

# MEET THE CONTENDERS

2024

## LOS ALAMITOS FUTURITY

Meet the horses running in the **2024 Los Alamitos Futurity (G2)** at Los Alamitos. For each horse, we're listing a pro, a con, and a rating of potential. The star rating of 1 to 5 represents opportunity to perform well. Be sure to follow these contenders by adding them to your Stable Alerts.



### GAMING



**PRO:** Del Mar Futurity (G1) winner exits a strong runner-up finish in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) for Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert, who has won this race eight times in the last 10 years.  
**CON:** Must avoid getting boxed in traffic while breaking from the inside post.



### MELLENCAMP



**PRO:** Baffert trainee finished ahead of Journalism when second in a six-furlong maiden special weight at Santa Anita.  
**CON:** He's yet to win a race and finished six lengths behind Journalism when stretching out for a one-mile maiden special weight at Del Mar last time out.



### GETAWAY CAR



**PRO:** Ran well against tough competition when second in the American Pharoah (G1) and fourth in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile for Baffert.  
**CON:** Both of his wins have come in sprints, and he may prefer running shorter than 1 1/16 miles.



### RANK



**PRO:** Stoutly bred son of Santa Anita Derby (G1) winner Honor A. P. has improved since stretching out around two turns, finishing second in back-to-back one-mile maiden special weights.  
**CON:** Finished 2 1/2 lengths behind Journalism in his latest run and previously lost to Gaming and Getaway Car.



### JOURNALISM



**PRO:** Improving son of two-time Horse of the Year Curlin rallied to win a one-mile maiden special weight at Del Mar by 2 1/2 lengths over Rank.  
**CON:** His career-best 95 Brisnet Speed rating is 10 points lower than the 105 Gaming posted in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile.