

MEET THE CONTENDERS

2025

FLORIDA DERBY

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NEOEQUOS



PRO: Consistent performer held third after setting pace in Fountain of Youth (G2).
CON: Pace forecasts to be stronger and must show improvement.

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COOL INTENTIONS



PRO: Two-time winner over the track and bred to appreciate distance.
CON: Ineffective in softer stakes on Jan. 4; seemingly overmatched here.

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SMOKEN BOY



PRO: In the unlikely event there is a wet track, his stock would improve modestly.
CON: Outsider offers little appeal based on two previous mainland races.

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DISRUPTOR



PRO: Gun Runner colt's best days are ahead for barn that has won this a record eight times.
CON: Relatively inexperienced in several facets, including around two turns.

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INDECISIVENESS



PRO: Should work out a decent stalking trip with a lot of pace signed on.
CON: Hard to endorse off last three starts against easier.

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JIMMY'S DAILYS



PRO: Beat Disruptor two back, and second best in allowance follow-up.
CON: Stakes debuts in a tough spot and might be better suited to shorter.

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ENTERDADRAGON



PRO: Barn generally must be respected and had an excuse in lone try on dirt.
CON: Doesn't appear classy or fast enough on paper.

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MADAKET ROAD



PRO: Blinkers off California shipper who has placed in all three stakes tries.
CON: Likely sees additional early pressure while being asked to stretch out.

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TAPPAN STREET



PRO: Beaten favorite in Holy Bull (G3) enters fresh and with plenty of upside.
CON: Form of Holy Bull hasn't been flattered and post a potential hurdle.

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SOVEREIGNTY



PRO: Won Fountain of Youth with late surge; the one to beat on paper.
CON: Outside draw not great and will get new rider after injury to Alvarado.