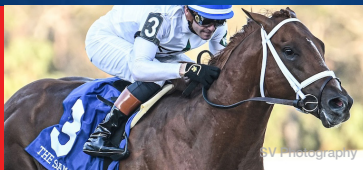


MEET THE CONTENDERS

2025

LOUISIANA DERBY

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JOHN HANCOCK



PRO: Enters undefeated including Sam F. Davis S. win over Tampa Bay Derby (G3) winner.
CON: One-dimensional in running style so far and likely overbet.

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CHUNK OF GOLD



PRO: Surprise of the Risen Star (G2) when a rallying second at 43-1 in dirt debut.
CON: Will not offer anywhere near the same value and still has something to prove.

3



TIZTASTIC



PRO: Placed in three of four Derby preps; perhaps hurt by wide draw in Rebel (G2).
CON: Seems well exposed by this point in the Derby prep season.

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YINZER



PRO: Turned in big effort breaking maiden on Risen Star Day undercard.
CON: Perhaps helped by speed-friendly track; taking stiff class hike.

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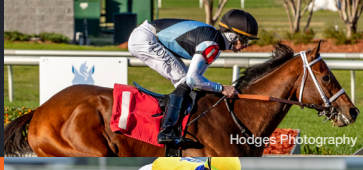


CALDERA



PRO: Solid when losing Sunland Park Derby in a photo; extra furlong might help.
CON: Faces a much stronger group than he did in New Mexico.

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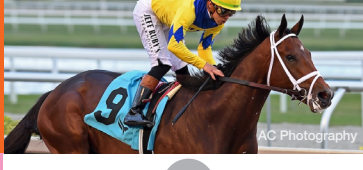


BUILT



PRO: Has won or placed in all three FG preps and adds blinkers for this.
CON: Didn't seem to appreciate extra ground in latter stages of Risen Star.

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VASSIMO



PRO: Blinkers on for barn that has won this race a record five times.
CON: Flattened out when distant fourth in Risen Star; needs more.

8



FURIO



PRO: Second best in allowance prep after setting a solid pace.
CON: Tough spot in which to try stakes company and pace could be hot.

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INSTANT REPLAY



PRO: A likely contender if he reproduces the form of his five-length allowance win.
CON: Inconsistent at times and lacks stakes experience.

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HYPNUS



PRO: Derby-winning connections are still positive he can make an impact.
CON: Made no impact in Rebel despite strong pace setup.