Churchill Downs

Race 8 — 11/29/2026

Class: Maiden Special Weight

Distance: 7 1/2 Furlongs

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $120,000

Starters: 12 (+1 AE)

Post Time: 4:25 ET

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT. Purse $120,000 (include $47,200 KTDF - Kentucky TB Devt Fund) FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. (Preference To Horses That Have Not Started For Less Than $50,000 In Last 3 Starts).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Churchill Downs R8
Sunday, November 29, 2026 | 7 1/2 Furlongs Dirt | 3-Year-Olds & Up | Maiden Special Weight | Purse: $120,000

Field note: The report dated this race Saturday; it is Sunday. **Also-eligible the report missed:** Quiet Empire (#13) runs only if there is a scratch, so he is excluded from all bets. **First-time starters:** Keen Tough, Brenton Point, Tribal Governance. **Layoffs the report missed:** Victory Corps, off since 4/23; Flash the Magic, off since 12/21/25. **Same races:** Churchill 10/29—Nomolimbo 2nd, Mojacar 4th, Stelvio Pass 5th, Alworth 10th; Churchill 9/13—Nomolimbo 2nd, Alworth 6th.

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Alworth (Post 5) — Led early in his last two, including a 2nd by a head at Keeneland on 10/3 (the report called him a closer). **Victory Corps** (Post 2) — Led early in his only start. **Gadget Play** (Post 12) — Led early when 2nd at Saratoga on 7/18 and pressed on 9/25.

Stalkers / Pressers

Stelvio Pass (Post 11) — Sat 3rd early in both starts. **Fun to Tap** (Post 1).

Closers

Nomolimbo (Post 7) — Rallied from 7th to 2nd here on 10/29; he has not set the pace in his recent starts. **Mojacar** (Post 6), **Colossus** (Post 4), **Flash the Magic** (Post 10).

First-Time Starters

Brenton Point (Post 8), **Tribal Governance** (Post 9), **Keen Tough** (Post 3) — Running style unknown.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT** early pace—projected :22 1/5 opening quarter, :44 3/5 half-mile. **Alworth**, **Victory Corps** and **Gadget Play** want the lead, which sets up the closers, including **Nomolimbo**.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Fun to Tap	15-1	2%	6.3%	-4.3%
2	Victory Corps	6-1	11%	14.3%	-3.3%
3	Keen Tough	30-1	1%	3.2%	-2.2%
4	Colossus	4-1	13%	20.0%	-7.0%
5	Alworth	10-1	5%	9.1%	-4.1%





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
6	Mojacar	5-2	16%	28.6%	-12.6%
7	Nomolimbo	8-1	25%	11.1%	**+13.9%**
8	Brenton Point	10-1	10%	9.1%	**+0.9%**
9	Tribal Governance	8-1	6%	11.1%	-5.1%
10	Flash the Magic	30-1	1%	3.2%	-2.2%
11	Stelvio Pass	15-1	7%	6.3%	**+0.7%**
12	Gadget Play	15-1	2%	6.3%	-4.3%
13 AE	Quiet Empire	30-1	1%	3.2%	-2.2%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**131.8%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (the report's table column was scaled). **Fade:** the 5-2 favorite **Mojacar** is –12.6% (not –5.7%). Overlays: **Nomolimbo** +13.9% (not +16.6%), **Brenton Point** +0.9% (not +3.1%), **Stelvio Pass** +0.7% (not +2.3%). Victory Corps is –3.3% (not +0.1%). The report's text quoted Nomolimbo at 24%; the table's 25% governs.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★)

Nomolimbo (Post 7) — Model Win %: 25%

PTW Profile: A 4-year-old colt, 0 for 11 with two 2nds and a 3rd. 2nd by 3 in a 7-furlong maiden special weight here on 10/29 after rallying from 7th; 2nd by 7 3/4 in a 6 1/2-furlong maiden special weight here on 9/13.

Concerns: Not a front-runner (the report said he set the pace in his last four). His Ellis Park race on 7/25 was at 7 furlongs and he was 5th. Two 2nds in his career, not five. 0 for 11. At 8-1 (11.1% implied), +13.9%.

Mojacar (Post 6) — Model Win %: 16%

PTW Profile: A 3-year-old colt, 0 for 3 with two 3rds. 4th by 4 1/2 as the 7-5 favorite here on 10/29 after rallying from 10th; two 3rds at Fair Grounds in January and February. Cherie DeVaux trains.

Concerns: All three starts were maiden special weights (the report said his last two were $12,500 maiden claimers). Off 8 1/2 months before 10/29. Breaks slowly. At 5-2 (28.6% implied), –12.6%—the fade.

Colossus (Post 4) — Model Win %: 13%

PTW Profile: A 3-year-old colt, 0 for 2. 4th by 3 1/2 in a 6-furlong maiden special weight on a sloppy track at Keeneland on 10/11 after rallying from 8th. Brendan Walsh trains.

