

MEET THE CONTENDERS

2024

RISEN STAR STAKES



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TIZZY INDY



PRO: Pedigree for distance seemingly the only positive attribute.
CON: No factor in Lecomte (G3) and ex-claimer looks similarly out of place here.

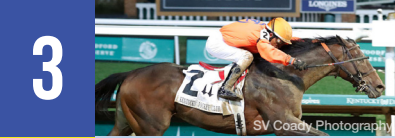


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AWESOME RUTA



PRO: Latest try was likely a bit on the short side; stakes-placed at two turns.
CON: Looks overmatched from a class perspective.



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HONOR MARIE



PRO: Impressive win last out in Kentucky Jockey Club (G2); extra distance figures to suit.
CON: Enters off longer layoff than main rivals; might peak later in the spring.



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SIERRA LEONE



PRO: Nearly overcame track bias to just miss in strong renewal of the Remsen (G2).
CON: Hung badly after taking a lead late in that Aqueduct feature; can't do that again.



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MOONLIGHT



PRO: Fourth in key edition of Remsen and track profile was working against him.
CON: Cross-entered in an earlier allowance, which would be a more winnable spot.

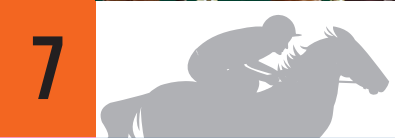


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REAL MEN VIOLIN



PRO: Second best in Kentucky Jockey Club but beat Track Phantom two back.
CON: Has settled for second four times in six starts.



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HALL OF FAME



PRO: Exploded to break maiden by more than 10 lengths; exciting prospect.
CON: Lacks the stakes experience the other main contenders have; likely underlay.



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CATCHING FREEDOM



PRO: Long-time backers should finally get value on this stakes-winning colt.
CON: Faces a far deeper cast in this first stab in graded company.



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CARDINALE



PRO: Just missed after dueling most of the way in Gulfstream allowance.
CON: Form of last race took a hit when winner trailed in Sam F. Davis (G3).



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RESILIENCE



PRO: Dominated maiden foes at Gulfstream, appears to be getting better.
CON: This is a significant step up in class and he loses Lasix.



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TRACK PHANTOM



PRO: On a four-race win streak, including the Gun Runner and Lecomte.
CON: Got away with a slow pace last time, stiffer challenge here.



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BEE DANCER



PRO: Exceeded expectations winning on debut at 9-1.
CON: Steps up three furlongs and concedes a lot of experience to others.