Fair Grounds

Race 5 — 11/27/2026

Class: Maiden Special Weight

Distance: 1 1/16 Miles

Surface: Turf

Purse: $52,000

Starters: 10 (+1 MTO)

Post Time: 2:45 CT

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT. Purse $52,000 (includes $4,000 Other Sources and plus $4,000 ALBSS-Accredited LA Bred Slot Supplement) FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. (Preference To Horses That Have Not Started For Less Than $50,000 In Their Last 3 Starts). (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.) (Rail at 14 feet).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Fair Grounds R5
Friday, November 27, 2026 | 1 1/16 Miles Turf | Maidens 3YO & Up | Maiden Special Weight | Purse: $52,000

Field note: The report's header left off the day; this is Friday's card. **Main track only: Double Entendre** (Post 9, 5-2) is entered for the main track only—he runs only if the race comes off the turf, so he is left out of the fade, the bets and the multi-race top 3 (the report made him the Win Bet). **First-time starter:** Shine On Brightly. **First turf starts:** First Offense, Mayfield. **New trainers:** Royal's Pride (Steve Asmussen, from Bill Mott), Cost Effective (Joe Sharp, from Chad Brown). **Shared barn (not coupled):** Brendan Walsh trains Mayfield (Post 8) and First Offense (Post 10). **Same race:** Cash Alley and Unique Performance were 4th and 5th in the Keeneland maiden special weight moved off the turf on 10/16. Sunset Skip won a $5,000 maiden claimer at Louisiana Downs on 8/25 but was disqualified from purse money, so he is still a maiden. Royal's Pride is a 4-year-old.

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Steel Golden (Post 5) — Led early at Keeneland on 10/16 and at Colonial Downs on 8/29 (the report's “Cornuallis”), 2nd both times. **Unique Performance** (Post 4) — Pressed in 2nd on the Churchill turf on 9/20.

Stalkers / Pressers

Cost Effective (Post 3) — 4th early, 3rd by 2 1/2 on the Belmont turf on 10/28 (he did not press to 2nd). **Royal's Pride** (Post 1) — 2nd early at Saratoga in 2025; 5th early on 10/8. **Cash Alley** (Post 2) — 3rd early on 10/16.

Closers

Prince of Grace (Post 6) — 8th early, rallied to 4th at Indiana Grand on 9/28. **First Offense** (Post 10) — 6th to 7th early at Keeneland on 10/24.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **SUICIDAL** early pace—projected :23 1/5 opening quarter, :46 3/5 half-mile. At 1 1/16 miles on turf, a :46 3/5 half is in the SUICIDAL band (the report said MODERATE). **Steel Golden** is the main speed.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Royal's Pride (GB)	7-2	9%	22.2%	-13.2%
2	Cash Alley	6-1	4%	14.3%	-10.3%
3	Cost Effective	4-1	9%	20.0%	-11.0%





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
4	Unique Performance	8-1	5%	11.1%	-6.1%
5	Steel Golden	9-2	18%	18.2%	-0.2%
6	Prince of Grace	9-2	8%	18.2%	-10.2%
7	Shine On Brightly	12-1	3%	7.7%	-4.7%
8	Mayfield	9-2	6%	18.2%	-12.2%
9 MTO	Double Entendre	5-2	24%	28.6%	-4.6%
10	First Offense	4-1	13%	20.0%	-7.0%
11	Sunset Skip	50-1	1%	2.0%	-1.0%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**180.5%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (the report's table column was scaled). **Fade: Royal's Pride**, the 7-2 morning-line favorite of the turf field, is –13.2% (not –3.3%). Also past –10: **Mayfield** –12.2%, **Cost Effective** –11.0%, **Cash Alley** –10.3% and **Prince of Grace** –10.2%. **No overlays:** the report's +7.9% (Steel Golden), +8.2% (Double Entendre) and +1.9% (First Offense) are all negative on the raw line.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★)

Steel Golden (Post 5) — Model Win %: 18%

PTW Profile: A 3-year-old gelding, 0 for 6 with two 2nds and a 3rd. 2nd by 4 1/2 in a $100,000 maiden claimer on the Keeneland dirt on 10/16 after leading; 2nd by 1 1/4 on the Colonial Downs turf on 8/29 after leading into the stretch. Aaron West trains.

Concerns: One turf start. At 9-2 (18.2% implied), –0.2%.

First Offense (Post 10) — Model Win %: 13%

PTW Profile: A 3-year-old gelding, 0 for 2. 6th by 6 1/2 in a 1 1/16-mile maiden special weight on the Keeneland dirt on 10/24; 7th by 20 3/4 at 6 1/2 furlongs at Churchill on 9/13. Brendan Walsh trains (also has Mayfield).

Concerns: First turf start. At 4-1 (20.0% implied), –7.0%.

