Oaklawn Park

Race 7 — 11/28/2026

Class: Maiden Special Weight (Arkansas-bred)

Distance: 6 Furlongs

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $105,000

Starters: 12 (plus 2 also-eligibles)

Post Time: 3:28 CT

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT. Purse $105,000 FOR ARKANSAS BRED (WHICH QUALIFY UNDER RULES GOVERNING ARKANSAS-BREDS) MAIDENS, TWO YEARS OLD. Weight, 120 lbs. (Preference To Horses Which Have Started).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Oaklawn Park R7
Saturday, November 28, 2026 | 6 Furlongs Dirt | Arkansas-bred 2-Year-Olds | Maiden Special Weight | Purse: $105,000

Field note: Also-eligibles: Hollys Bro Richard (13) and **Mel's Joy (14)**, both first-time starters, run only on scratches from the main field of 12; the report listed them in the main field. **Same race:** Remington maiden on 10/3, taken off the turf—Betterquitthatboy 2nd, Cutt the d'Oro 3rd. **Blinkers on:** Hey Baby Mikko, Ritornello, Drummer Bill. **First-time starters:** Kelbycan, Sweet Lou. **Class rises:** Midnight Commander and Drummer Bill (from maiden claimers). **Layoffs:** Poppy's Playhouse 105 days, Hey Baby Mikko 70 days, Ritornello 70 days, Drummer Bill 65 days, Serious Beast 61 days. **Apprentices:** Kelbycan (113 lbs), Ritornello (115 lbs). A. Mendoza is named on Two Steppin Ray and Mel's Joy.

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Betterquitthatboy (Post 5) — Led or pressed 2nd early in all three starts. **Two Steppin Ray** (Post 11) — 2nd at the start on 10/23.

Stalkers / Pressers

Serious Beast (Post 8) — 5th to 4th early, 2nd by a head on 9/28 (the report rated him ELITE early).

Closers

Hey Baby Mikko (Post 2) — 6th early, rallied to 3rd on 9/19. **Cutt the d'Oro** (Post 12) — 6th early, 3rd on 10/3. **Midnight Commander**, **Drummer Bill**, **Big City Steve**, **Ritornello** and **Poppy's Playhouse** — Raced well back in their starts.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **MODERATE** early pace—projected :22 2/5 opening quarter, :45 1/5 half-mile. **Betterquitthatboy** is the most proven speed.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Kelbycan	15-1	5%	6.3%	-1.3%
2	Hey Baby Mikko	15-1	10%	6.3%	**+3.7%**
3	Poppy's Playhouse	20-1	3%	4.8%	-1.8%
4	Big City Steve	8-1	6%	11.1%	-5.1%
5	Betterquitthatboy	4-1	22%	20.0%	**+2.0%**





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
6	Ritornello	15-1	10%	6.3%	**+3.7%**
7	Midnight Commander	6-1	12%	14.3%	-2.3%
8	Serious Beast	5-2	18%	28.6%	-10.6%
9	Sweet Lou	20-1	2%	4.8%	-2.8%
10	Drummer Bill	5-1	6%	16.7%	-10.7%
11	Two Steppin Ray	20-1	2%	4.8%	-2.8%
12	Cutt the d'Oro	10-1	2%	9.1%	-7.1%
13 AE	Hollys Bro Richard	12-1	1%	7.7%	-6.7%
14 AE	Mel's Joy	12-1	1%	7.7%	-6.7%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**148.5%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (the report's table column was scaled). **Fade: Serious Beast**, the 5-2 morning-line favorite, is –10.6% (not –1.3%). Also at –10 or worse: **Drummer Bill** –10.7% (not –5.3%). Overlays: **Hey Baby Mikko** and **Ritornello** +3.7% (not +5.8%), **Betterquitthatboy** +2.0% (not +8.5%). Midnight Commander is –2.3% (not +2.3%) and Kelbycan –1.3% (not +0.8%).

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★)

Betterquitthatboy (Post 5) — Model Win %: 22%

PTW Profile: A 2-year-old gelding, 0 for 3 with two 2nds. 4th by 4 1/4 in a Remington maiden special weight on 10/28 after pressing 2nd; 2nd by 1/2 there on 10/3 after leading; 2nd by 3 in a $30,000 turf maiden claimer on 9/12. Ike Green trains.

Concerns: Faded last out. At 4-1 (20.0% implied), +2.0%.

Serious Beast (Post 8) — Model Win %: 18% — **FADE**

PTW Profile: A 2-year-old colt, 0 for 1. 2nd by a head in a 5-furlong maiden special weight at Louisiana Downs on 9/28, rallying from 5th. Ernie Witt II trains.

