not +1.5%). The report's text quoted 29%, 15% and 12%; the table governs.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★)

National Eclipse (Post 9) — Model Win %: 30%

PTW Profile: A 5-year-old gelding, 6 for 22. Won a $32,000 claimer at 1 1/16 miles here by a neck on 11/11 (not a 7-furlong $40,000 race), sitting 3rd early; claimed that day for Joe Sharp. Won a $16,000 claimer at Keeneland by 3 1/4 on the lead on 10/2. Three wins in his last four.

Concerns: All of his recent starts were routes; today he cuts back to 7 furlongs. Up in price off the claim. At 3-1 (25.0% implied), +5.0%.

Mischievous M (Post 4) — Model Win %: 16%

PTW Profile: A 5-year-old gelding, 5 for 25. Won a $30,000 optional claimer at Saratoga by 3/4 on the lead on 8/19, where Norm Casse claimed him; 2nd by 4 1/2 at Saratoga on 9/4.

Concerns: The report missed his last start: 7th, beaten 46 lengths, in an N2X optional claimer at Belmont on 10/4. Off 56 days, not 19. The 9/4 race was a 2nd, not a win, and he did not win at 6 1/2 furlongs on 8/12 (5th by 11 1/2). At 4-1 (20.0% implied), –4.0%.

Margin of Air (Post 11) — Model Win %: 13%

PTW Profile: A 7-year-old gelding, 17 for 61. Won a starter allowance at Penn National by 1 1/2 on 10/22; 2nd by 1 1/2 in a starter allowance here on 9/26. Won three $40,000 claimers at a mile at Presque Isle this summer.



Concerns: 4th by 5 1/2 on a sloppy track at Penn National on 11/5. Sits off the pace in sprints. At 10-1 (9.1% implied), +3.9%.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★)

Doroteo (Post 1) — Model Win %: 8%

PTW Profile: A 4-year-old gelding, 3 for 15. Won a $20,000 claimer at a mile here by 5 1/2 on 11/6, rallying from 6th; claimed that day by Gustavo Esquivel.

Concerns: His three prior starts were a 9th in an N2X optional claimer, a 5th in an optional claimer and a 4th in a Monmouth stakes (not $40,000 claimers). Doubles in price off the claim. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –6.3%.

Skyro (Post 8) — Model Win %: 7%

PTW Profile: An 8-year-old gelding, 8 for 42. Won two claimers at a mile here in May, including a $40,000 race by 1 on 5/9.

Concerns: Last three: 8th on turf here on 11/12, 4th by 13 at Keeneland on 10/23, 8th at Ellis Park on 7/18 (not 8th, 4th, 2nd). Mostly a router. At 12-1 (7.7% implied), –0.7%.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors & Longshots (★)

De' Medici (8-1) — 4 for 17; 2nd by 1 in a $25,000 claimer (not $40,000) at Ellis Park on 7/12, then off 140 days. –6.1%. **Onthestage** (8-1) — A 6-year-old, 3 for 30; 5th by 4 1/2 behind National Eclipse on 11/11, 2nd by 1/2 at Keeneland on 10/9. Route horse cutting back. –7.1%. **Barksdale** (10-1) — 5 for 24; 2nd by 2 3/4 here on 11/7 and 2nd by 1/2 at 7 furlongs here on 6/6. –5.1%. **Cool Cowboy** (15-1) — 3 for 16; 3rd by 5 1/2 on 11/7. –4.3%. **Mena** (15-1) — 3 for 34; 4th by 3 1/4 behind National Eclipse on 11/11. –4.3%. **Mister Banderas** (20-1) — 3 for 24; 3rd by 1 1/2 in a $20,000 claimer here on 11/20. –3.8%. **Scat Free** (50-1) — 3 for 28; 5th by 13 on 11/7. –1.0%.

Optical (AE, 6-1) — Won a $50,000 claimer here by 1 1/4 on 6/5 after sitting 3rd (not wire to wire); off 177 days. Excluded from bets as an also-eligible.

Figure, workout, trainer/jockey-percentage and ROI claims removed throughout.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
National Eclipse	ELITE	ELITE	Low — won by a neck on 11/11
Margin of Air	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — won by 1 1/2 on 10/22
Mischievous M	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — won by 3/4 on 8/19
Barksdale	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — 2nd by 2 3/4 on 11/7
Doroteo	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — 9th on 10/10





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Skyro	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — 4th by 13 on 10/23
De' Medici	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — 2nd by 1 on 7/12
Onthestage	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — 5th by 4 1/2 on 11/11
Cool Cowboy	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — led, 3rd by 5 1/2 on 11/7
Mena	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — 4th by 3 1/4 on 11/11
Mister Banderas	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 3rd by 1 1/2 on 11/20
Scat Free	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 5th by 13 on 11/7
Optical (AE)	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — won by 1 1/4 on 6/5

Critical MPH Insight

National Eclipse is the only ELITE late rating. The report's “STANDARD” opening ratings are not valid and are now VULNERABLE; Barksdale, Mischievous M and Cool Cowboy moved to ELITE early, and Margin of Air to STRONG early, to match how they run in sprints.

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

National Eclipse — Three wins in his last four; first off the claim.

Margin of Air — Back at Churchill after a close 2nd here on 9/26.

Barksdale — Two straight 2nds here; first off the claim.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Mischievous M — Beaten 46 lengths last out.

Doroteo — 5 1/2-length win at $20,000; doubles in price.

De' Medici — Off 140 days.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: NATIONAL ECLIPSE — Confidence 3/10 — Target odds: 5-2 or better

Model projects 30% at 3-1 (25.0% implied): +5.0%. Top model horse; fair odds are 5-2.

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

LONGSHOT PLAY: MARGIN OF AIR — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 7-1 or better





Model projects 13% at 10-1 (9.1% implied): +3.9%. The report listed him as the value play; at 10-1 he is the longshot.

SECOND PLAY: MISCHIEVOUS M — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 11-2 or better

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

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

A: National Eclipse — 30%
B: Mischievous M — 16%
C: Margin of Air — 13%

Combined Projected Probability: 59%

Favorite to fade: none. National Eclipse (3-1) is +5.0%.

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★ (2 of 5 stars)

A full $40,000 claiming sprint. **National Eclipse**, the 3-1 favorite, is the top model horse and an overlay, cutting back from routes. **Margin of Air** is the price overlay at 10-1.

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