Concerns: His other start was a 6th by 14 1/4 at Keeneland in October 2025, a year earlier. First route. At 4-1 (20.0% implied), –7.0%.





Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★)

Victory Corps (Post 2) — Model Win %: 11%

PTW Profile: A 3-year-old colt, 3rd by 2 1/4 in a mile maiden special weight at Oaklawn on 4/23 after leading early. Ken McPeek trains.

Concerns: Off 7 months since, not 4. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –3.3%.

Brenton Point (Post 8) — Model Win %: 10%

PTW Profile: A 3-year-old colt, first-time starter. Chad Brown trains.

Concerns: No race experience; running style unknown. At 10-1 (9.1% implied), +0.9%.

Stelvio Pass (Post 11) — Model Win %: 7%

PTW Profile: A 3-year-old gelding, 0 for 2. 2nd by 1/2 in a $50,000 maiden claimer at Keeneland on 10/16, where Ben Colebrook claimed him; 5th by 4 3/4 behind Nomolimbo here on 10/29.

Concerns: He did not win on 10/16; he lost by 1/2. Still a maiden. At 15-1 (6.3% implied), +0.7%.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors & Longshots (★)

Tribal Governance (8-1) — First-time starter for Bill Mott; no running style yet. –5.1%. **Alworth** (10-1) — 0 for 3; 2nd by a head on the lead at Keeneland on 10/3, then led and stopped to 10th by 25 1/2 here on 10/29. –4.1%. **Gadget Play** (15-1) — 0 for 4; 2nd by 2 3/4 on the lead at Saratoga on 7/18 (his 5/31 race was a 3rd, not a 2nd); 7th at a mile at Saratoga on 8/23, so he has run a route; 5th by 8 3/4 as the favorite in a $100,000 maiden claimer here on 9/25, where Dale Romans claimed him. –4.3%. **Fun to Tap** (15-1) — 0 for 4; 3rd by 3 at Indiana Grand on 9/2. –4.3%. **Flash the Magic** (30-1) — 0 for 3 with one dirt start (not three); last raced on Turfway's synthetic on 12/21/25. –2.2%. **Keen Tough** (30-1) — First-time starter. –2.2%.

Quiet Empire (AE, 30-1) — 0 for 6; 4th by 6 1/2 at Indiana Grand on 10/29. Excluded from bets as an also-eligible.

Figure, workout, pedigree, 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
Nomolimbo	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — rallied, 2nd by 3 on 10/29
Stelvio Pass	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — 2nd by 1/2 on 10/16
Gadget Play	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — led, 2nd by 2 3/4 on 7/18
Victory Corps	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — led, 3rd by 2 1/4 on 4/23





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Mojacar	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — rallied, 4th by 4 1/2 on 10/29
Colossus	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — rallied, 4th by 3 1/2 on 10/11
Alworth	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — led, 10th by 25 1/2 on 10/29
Fun to Tap	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — 3rd by 3 on 9/2
Flash the Magic	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — 4th by 7 1/4 on 12/21/25
Brenton Point	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter
Tribal Governance	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter
Keen Tough	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter
Quiet Empire (AE)	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 4th by 6 1/2 on 10/29

Critical MPH Insight

Ratings changed to match how these horses run: **Nomolimbo** from ELITE/VULNERABLE to STRONG/STRONG (he rallied to 2nd in his last two); **Alworth**, **Gadget Play** and **Victory Corps** to ELITE early; **Mojacar** and **Colossus** to VULNERABLE early, STRONG late. With three speed horses, the rally types are set up.

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Nomolimbo — Two straight 2nds; HOT pace sets up his rally.

Colossus — Second start of his form cycle after a close 4th.

Stelvio Pass — Second start for his new barn.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Mojacar — 5-2 off a 4th as the favorite.

Alworth — Stopped badly last out.

Victory Corps — Off 7 months.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: NOMOLIMBO — Confidence 3/10 — Target odds: 3-1 or better

Model projects 25% at 8-1 (11.1% implied): +13.9%. Top model horse; fair odds are 3-1.

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





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

Model projects 10% at 10-1 (9.1% implied): +0.9%. The report listed him as the value play; at 10-1 he is the longshot.

SECOND PLAY: COLOSSUS — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 7-1 or better

Model projects 13% at 4-1 (20.0% implied): –7.0%. Next unused model horse after the fade.

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

A: Nomolimbo — 25%
B: Colossus — 13%
C: Victory Corps — 11%

Combined Projected Probability: 49%

Favorite to fade: **Mojacar** (5-2), –12.6%; Victory Corps fills the multi in his place.

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★ (2 of 5 stars)

A maiden route with three first-time starters. **Nomolimbo** is the top model horse at 8-1 and should get a hot pace to close into. Fade the 5-2 favorite **Mojacar** (–12.6%).

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