Mountaineer Park

Race 5 — 11/23/2026

Class: Claiming $7,500 (N3X)

Distance: 5 Furlongs

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $12,000

Claiming Price: $7,500

Starters: 10 (plus 2 also-eligibles)

Post Time: 8:40 ET

CLAIMING. Purse $12,000 FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Claiming Price $7,500 (W V A Bred Races Not Considered In Eligibility).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Mountaineer Park R5
Monday, November 23, 2026 | 5 Furlongs Dirt | 3YO & Up | Claiming $7,500

Field note: Also-eligibles: After Sunrise (11) and **Finding Candy (12)** run only if horses scratch from the main field of 10; they are left out of the bets and multi (the report used Finding Candy as its Longshot Play). **Entered elsewhere:** Mexicali Mike and Iron Sword are both also **entered on 11/25** (Mountaineer race 5). **Raging Cajun** is off **140 days** and makes his first start for James Watkins. **First start for Jay Bernardini:** Golden Cookie (Bernardini also trains Mexicali Mike; not coupled). **Class drops:** Blake James comes out of allowance races; Sneaky Sneaky drops from $15,000. **Shippers:** Golden Cookie (Penn National), Mr. Sensei and Can of Corn (Indiana Grand). Mexicali Mike beat Dave Did It on 11/8.

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Mexicali Mike (Post 3) — Pressed in 2nd, then won on 11/8; led early on 10/4. **Blake James** (Post 4) — Led early in three of his last four (a front-runner, not a closer). **Can of Corn** (Post 5) — Led early on 10/12.

Stalkers / Pressers

Sneaky Sneaky (Post 7) — 2nd to 5th early. **Golden Cookie** (Post 9) — Pressed in 2nd on 10/29. **Iron Sword** (Post 1) — 3rd early, then won on 11/10. **Mr. Sensei** (Post 8) — Pressed on 10/28.

Closers

Raging Cajun (Post 6), **Dave Did It** (Post 10) and **Mas Que Nada** (Post 2) — mid-pack or worse recently.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT** early pace—projected :22 3/5 opening quarter, :46 at the half. There are no pace bands for 5 furlongs, so the label is judged from the field: Mexicali Mike, Blake James and Can of Corn all want the lead (the report labeled it MODERATE).

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Iron Sword	15-1	5%	6.3%	-1.3%
2	Mas Que Nada	20-1	1%	4.8%	-3.8%
3	Mexicali Mike	4-1	21%	20.0%	**+1.0%**
4	Blake James	8-1	8%	11.1%	-3.1%
5	Can of Corn	12-1	6%	7.7%	-1.7%





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
6	Raging Cajun	10-1	6%	9.1%	-3.1%
7	Sneaky Sneaky	2-1	10%	33.3%	-23.3%
8	Mr. Sensei	7-1	9%	12.5%	-3.5%
9	Golden Cookie	5-1	11%	16.7%	-5.7%
10	Dave Did It	20-1	1%	4.8%	-3.8%
11	After Sunrise (AE)	6-1	8%	14.3%	-6.3%
12	Finding Candy (AE)	4-1	14%	20.0%	-6.0%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**160.6%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (the report's column was scaled). The table's model % is used: Mexicali Mike 21% (the report's text said 18%). **FADE: Sneaky Sneaky, the 2-1 favorite**—33.3% implied vs 10% model, –**23.3%** (not –10.8%). Mexicali Mike is **+1.0%** (not +8.6%), the only overlay. Every other horse is an underlay (the report showed eight overlays).

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★)

Mexicali Mike (Post 3) — Model Win %: 21%

PTW Profile: A 4-year-old colt, 4 for 20. Won a 5-furlong $10,000 claimer here on 11/8 by 2 1/2 at 11-2 after pressing in 2nd (beating Dave Did It); 2nd, beaten 2 1/4, at 8-5 after leading on 10/4. Drops to $7,500. **Also entered 11/25.** Jay Bernardini trains; Luis Negron rides.

Concerns: Could run on 11/25 instead. At 4-1 (20.0% implied), +1.0%.

