

MEET THE CONTENDERS

2025

GOTHAM STAKES

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SCORCHING



PRO: Form in Canada last year was solid over multiple surfaces.
CON: Whether he can replicate his form over dirt is the primary question.

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NORMANDY COAST



PRO: Enters off open company wins at Ellis and Fair Grounds, so appears to fit.
CON: Held on to win only narrowly last time and hasn't yet raced beyond 7f.

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CALLING CARD



PRO: Lone previous try over this track and distance resulted in 17-length maiden win.
CON: Dull try last time in a slow renewal of Lecomte (G3).

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SACROSANCT



PRO: Enjoyed flawless juvenile campaign, which included three stakes wins.
CON: Untried in open company and figures to see plenty of other speed here.

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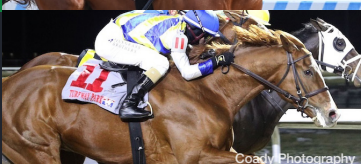


SAND DEVIL



PRO: Undefeated from three starts and Brisnet Speed ratings consistently in the mid-90s.
CON: Has beaten only NY-breds and had to work much harder than expected last time.

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PAGODE



PRO: Just got up to win debut going 6.5f so sure to appreciate added ground.
CON: Relatively inexperienced and this marks first attempt over dirt.

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FLOOD ZONE



PRO: Crushed maiden rivals at a big price, earning 94 Brisnet Speed rating.
CON: Was only beating Florida-breds last time and one of several potential underlays.

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MCAFFEE



PRO: Dutrow trainee ran well at Churchill last fall, albeit against softer.
CON: Relative class a concern, as is length of his layoff.

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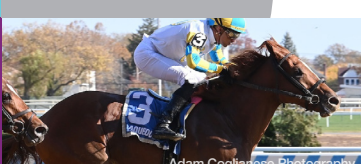


GARAMOND



PRO: Juddmonte homebred by Uncle Mo won at first asking down at Tampa.
CON: Has plenty of upside but sure to be overbet, given his connections.

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MY MITOLE



PRO: Two-time track-and-distance winner hails from barn having a strong meet.
CON: Coming back rather quickly off two weeks' rest.