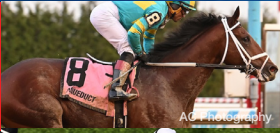


# MEET THE CONTENDERS

2025

## JEFF RUBY STEAKS

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### CALLING CARD



**PRO:** His very best form possibly good enough to earn a minor slice.  
**CON:** Made little impact in Lecomte (G3) and Gotham (G3); might need easier.

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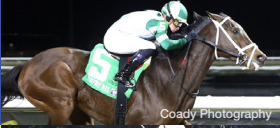


### CHARLIE'S TO BLAME



**PRO:** Gulfstream stakes winner could be tough if turf form transfers to Tapeta.  
**CON:** Presumably would not want to get tangled up in early pace duel.

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### CALIFORNIA BURRITO



**PRO:** Enters off back-to-back wins, including game score in John Battaglia Memorial.  
**CON:** Arguably benefited from setting slow pace in both; perhaps tough to replicate.

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### FINAL GAMBIT



**PRO:** Handles surface just fine and hails from always dangerous Cox barn.  
**CON:** Taking big class leap off slowly run maiden score.

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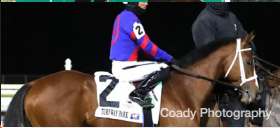


### FLYING MOHAWK



**PRO:** Enters off two solid wins over the grass at Churchill, Fair Grounds.  
**CON:** Like many in here, has surface questions to answer.

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### BABY MAX



**PRO:** Solid form here all winter and slow pace likely hurt in Battaglia.  
**CON:** Adds blinkers, but will they help or hurt?

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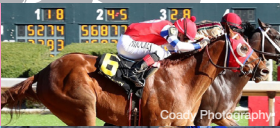


### GIOCOSO



**PRO:** Ran no kind of race in Risen Star (G2); capable of better.  
**CON:** Needs career best and over a surface he has yet to try.

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### INNOVATOR



**PRO:** Speedy colt ran well below par in Rebel (G2) last time; drawing a line through that.  
**CON:** Still not convinced nine furlongs is a distance he'll excel over.

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### POSTER



**PRO:** Remsen (G2) winner class of the field; can improve off season debut.  
**CON:** Won both tries on turf, but will that translate to synthetic success?

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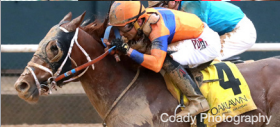


### MAXIMUM PROMISE



**PRO:** Rallied to land third in Battaglia Memorial after poor start.  
**CON:** Has shown little early foot outside maiden win.

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### CURVINO



**PRO:** Consistent check getter for barn that can surprise at times.  
**CON:** Has a lot of catching up to do from class, speed rating perspective.

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### HE'S NOT JOKING



**PRO:** Based on Woodbine form should appreciate return to preferred surface.  
**CON:** Even considering surface, two tries outside Canada were rather dull.

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### CANDYTOWN



**PRO:** Didn't lose by much in either start, and turf form might transfer to synthetic.  
**CON:** Maiden concedes experience in several categories and currently on AE list.