Golden Cookie (Post 9) — Model Win %: 11%

PTW Profile: A 4-year-old gelding, 2 for 16. Ships from Penn National: 2nd by a neck at 6-5 after pressing in a $5,000 claimer on 10/29. 4th, beaten 8 1/4, as the 6-5 favorite in a 5-furlong race moved off the turf here on 9/23 (Sneaky Sneaky 3rd). **First start for Jay Bernardini.** Brian Tapara rides.

Concerns: Moves up from $5,000. At 5-1 (16.7% implied), –5.7%.

Sneaky Sneaky (Post 7) — Model Win %: 10% — **FADE**

PTW Profile: **The 2-1 favorite.** A 4-year-old gelding, 2 for 21. Beaten at short odds in his last four, all at Mountaineer: 2nd at 3-10 on 6/9, 3rd at 3-2 on 8/5 and 3rd, beaten 4 1/2, at 12-5 on 9/23. Off 61 days; drops from $15,000. Jeff Fletcher trains; Luis Tapara rides.

Concerns: Repeatedly beaten as the favorite. At 2-1 (33.3% implied), –23.3%.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★)





Mr. Sensei (7-1) — A 3-year-old colt, 2 for 16; 5th and 6th at $5,000 at Indiana Grand in his last two. –3.5%. **Blake James** (8-1) — 2 for 16; first start in a claimer after allowance races; 7th, beaten 10 1/4, after leading at a mile here on 10/25. Won an allowance at Thistledown by 5 1/4 in August after leading throughout. –3.1%. **Raging Cajun** (10-1) — 1 for 14; **off 140 days**; first start for James Watkins. –3.1%. **Can of Corn** (12-1) — 2 for 16; 2nd, beaten 1 1/4, after leading at Belterra on 10/12. –1.7%. **Iron Sword** (15-1) — 2 for 5; won a 4 1/2-furlong $4,000 claimer here on 11/10; moves up in class. **Also entered 11/25.** –1.3%. **Dave Did It** (20-1), **Mas Que Nada** (20-1) — well beaten recently.

Final-time, 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
Mexicali Mike	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — pressed, won by 2 1/2 11/8
Golden Cookie	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — 2nd by neck on 10/29
Sneaky Sneaky	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — 3rd by 4 1/2 on 9/23
Mr. Sensei	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — 6th by 4 1/4 on 11/9
Blake James	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — led, 7th by 10 1/4 10/25
Raging Cajun	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — 4th by 8 1/2 on 7/6
Can of Corn	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — led, 2nd by 1 1/4 10/12
Iron Sword	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — won by 1 3/4 on 11/10
Dave Did It	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 5th by 16 1/2 on 11/8
Mas Que Nada	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — 9th on 11/3

Critical MPH Insight

Blake James is a front-runner (not a closer; opening changed to ELITE). **Mexicali Mike** and **Can of Corn** also have early speed, so the pace should be quick. Also-eligibles are not rated.

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Blake James — Drops from allowances into a claimer.

Golden Cookie — First start for a 20% trainer.

Bounce / Regression Risks





Sneaky Sneaky — Repeatedly beaten as the favorite; off 61 days.

Raging Cajun — Off 140 days.

Iron Sword — Moves up from a $4,000 claimer.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: MEXICALI MIKE — Confidence 3/10 — Target odds: 4-1 or better

Model projects 21% at 4-1 (20.0% implied): +1.0%, the highest model win % and only overlay in the main field. Confirm he runs here and not on 11/25.

VALUE PLAY: None. No other overlay.

SECOND PLAY: GOLDEN COOKIE — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 9-1 or better

Model projects 11% at 5-1 (16.7% implied): –5.7%. Next main-field model horse after the fade.

LONGSHOT PLAY: None. Finding Candy is an also-eligible.

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

A: Mexicali Mike — 21%
B: Golden Cookie — 11%
C: Mr. Sensei — 9% (replaces the fade, Sneaky Sneaky; Finding Candy is an AE)

Combined Projected Probability: 41%

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★ (1 of 5 stars)

A wide-open cheap sprint with two also-eligibles and two horses entered elsewhere. **Mexicali Mike** stands out on the model but may run on 11/25. **Sneaky Sneaky** is badly overbet at 2-1.

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