

MEET THE CONTENDERS

2025

SOUTHWEST STAKES

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GAMING



PRO: One of last year's top juveniles, despite dull showing in Los Al Futurity (G2).
CON: Pre-race behavior is key and Baffert trainee obviously will offer little to no value.

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PUBLISHER



PRO: Rival needed to earn stakes-quality speed figure to beat him last time.
CON: Remains a maiden after four starts and perhaps vulnerable to bounce.

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MONET'S MAGIC



PRO: Enters off back-to-back wins, including local allowance in mud.
CON: Latest not all that fast, and this is a pretty deep spot.

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TIZTASTIC



PRO: Multi-surface talent got significant slices in Street Sense (G3), KJC (G2).
CON: Beaten total of nine lengths last two and must find a little more.

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RENDER JUDGMENT



PRO: Barn going well this meet and might get a more favorable pace this time.
CON: Speed figures are a bit on the light side; needs to quicken.

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SANDMAN



PRO: Debut over this track was a solid allowance win going a mile.
CON: Earned only minor checks in two prior stakes attempts.

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PATCH ADAMS



PRO: Looked an up-and-coming star with blowout maiden win at Churchill Downs.
CON: Barn has been surprisingly cold this meet and tends to be overbet.

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AMERICAN PROMISE



PRO: Skipped over mud to earn overdue maiden win in fast time.
CON: Must reverse form with some of the more marginal contenders.

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BON TEMPS



PRO: Outran expectations when fourth in Smarty Jones.
CON: Maiden has yet to hit the board in three tries.

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SPEED KING



PRO: Close second at RP to Coal Battle, who flattered form in Smarty Jones.
CON: Wide draw a potential concern with other speed inside.