

MEET THE CONTENDERS

2024

LEXINGTON STAKES

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SECRET CHAT



PRO: Stakes-placed last season and comeback going short a race he likely needed.
CON: Class concerns remain after recent allowance loss versus Florida-breds.

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THE WINE STEWARD



PRO: Dual stakes winner and narrowly missed when last seen in Breeders' Futurity (G1).
CON: Unraced since that Futurity run in October and might prove a tad rusty

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DILGER



PRO: Earned overdue maiden win at Gulfstream in decent time last out.
CON: Other runs outside graduation have been modest; lands in tough spot.

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FOOTPRINT



PRO: Has fought hard his last few despite less-than-ideal trips.
CON: Appears to need a notable step forward to contend at this level.

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HADES



PRO: Toppled Fierceness in Holy Bull (G3) and addition of blinkers should help here.
CON: Far from a standout here and price likely to be unattractive.

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HOW'S UR ATTITUDE



PRO: Appreciated step up to two turns when beating maiden foes at Turfway.
CON: Lacks experience on dirt and tough spot in which to face winners for the first time.

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EVERDOIT



PRO: Form has improved in his last couple, albeit against much softer.
CON: Pretty much exposed from a class perspective at Tampa over the winter.

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ENCINO



PRO: Enters with nearly flawless record plus success in John Battaglia Memorial.
CON: Hasn't yet run on dirt, though hails from family of classic winners.

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LIBERAL ARTS



PRO: G3 winner failed to settle in Arkansas Derby (G1) but class drop should help.
CON: Best races thus far have come over off tracks, and dry conditions more than likely here.

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LUCKY JEREMY



PRO: Back on preferred surface and shortens up after setting the pace in Jeff Ruby (G3).
CON: Post not ideal, especially if other speed makes him work early.