

MEET THE CONTENDERS

2025

SANTA ANITA DERBY

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JOURNALISM



PRO: Deserving current Kentucky Derby (G1) favorite after swift San Felipe (G2) win.
CON: Main concern is the possibility of a bounce off big performance.

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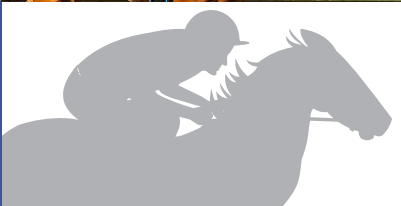


CITIZEN BULL



PRO: Juvenile champ untouchable last few starts; not wearing the target this time.
CON: Has gotten away with easy leads but likely won't get that luxury here.

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WESTWOOD



PRO: Has shown gradual improvement, albeit against nonwinners.
CON: Maiden is biting off more than he can chew against this stellar field.

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BARNES



PRO: Hyped earlier in the season, and respectable second in San Felipe.
CON: Didn't quite see out 1 1/16 miles, could face increased pressure from Citizen Bull.

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BAEZA



PRO: Half to Derby winner Mage and Belmont (G1) winner Dornoch graduated impressively.
CON: Remains with a lot of upside but others appear classier at this point.