Fair Grounds

Race 2 — 11/26/2026

Class: Claiming $15,000

Distance: 5 1/2 Furlongs

Surface: Turf (rail at 14 feet)

Purse: $22,000

Starters: 8 (1 main-track-only)

Post Time: 12:30 CT

CLAIMING. Purse $22,000 FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON FOUR RACES OR WHICH HAVE NOT WON TWO RACES ON THE TURF SINCE MAY 26, 2026. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Claiming Price $15,000. (If deemed inadvisable by management to run this race over the turf course, it will be run on the main track at 5 and 1/2 Furlongs.)

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Fair Grounds R2
Thursday, November 26, 2026 | 5 1/2 Furlongs Turf | 3YO & Up | Claiming $15,000 | Purse: $22,000

Field note: Main track only: Gavel (Post 8) runs only if the race comes off the turf; he is excluded from the bets and the multi. **Turf records:** Kavod is **0 for 7 on turf** (all nine wins on dirt); Gavel is 0 for 3 on turf; Purple Heart 0 for 1. **Layoffs:** Bad Beat Brian off 146 days; Kavod and Contemplation off 103 days. **Drops:** Kavod from a $50,000 claimer; Contemplation from $25,000; Bad Beat Brian from optional claiming. **Class rise:** Clarestown from $10,000. **Trainers:** Purple Heart, second start for Ruperto Urbina; Gavel back with Cesar Govea. No also-eligibles.

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Prodigy Paradise (Post 4) — Led or pressed early in five of his last six. **Purple Heart** (Post 2) — 2nd early on 10/30. **Kavod** (Post 6) — Led early in his dirt wins; 4th to 6th early in his last three.

Stalkers / Pressers

Clarestown (Post 5) — 2nd to 3rd early in his last two. **Contemplation** (Post 3) — 3rd to 5th early in his last four (his 1/29 win came from 5th, not on the lead).

Closers

Bad Beat Brian (Post 1) — 5th to 9th early in his turf sprints. **Gavel** (Post 8) — 6th to 9th early.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **MODERATE** early pace—projected :22 4/5 opening quarter (garbled in the report; read as 4/5), :45 1/5 half-mile. There are no half-mile thresholds below 6 furlongs, so the label comes from the field: **Prodigy Paradise** is the main speed, with **Purple Heart** nearby. Contemplation is not the controlling speed the report described.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Bad Beat Brian	7-2	11%	22.2%	-11.2%
2	Purple Heart	8-1	5%	11.1%	-6.1%
3	Contemplation	2-1	24%	33.3%	-9.3%
4	Prodigy Paradise	6-1	9%	14.3%	-5.3%
5	Clarestown	9-2	15%	18.2%	-3.2%





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
6	Kavod	3-1	24%	25.0%	-1.0%
7	Kazoom	8-1	7%	11.1%	-4.1%
8 MTO	Gavel	5-1	5%	16.7%	-11.7%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**151.9%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion. The report's column showed 0% for Kavod and Kazoom and 0.9% for Gavel, giving edges of +24.0%, +7.0% and +4.1%; corrected, all three are underlays. **No fade:** the 2-1 favorite **Contemplation** is –9.3%. Overbet: **Bad Beat Brian** (7-2) –**11.2%** and main-track-only Gavel (5-1) –11.7%. **No horse is an overlay.**

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★)

Kavod (Post 6) — Model Win %: 24%

PTW Profile: A 7-year-old gelding, 9 for 51, $986,349—but **0 for 7 on turf** (the report credited him with four turf wins this year). 2nd by a neck in the Colonel Power at Fair Grounds in February 2025. Won a $30,000 claimer on dirt here on 3/8 by 5 3/4; 7th by 27 1/4 in a $50,000 claimer at Ellis Park on 8/15. Joe Sharp trains; Adam Concepcion rides.

Concerns: Off 103 days; winless on turf. At 3-1 (25.0% implied), –1.0% (the report showed +24.0%).

Contemplation (Post 3) — Model Win %: 24%

PTW Profile: A 5-year-old gelding, 6 for 23. Won a 1-mile $30,000 turf claimer here on 1/29 by a neck after rallying from 5th (not gate-to-wire) and a 5 1/2-furlong turf allowance at Laurel on 5/12 by 1/2. 3rd by 1 at 9-10 on 7/26 and 5th by 2 3/4 as the favorite on 8/15, both at Colonial Downs. Michael Stidham trains.

Concerns: Off 103 days. At 2-1 (33.3% implied), –9.3%.