Double Entendre (Post 9, MTO) — Model Win %: 24%

PTW Profile: A 3-year-old colt, 0 for 3, all on the Fair Grounds dirt: 3rd by 1 1/4 at 1 1/16 miles on 3/21, 3rd on 2/14, 5th at 6 furlongs on 1/17. **Entered for the main track only**—he runs only if the race comes off the turf. Off 251 days. Cherie DeVaux trains.

Concerns: Not a turf starter. At 5-2 (28.6% implied), –4.6%.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★)





Royal's Pride (GB) (Post 1) — Model Win %: 9% — **FADE**

PTW Profile: A 4-year-old colt, 0 for 5, all on turf. 8th in a 1 1/8-mile maiden special weight on the Belmont turf on 10/8. In 2025: 4th at Saratoga on 7/24; **2nd by a neck** (not a win) at Belmont at Aqueduct on 6/20. First start for Steve Asmussen.

Concerns: At 7-2 (22.2% implied), –13.2%.

Cost Effective (Post 3) — Model Win %: 9%

PTW Profile: A 3-year-old gelding, 0 for 5. 3rd by 2 1/2 in a $55,000 maiden claimer on the Belmont turf on 10/28, his only turf start; 6th by 14 1/2 at Saratoga on 8/13. First start for Joe Sharp.

Concerns: Moves up from a maiden claimer. At 4-1 (20.0% implied), –11.0%.

Prince of Grace (Post 6) — Model Win %: 8%

PTW Profile: A 3-year-old colt, 0 for 1. 4th by 6 1/2 as the favorite in a 1-mile turf maiden special weight at **Indiana Grand** (not Indianapolis) on 9/28, rallying from 8th. Brad Cox trains.

Concerns: Off 60 days. At 9-2 (18.2% implied), –10.2%. Not a longshot play at 9-2 (the report listed him as one).

Tier 3 — Pace Factors & Longshots (★)

Mayfield (9-2) — 0 for 2 on dirt: 4th by 8 3/4 at 7 furlongs at Keeneland on 10/3; 6th at Ellis on 8/15. First turf start. –12.2%. **Unique Performance** (8-1) — 0 for 3; 5th at Keeneland on 10/16; 9th by 12 on the Churchill turf on 9/20 after pressing. Bret Calhoun trains. –6.1%. **Cash Alley** (6-1) — 0 for 3; 4th at Keeneland on 10/16; 4th by 5 on the Kentucky Downs turf on 8/30. –10.3%. **Shine On Brightly** (12-1) — First-time starter. Lindsay Schultz trains. –4.7%. **Sunset Skip** (50-1) — 0 for 13; 6th by 11 1/2 in a $5,000 N2L claimer at Louisiana Downs on 9/21. –1.0%.

Workout, trainer-percentage, trainer-ROI 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
Steel Golden	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — led, 2nd by 1 1/4 on 8/29
First Offense	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — 6th by 6 1/2 on 10/24
Double Entendre (MTO)	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — 3rd by 1 1/4 on 3/21
Cost Effective	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — 3rd by 2 1/2 on 10/28
Prince of Grace	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — rallied to 4th on 9/28
Royal's Pride (GB)	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — 8th on 10/8





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Unique Performance	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pressed, 9th by 12 on 9/20
Mayfield	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — 4th by 8 3/4 on 10/3
Cash Alley	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — 4th by 5 on 8/30
Sunset Skip	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 6th by 11 1/2 on 9/21
Shine On Brightly	UNRATED	UNRATED	— First-time starter

Critical MPH Insight

Steel Golden has the field's best early speed and has held on for 2nd in both routes. The report's MODERATE ratings (Mayfield, Cash Alley, Sunset Skip) are not valid and are replaced. **First Offense** was beaten 20 lengths in his debut (sustained changed from ELITE to STRONG); he and **Prince of Grace** race well back early (opening changed to VULNERABLE). **Prince of Grace** held on for 4th as the favorite (sustained changed from VULNERABLE to STRONG).

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Steel Golden — Two straight 2nds after leading.

Prince of Grace — Second career start.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Royal's Pride — 0 for 5 and 8th last out.

Mayfield — Never closer than 8 3/4 lengths; first turf start.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: STEEL GOLDEN — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 5-1 or better

Model projects 18% at 9-2 (18.2% implied): –0.2%. Top model horse in the turf field (Double Entendre, 24%, is main track only); fair odds are about 4.6-1.

VALUE PLAY: NONE — No overlay under 10-1.

LONGSHOT PLAY: NONE — No overlay at 10-1 or higher.

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

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

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





A: Steel Golden — 18%
B: First Offense — 13%
C: Cost Effective — 9%

Combined Projected Probability: 40%

Cost Effective and Royal's Pride tie at 9%; Cost Effective has the bigger edge. If the race comes off the turf, Double Entendre (24%) runs and becomes the top model horse.

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★ (1 of 5 stars)

A wide-open turf maiden with no overlays. **Steel Golden** is the top model horse once main-track-only Double Entendre is set aside. The 7-2 favorite **Royal's Pride** is the fade at –13.2%.

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