Concerns: One start; off 61 days. At 5-2 (28.6% implied), –10.6%.

Midnight Commander (Post 7) — Model Win %: 12%

PTW Profile: A 2-year-old colt, 0 for 1. 7th by 16 in a $100,000 maiden claimer at Churchill on 11/1. Chris Hartman trains.

Concerns: Beaten 16 lengths in his debut. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –2.3%.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★)





Hey Baby Mikko (Post 2) — Model Win %: 10%

PTW Profile: A 2-year-old colt, 0 for 3 with two 3rds. 3rd by 3/4 in the slop at Canterbury on 9/19, rallying from 6th; 4th by 2 1/4 on 8/13. Blinkers on. Tony Rengstorf trains.

Concerns: Off 70 days; Canterbury form. At 15-1 (6.3% implied), +3.7%.

Ritornello (Post 6) — Model Win %: 10%

PTW Profile: A 2-year-old gelding, 0 for 2. Did not finish at Churchill on 9/19; 7th by 15 at Ellis Park on 8/21. Blinkers on. Matt Williams trains.

Concerns: No completed race of note. At 15-1 (6.3% implied), +3.7%.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors & Longshots (★)

Drummer Bill (5-1) — 7th in a $150,000 maiden claimer at Churchill on 9/24. Blinkers on. –10.7%. **Big City Steve** (8-1) — 10th by 17 1/2 at Keeneland on 10/17. –5.1%. **Cutt the d'Oro** (10-1) — 3rd by 4 at Remington on 10/3. –7.1%. **Poppy's Playhouse** (20-1) — 9th by 16 1/4 in a Prairie Meadows stakes on 8/15. –1.8%. **Two Steppin Ray** (20-1) — 6th by 8 1/2 at Delta Downs on 10/23. –2.8%. First-time starters **Kelbycan** (15-1) –1.3% and **Sweet Lou** (20-1) –2.8%.

Also-eligibles: Hollys Bro Richard (12-1, Steve Asmussen) and **Mel's Joy** (12-1) — First-time starters. –6.7% each.

Workout and trainer-percentage claims removed throughout.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Betterquitthatboy	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — pressed, 4th by 4 1/4 on 10/28
Serious Beast	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — 2nd by a head on 9/28
Midnight Commander	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 7th by 16 on 11/1
Hey Baby Mikko	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — rallied to 3rd on 9/19
Ritornello	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — did not finish 9/19
Drummer Bill	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 7th on 9/24
Cutt the d'Oro	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — 3rd by 4 on 10/3
Big City Steve	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 10th by 17 1/2 on 10/17
Poppy's Playhouse	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	High — 9th by 16 1/4 on 8/15
Two Steppin Ray	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — 6th by 8 1/2 on 10/23





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Kelbycan	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter
Sweet Lou	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter
Hollys Bro Richard (AE)	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter
Mel's Joy (AE)	UNRATED	UNRATED	First-time starter

Critical MPH Insight

Serious Beast rallied from 5th in his debut, so he is not ELITE early (changed from ELITE/VULNERABLE to VULNERABLE/STRONG). **Betterquitthatboy** is the speed but faded last out (changed from STRONG/STRONG to ELITE/VULNERABLE).

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Betterquitthatboy — Fourth start; back against Arkansas-breds.

Hey Baby Mikko — Blinkers on.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Serious Beast — 5-2 favorite off one Louisiana Downs start.

Drummer Bill — 5-1 off a well-beaten debut.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: BETTERQUITTHATBOY — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 4-1 or better

Model projects 22% at 4-1 (20.0% implied): +2.0%. Top model horse; fair odds are about 3.5-1.

VALUE PLAY: NONE — No overlay under 10-1 other than the Win horse.

LONGSHOT PLAY: HEY BABY MIKKO — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 9-1 or better

Model projects 10% at 15-1 (6.3% implied): +3.7% (tied with Ritornello; Hey Baby Mikko has completed all three of his starts).

SECOND PLAY: MIDNIGHT COMMANDER — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 8-1 or better

Model projects 12% at 6-1 (14.3% implied): –2.3%. Next unused model horse (Serious Beast is the fade).

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

A: Betterquitthatboy — 22%
B: Midnight Commander — 12%





C: Hey Baby Mikko — 10%

Combined Projected Probability: 44%

Serious Beast (the fade) replaces with Hey Baby Mikko. A wide-open race; go deep in multi-race tickets.

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★ (1 of 5 stars)

A weak Arkansas-bred maiden. **Betterquitthatboy** is the most proven runner. The 5-2 favorite **Serious Beast** is the fade at –10.6%.

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