Fair Grounds

Race 8 — 11/26/2026

Class: Allowance Optional Claiming $50,000 N2X

Distance: 1 1/16 Miles

Surface: Turf (rail at 14 feet)

Purse: $54,000

Starters: 10

Post Time: 3:30 CT

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING. Purse $54,000 FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON $20,000 TWICE OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, WAIVER CLAIMING, STARTER OR STATE BRED ALLOWANCE OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES OR CLAIMING PRICE $50,000. (If deemed inadvisable by management to run this race over the turf course, it will be run on the main track at One Mile and One Sixteenth.)

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Fair Grounds R8
Thursday, November 26, 2026 | 1 1/16 Miles Turf | 3YO & Up | Allowance Optional Claiming N2X | Purse: $54,000

Field note: Won last start: Lebowski (two straight), Steady On, Sabi, Breakaway and Funnyflame. **Layoffs:** Awesome Ruta off 110 days; Sabi off 91 days. **Third start off a claim:** Funnyflame (claimed for $30,000 on 8/15 by Richard Mocklin Jr.). **Back from a long layoff:** Steady On won on 10/14 in his first start in 19 months. **Class rises:** Lebowski from $30,000 claimers; Breakaway from N1X. **Same races:** Evangeline 6/13—E Lion 1st, Funnyflame 2nd, Sabi 4th; Evangeline 7/4 (John Henry Stakes)—E Lion 2nd, Sabi 4th; Evangeline 7/23—Funnyflame 2nd, Sabi 3rd; Fair Grounds 3/6—Awesome Ruta 1st, Sabi 5th; Kentucky Downs 9/6—Lebowski 6th, Big to Do 8th. No also-eligibles.

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Funnyflame (Post 10) — Led throughout in his April and May wins at Evangeline; pressed, then won on 10/23. **Awesome Ruta** (Post 9) — Led throughout in his only turf win (3/6). **Lebowski** (Post 1) — Led or pressed early in his last two wins.

Stalkers / Pressers

E Lion (Post 6) — 2nd to 3rd early in his last three. **Sabi** (Post 5) — 4th early, then drew off on 8/27. **Steady On** (Post 2) — 2nd early on 10/14.

Closers

Breakaway (Post 7), **Proven Advocate** (Post 8), **Go for Rocket** (Post 3) and **Big to Do** (Post 4) — 5th or farther back early.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT** early pace—projected :23 2/5 opening quarter, :47 4/5 half-mile (the report's garbled half reads as 4/5). On turf at 1 1/16 miles a :47 4/5 half falls in the HOT band (the report called it MODERATE). **Funnyflame**, **Awesome Ruta** and **Lebowski** share the early speed; the setup helps **Breakaway** and **Proven Advocate**.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Lebowski	8-1	10%	11.1%	-1.1%
2	Steady On	10-1	8%	9.1%	-1.1%
3	Go for Rocket	15-1	5%	6.3%	-1.3%





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
4	Big to Do	20-1	3%	4.8%	-1.8%
5	Sabi	6-1	12%	14.3%	-2.3%
6	E Lion	9-2	11%	18.2%	-7.2%
7	Breakaway	6-1	13%	14.3%	-1.3%
8	Proven Advocate	8-1	11%	11.1%	-0.1%
9	Awesome Ruta	7-2	15%	22.2%	-7.2%
10	Funnyflame	9-2	12%	18.2%	-6.2%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**129.6%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (the report's column was scaled). The table's model figures stand (the report's text used 16% for Awesome Ruta and 14% for Breakaway). **No fade:** the 7-2 favorite **Awesome Ruta** is –7.2%. **No horse is an overlay**—the report showed seven.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★)

Awesome Ruta (Post 9) — Model Win %: 15%

PTW Profile: A 5-year-old horse, 7 for 26—but only **1 for 2 on turf** (not a turf specialist). Won a 1 1/16-mile turf starter allowance here on 3/6 by 2 1/2, leading throughout; won three dirt starter allowances at Keeneland and Churchill in April and May. **7th by 14 1/2** in a dirt optional claimer at Ellis Park on 8/8 (his last race was not a win on 12/12/2025). Joe Sharp trains; Adam Concepcion rides.

Concerns: Off 110 days; beaten badly last out. At 7-2 (22.2% implied), –7.2%.

Breakaway (Post 7) — Model Win %: 13%

PTW Profile: A 3-year-old colt, 2 for 4, all on turf. Won a $30,000 turf maiden claimer at Indiana Grand on 9/2 by 1/2 and an N1X turf allowance there on 10/6 by 6. Brad Cox trains; Brian Curtis rides.

Concerns: Steps up from N1X; off 51 days. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –1.3%.

Sabi (Post 5) — Model Win %: 12%

PTW Profile: A 5-year-old gelding, 7 for 26; 6 for 17 on turf. **Won his last start**, a 1-mile turf starter allowance at Evangeline on 8/27 by 6 1/4 (the report gave 1/17 as his latest win). 4th behind E Lion twice this summer. Emile Schwandt trains.