Clarestown (Post 5) — Model Win %: 15%

PTW Profile: An **8-year-old** gelding (not a lightly raced 2021 foal), 4 for 51. Won a 5-furlong $15,000 turf claimer here on 1/11 by 3/4. 2nd by a head in a $10,000 turf claimer at Louisiana Downs on 9/16 and 2nd by a neck at Delta Downs on 10/14. A turf sprinter, not a router. Keith Bourgeois trains.

Concerns: Up from $10,000. At 9-2 (18.2% implied), –3.2%.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★)

Bad Beat Brian (Post 1) — Model Win %: 11%

PTW Profile: A 9-year-old gelding, 9 for 59, a turf sprinter (54 of 59 starts on grass; not a dirt hybrid). 3rd by 1 1/2 in a $20,000 optional claimer at Lone Star on 7/3. Winless in six starts this year. Steven Asmussen trains.

Concerns: Off 146 days. Overbet at 7-2 (22.2% implied), –**11.2%**.





Prodigy Paradise (Post 4) — Model Win %: 9%

PTW Profile: A 5-year-old gelding, 3 for 25. **2nd by a head** (not a win) in a 5-furlong turf allowance at Louisiana Downs on 8/4; **3rd by 3/4** (not a win) going 7 1/2 furlongs there on 6/6; 4th by 2 on 9/23. Last win: a $20,000 dirt claimer here on 12/26/25. Shane Wilson trains.

Concerns: Off 64 days. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –5.3%.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors & Longshots (★)

Purple Heart (8-1) — 4-year-old gelding, 3 for 11; 2nd by a head in a $10,000 dirt claimer at Delta Downs on 10/30; 0 for 1 on turf. –6.1%. **Gavel** (5-1, main track only) — 5-year-old gelding, 5 for 29; 0 for 3 on turf. Won a $20,000 claimer on a sloppy track at Evangeline on 5/9; 8th by 10 at Delta Downs on 10/31 (no 10/21 win). Overbet at –**11.7%**. **Kazoom** (8-1) — 3-year-old colt, 2 for 14; 1 for 1 on turf (won a turf maiden at Hawthorne on 5/21); 5th by 11 1/4 at Fairmount Park on 10/17. –4.1%.

Workout, pedigree, trainer-ROI, trainer-percentage and jockey-percentage claims removed throughout.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Kavod	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — 7th by 27 1/4 on 8/15
Contemplation	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — 5th by 2 3/4 on 8/15
Clarestown	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — 2nd by a neck on 10/14
Bad Beat Brian	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — rallied, 3rd on 7/3
Prodigy Paradise	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — led, 4th by 2 on 9/23
Purple Heart	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — 2nd by a head on 10/30
Gavel (MTO)	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 8th by 10 on 10/31
Kazoom	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — 5th by 11 1/4 on 10/17

Critical MPH Insight

Prodigy Paradise is the speed. **Kavod**'s sustained rating changes from ELITE to VULNERABLE after a 27-length loss and with no turf wins. Contemplation's opening changes from ELITE to STRONG (he stalks). Purple Heart and Kazoom had invalid MODERATE ratings and are now rated. Bad Beat Brian's sustained rating changes from VULNERABLE to STRONG (a closer who was 3rd by 1 1/2 last out).

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve





Contemplation — Drops from $25,000; won at this distance on turf in May.

Clarestown — Two close 2nds; won this condition here in January.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Kavod — 0 for 7 on turf; beaten 27 lengths last out; off 103 days.

Bad Beat Brian — Age 9, off 146 days; overbet at 7-2.

Gavel — 0 for 3 on turf; entered for the main track only.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: KAVOD — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 7-2 or better

Model projects 24% at 3-1 (25.0% implied): –1.0%. Tied with Contemplation for the top model figure; Kavod gets the Win Bet on the smaller underlay. He is 0 for 7 on turf.

VALUE PLAY: NONE — No overlay in the field.

LONGSHOT PLAY: NONE — No horse is 10-1 or higher.

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

Model projects 24% at 2-1 (33.3% implied): –9.3%. Next unused model horse.

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

A: Kavod — 24%
B: Contemplation — 24%
C: Clarestown — 15%
(Gavel, main track only, is excluded; if the race comes off the turf, reassess.)

Combined Projected Probability: 63%

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★ (1 of 5 stars)

No overlays, two layoffs at the top, and a co-top pick who has never won on turf. **Contemplation** has the better turf form; **Kavod** edges him only on price. Bad Beat Brian is overbet; Gavel runs only if the race comes off the turf.

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





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