

MEET THE CONTENDERS

2024

SOUTHWEST STAKES

1		MAYCOCKS BAY  PRO: Made vast improvement in a Fair Grounds allowance, albeit w/Lasix added. CON: Threat to bounce off a career best performance.
2		CHARLESTON  PRO: Might respond to the removal of blinkers after poor try last out. CON: Has little to recommend after losing a pair of maiden claimers.
3		MAGIC GRANT  PRO: Graduated in Remington stakes and mud might have hampered rally in Springboard Mile. CON: Speed figures suggest he must improve a significant amount.
4		OTTO THE CONQUEROR  PRO: Springboard Mile score not flashy but beat Honor Marie easily two back. CON: Whether he'll be as effective going longer remains to be seen.
5		WYNSTOCK  PRO: Upset several stablemates with gutsy re-rally in Los Alamitos Futurity (G2). CON: Not the flashiest looking contender barn has sent to Oaklawn.
6		LIBERAL ARTS  PRO: Solid form and skipped over mud to land Street Sense (G3) when last seen. CON: Concedes recency to all his Southwest rivals.
7		CARBONE  PRO: Son of Mitole has aced both previous starts by a combined 12 lengths. CON: Additional pace pressure might impact his chances.
8		COMMON DEFENSE  PRO: Won comfortably against maiden foes going a mile; has upside. CON: Must get faster, and perhaps might be better suited to an allowance.
9		LINEBACKER  PRO: Has placed in all three starts, and blinkers might help here. CON: Still a maiden and obviously a tough spot in which to try and graduate.
10		MYSTIK DAN  PRO: Return to maiden-breaking form gives him a chance at a price. CON: Has lost ground late in both attempts at a mile or longer.
11		JUST STEEL  PRO: Well experienced and second in Smarty Jones was decent, given wide trip. CON: Best tries to date have been around one turn.
12		AWESOME ROAD  PRO: Maiden was good, though well beaten in two subsequent graded attempts. CON: Might end up running at Turfway as he's cross-entered to a stakes there.