

MEET THE CONTENDERS

2024

BATTAGLIA MEMORIAL STAKES



1 GETTYSBURG ADDRESS



PRO: Top-level connections hoping class reprieve from Oaklawn will turn things around.
CON: Seemingly unfamiliar with this kind of surface and likely overbet again.

2 ODE TO BALIUS



PRO: Showed respectable form at the start of his career on turf and dirt.
CON: Enters off a very long layoff dating to August.

3 MR. FAVERSHAM



PRO: Both runs here have been good, albeit against far easier.
CON: Exits maiden claiming ranks and lacks positional speed.

4 BOLT AT MIDNIGHT



PRO: Sharp maiden winner in second local start, earning 92 Brisnet Speed rating.
CON: Will get a stronger test of class in this spot.

5 FIDGET



PRO: Likely better than last-out run in Smarty Jones would suggest.
CON: Versatile as far as surface, though lacks experience on a synthetic track.

6 EPIC RIDE



PRO: Cruised in Leonatus S. last out and has won last two by a combined nine lengths.
CON: Speedy type might see more pressure in this larger-sized field.

7 BLUE EYED GEORGE



PRO: Second best in Leonatus and has thrown only one clunker in four starts.
CON: Earned 79 speed rating in latest, and that needs to improve.

8 BREAK OUT



PRO: Graduated on the turf at Gulfstream last out and try on Tapeta two back was okay.
CON: One of several taking significant step up out of the maiden ranks.

9 MISSION READY



PRO: Addition of blinkers, Lasix likely helped secure upset allowance win last time.
CON: Inconsistency and relative class are main concerns.

10 GOOD BALI



PRO: Showed improvement when a distant third in Leonatus.
CON: Needs to show more against that prep's top two, and others.

11 MUGATU



PRO: Has a long body of work already and might appreciate slight step up in distance.
CON: 0-for-4 against allowance foes and appears rather exposed at this point.

12 ENCINO



PRO: Graduated for top-class connections after setting a slow pace but versatile in running style.
CON: Relatively inexperienced and not likely to offer much value from wide draw.

13 KARLWITHANARL



PRO: Enters on a two-race win streak since adding blinkers.
CON: Beat far easier, including \$15,000 maiden claimers, in those victories.

14 KATHEEB



PRO: Crushed maiden rivals here and encountered significant trouble at GP last time.
CON: Stuck with a wide post if able to draw in off AE list.