Fair Grounds

Race 2 — 11/21/2026

Class: Maiden Special Weight (Louisiana-bred)

Distance: 6 Furlongs

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $52,000

Starters: 7

Post Time: 1:25 CT

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT. Purse $52,000 (include $8,000 Other Sources and $1,000 LTBA - Louisiana TB Breeders Association and plus $10,000 LTBA - Video Poker #2) FOR ACCREDITED LA BRED MAIDENS, FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. (Preference To Horses That Have Not Started For Less Than $25,000 In Their Last 3 Starts).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Fair Grounds R2
Saturday, November 21, 2026 | 6 Furlongs Dirt | LA-bred Fillies & Mares 3YO+ | Maiden Special Weight

Field note: Cairo Empress (3-1 favorite) and **Baba Yaga** are first-time starters. **Secret Rolls** is not a first-time starter (one start). **Bright Note** is a maiden (0 for 3, not 1 for 3) and is **off 287 days**.

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Melissa Gale (Post 6) — Pressed in 2nd and was beaten a quarter-length at Evangeline on 8/31. No horse in the field has led in a race.

Stalkers / Pressers

Bright Note (Post 1) — Tracked in 3rd to 5th in all three starts. **Jus Mink Me** (Post 5) — 3rd to 4th early in her last two (not a closer). **Secret Rolls** (Post 3) — 3rd early, then stopped.

Closers

Iron Cutter (Post 2) — 7th early, rallied for 3rd on 10/29 (not early speed). **Cairo Empress** (Post 7) and **Baba Yaga** (Post 4) are first-time starters with no race data.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **MODERATE** early pace—projected :22 4/5 opening quarter (garbled fraction defaults to 4/5), :45 1/5 half-mile. Melissa Gale is the only horse with a pressing trip.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Bright Note	7-2	25%	22.2%	**+2.8%**
2	Iron Cutter	7-2	14%	22.2%	-8.2%
3	Secret Rolls	8-1	9%	11.1%	-2.1%
4	Baba Yaga	12-1	7%	7.7%	-0.7%
5	Jus Mink Me	8-1	11%	11.1%	-0.1%
6	Melissa Gale	7-2	20%	22.2%	-2.2%
7	Cairo Empress	3-1	14%	25.0%	-11.0%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**121.5%**	





Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (the report's column was scaled: it showed Cairo Empress at 9.8% and Melissa Gale at 15.9%). **FADE: Cairo Empress, the 3-1 favorite**—25.0% implied vs 14% model, –**11.0%**. Only overlay: **Bright Note +2.8%**. Melissa Gale is –2.2% (not an overlay).

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★)

Bright Note (Post 1) — Model Win %: 25%

PTW Profile: The model's top horse. 0 for 3: 3rd, beaten 7 1/4, in her only dirt start here at 6 furlongs (11/27/25); 3rd, beaten 10 3/4, as the 7-10 favorite on turf (12/21/25); 7th, beaten 10 1/4, as the 14-5 favorite on turf on 2/7. **Off 287 days.** Lasix is not new. Larry Rivelli is 62 for 252 this year; Joe Loveberry rides.

Concerns: Long layoff; beaten as the favorite twice. At 7-2 (22.2% implied), +2.8%.

Melissa Gale (Post 6) — Model Win %: 20%

PTW Profile: 0 for 3 (two 3rds). 3rd, beaten 10 1/2, at Evangeline on 8/8; pressed and was 3rd, beaten a quarter-length, on 8/31; 4th, beaten 2, in a **7-furlong** race at Delta on 10/14 (a sprint, not a route) after breaking out. Joseph Duhon is 21 for 151 this year; C. J. Hernandez rides.

Concerns: No kick on 10/14. At 7-2 (22.2% implied), –2.2%.

Cairo Empress (Post 7) — Model Win %: 14% — **FADE**

PTW Profile: **The 3-1 favorite and a first-time starter.** David Terre is 16 for 71 this year; Joe Talamo rides.

Concerns: No race data. At 3-1 (25.0% implied), –11.0%.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★)

Iron Cutter (7-2) — One start (not a first-time starter): rallied from 7th to finish 3rd, beaten 5, at Delta on 10/29. No blinker change. Allen Landry is 105 for 398. –8.2%. **Jus Mink Me** (8-1) — 0 for **3** (not 4). 6th, beaten 11, here on 3/9; 4th, beaten 8 1/2, at a mile on 7/16; 10th, beaten 21, on turf on 8/28. She has no 10/14 start. **Blinkers on;** off 85 days. Bret Calhoun is 99 for 506. –0.1%. **Secret Rolls** (8-1) — One start: 9th, beaten 47, at 7 furlongs at Delta on 10/14 (a sprint, not a route). Patricia West is 4 for 86. –2.1%. **Baba Yaga** (12-1) — **First-time starter.** Juan Sanchez is 6 for 83. –0.7%.

Workout, pedigree and ROI claims removed throughout.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Bright Note	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — weakened 2/7 (turf)
Melissa Gale	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — 3rd by 1/4 on 8/31





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Iron Cutter	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — rallied for 3rd 10/29
Jus Mink Me	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — flattened out 7/16
Secret Rolls	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — brief try, done
Cairo Empress	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter
Baba Yaga	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter

Critical MPH Insight

Iron Cutter is a late runner, not the field's fastest early horse (opening changed from ELITE to VULNERABLE; sustained changed to STRONG). **Melissa Gale** is the only proven presser. The report's mph figures are removed.

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Iron Cutter — Second start after a rallying 3rd.

Jus Mink Me — Blinkers on; back to a sprint.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Bright Note — Off 287 days.

Cairo Empress — Overbet first-time starter at 3-1.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

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

Model projects 25% win probability, the highest in the field. At 7-2 (22.2% implied), +2.8%, though she is off 287 days.

VALUE PLAY: None. No other horse under 10-1 is an overlay (the report's value play, Melissa Gale, is –2.2%).

SECOND PLAY: MELISSA GALE — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 4-1 or better

Model projects 20% at 7-2 (22.2% implied): –2.2%.

LONGSHOT PLAY: None.

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





A: Bright Note — 25%
B: Melissa Gale — 20%
C: Iron Cutter — 14% (replaces Cairo Empress, the fade, at the same 14%)

Combined Projected Probability: 59%

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★ (2 of 5 stars)

The angle is against the 3-1 favorite **Cairo Empress** (–11.0%), a first-time starter. The model's top horse, **Bright Note**, is a thin overlay coming off a 287-day layoff.

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Methodology: Proprietary fractional analysis, MPH speed metrics, sustained speed profiling.





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