Concerns: Off 91 days. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –2.3%.

Funnyflame (Post 10) — Model Win %: 12%





PTW Profile: A 5-year-old gelding, 6 for 29. **Won his last start**, a 7-furlong N2X allowance on dirt at Delta Downs on 10/23 by 1 after pressing. Won a 1-mile turf optional claimer at Evangeline on 4/8; 2nd to E Lion there on 6/13. Third start for Richard Mocklin Jr. off a $30,000 claim.

Concerns: Outside post. At 9-2 (18.2% implied), –6.2%.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★)

E Lion (Post 6) — Model Win %: 11%

PTW Profile: A 4-year-old gelding, 4 for 14; all four wins on turf. 3rd by 1 1/2 in the Remington Green Stakes on 9/27; 2nd by a neck in a turf allowance there on 9/5 (on turf, not dirt). Beat Funnyflame and Sabi at Evangeline on 6/13. Shane Wilson trains.

Concerns: Off 60 days. At 9-2 (18.2% implied), –7.2%.

Proven Advocate (Post 8) — Model Win %: 11%

PTW Profile: A 5-year-old Texas-bred gelding, 5 for 29. Won the Assault Stakes for Texas-breds at Lone Star on 7/11 by 3/4. 3rd by 4 3/4 at Kentucky Downs on 9/3; 5th by 5 1/4 in a $80,000 turf optional claimer here at Churchill on 9/27. Jayde Gelner trains.

Concerns: Off 60 days. At 8-1 (11.1% implied), –0.1%.

Lebowski (Post 1) — Model Win %: 10%

PTW Profile: A 4-year-old gelding, 4 for 16. **Won his last two**: $30,000 turf claimers at Remington Park on 10/21 (by 1 1/4) and 11/4 (by 3/4 at 2-5). Steven Asmussen trains.

Concerns: Up from $30,000 claimers. At 8-1 (11.1% implied), –1.1%.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors & Longshots (★)

Steady On (10-1) — 7-year-old gelding, 5 for 17; won the Appleton (L) in 2023. Won a dirt optional claimer at Delta Downs by a neck on 10/14 in his first start since 3/23/25. Back to turf. –1.1%. **Go for Rocket** (15-1) — 3-year-old colt, 2 for 9; 2 for 6 on turf, all routes (not mostly sprints). Won a turf allowance at Ellis Park on 7/24; 5th by 13 as the 2-1 favorite in a race moved off the turf at Keeneland on 10/15. –1.3%. **Big to Do** (20-1) — 5-year-old horse, 4 for 24; 9th by 5 1/4 in a $50,000 turf claimer here at Churchill on 9/18. –1.8%.

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
Awesome Ruta	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — 7th by 14 1/2 on 8/8
Breakaway	STRONG	ELITE	Low — rallied, won by 6 on 10/6





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Sabi	STRONG	ELITE	Low — won by 6 1/4 on 8/27
Funnyflame	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — pressed, won by 1 on 10/23
E Lion	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — 3rd by 1 1/2 on 9/27
Proven Advocate	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — 5th by 5 1/4 on 9/27
Lebowski	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — led, won by 3/4 on 11/4
Steady On	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — won by a neck on 10/14
Go for Rocket	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 5th by 13 on 10/15
Big to Do	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 9th by 5 1/4 on 9/18

Critical MPH Insight

Breakaway and **Sabi** rate best for sustained speed. **Awesome Ruta**'s sustained changes from ELITE to VULNERABLE after a 14-length loss. Changes: Lebowski (won his last two) from VULNERABLE to STRONG; Steady On (won last out) from VULNERABLE to STRONG; Funnyflame (a front-runner) opening to ELITE.

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Breakaway — Two straight turf wins; HOT pace suits a closer.

Steady On — Second start back; returns to turf.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Awesome Ruta — Off 110 days after a 14-length loss; 1 for 2 on turf.

Lebowski — Up from $30,000 claimers.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: AWESOME RUTA — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 6-1 or better

Model projects 15% at 7-2 (22.2% implied): –7.2%. Top model horse; bet only at 6-1 or better.

VALUE PLAY: NONE — No overlay under 10-1 (the report's Value Play, Breakaway, is –1.3%).

LONGSHOT PLAY: NONE — No overlay at 10-1 or higher (the report's Longshot, Sabi, is 6-1).

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

Model projects 13% at 6-1 (14.3% implied): –1.3%. Next unused model horse.





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

A: Awesome Ruta — 15%
B: Breakaway — 13%
C: Sabi — 12% (ties Funnyflame; smaller underlay)

Combined Projected Probability: 40%

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★ (1 of 5 stars)

A wide-open turf route with no overlays and no horse above 15%. Five runners won their last start. **Awesome Ruta** tops the model but is off 110 days and short at 7-2. A HOT pace helps **Breakaway**.

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