

# MEET THE CONTENDERS

## 2024

# BLUE GRASS STAKES

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### TOP CONOR



**PRO:** \$1 million purchase won on debut in mid-February; plenty of upside.  
**CON:** Dives into a deep spot second out; others look more likely.

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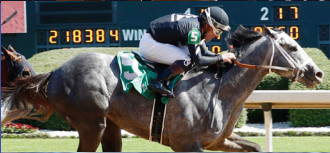


### BE YOU



**PRO:** Earned belated maiden win last out at Gulfstream, albeit over a shorter seven furlongs.  
**CON:** Does best with a robust pace and might not get that here.

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### SEIZE THE GREY



**PRO:** Return to dirt should help following decent run in Jeff Ruby (G3) two weeks ago.  
**CON:** Better than he was but hasn't yet proved up to this level.

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### DORNOCH



**PRO:** Full brother to Mage figures hard to run down with best try.  
**CON:** Took advantage of speed bias in Remsen (G2) and Fountain of Youth (G2) field fell apart.

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### GOOD MONEY



**PRO:** Has run well in both starts, though behind Sierra Leone in Brown pecking order.  
**CON:** Exits slow renewal of Tampa Bay Derby (G3); much more required here.

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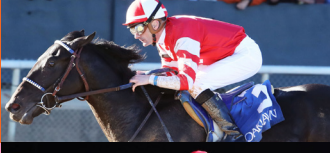


### JUST A TOUCH



**PRO:** Late developer has run strongly in both starts; bred to get a distance.  
**CON:** Relative inexperience a concern and hasn't yet run over a fast track.

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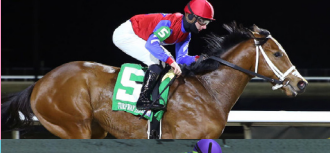


### LAT LONG



**PRO:** Enters fresh off even third-place effort in Lecomte (G3).  
**CON:** Seemingly has much to prove stepping up in class.

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### EPIC RIDE



**PRO:** One of the leading three-year-olds at Turfway over the winter; albeit against softer.  
**CON:** In addition to class concerns, hasn't yet raced over a dirt surface.

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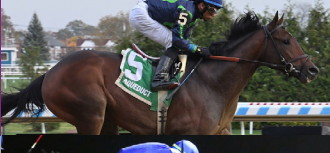


### MUGATU



**PRO:** Has yet to try two turns on a dirt surface, which might prove his calling.  
**CON:** Very much the outsider of the field from a class perspective.

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### SIERRA LEONE



**PRO:** Leading Kentucky Derby candidate won strong renewal of Risen Star (G2).  
**CON:** Closing style not always the best to have over a fast Keeneland strip.

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### ENCINO



**PRO:** Consistent start to his career with two wins and a second from three starts.  
**CON:** Like Epic Ride, lacks experience running on dirt.