

MEET THE CONTENDERS

2024

REBEL STAKES

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CARBONE



PRO: Connections giving him another chance after Southwest (G3) flop.
CON: Might ultimately prove more effective around one turn, like his dad.

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NORTHERN FLAME



PRO: Has fared best when on the lead, as shown last time in hard-fought allowance win.
CON: Not much of a factor in two prior stakes attempts.

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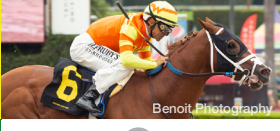


COMMON DEFENSE



PRO: Fifth in Southwest was decent, given conditions that helped those rating closer.
CON: Has a profile like others in that he will need to step up a notch or two.

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TEJON PASS



PRO: Might not have cared for the surface when fading fifth in two-turn debut.
CON: Has run well against good rivals, but improvement needed over latest.

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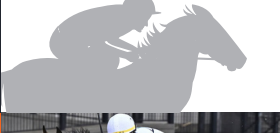


MAGIC GRANT



PRO: Better than last would suggest, though Remington form overall took a hit in Southwest.
CON: Broke maiden in a sprint stakes, which might fit him better.

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DIMATIC



PRO: Gun Runner colt put it all together last time to graduate; adds blinkers here.
CON: Though he remains with upside, concedes crucial stakes experience.

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TIMBERLAKE



PRO: Traded decisions with champion Fierceness last season; class edge.
CON: Towers on form but might need a bit of luck in congested field at a short price.

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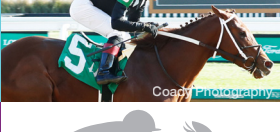


NEXT LEVEL



PRO: Rebounded well last time, albeit in a soft and slow allowance.
CON: Last two attempts in Derby preps were serious clunkers; lacks consistency.

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LAGYNOS



PRO: A commendable 2-for-3 last season when showing rating tactics.
CON: Flashed speed in Smarty Jones S. and wilted to fifth; this race seemingly deeper.

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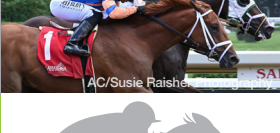


MENA



PRO: Solid form in four dirt starts, including two wins and a neck loss.
CON: Has twice been offered for a claiming tag; taking notable step up in class here.

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JUST STEEL



PRO: Narrowly second best in Smarty Jones and Southwest earlier this meet.
CON: Despite recent form, nagging suspicion he'd be more effective around one turn.

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WOODCOURT



PRO: Four-time winner is quite versatile regarding distance and surface.
CON: Has run for a claiming tag in last four races; class hike is significant.

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TIME FOR TRUTH



PRO: Two solid efforts to start his career; speed figures are relatively competitive.
CON: Wheels back on short rest and has never raced beyond six furlongs.