

# MEET THE CONTENDERS

2026

## SUNLAND PARK DERBY

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### EXPRESS KID



**PRO:** Overcame wide draw to win Springboard Mile in a romp.  
**CON:** Will be a vastly shorter price here and wearing the target.

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### SHARONS BEACH



**PRO:** Lost photo to next-out winner but earned 94 Speed rating at Santa Anita.  
**CON:** On the improve but still a maiden after three starts.

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### PAVLOVIAN



**PRO:** Faced generally classier on tougher California circuit.  
**CON:** Didn't make much progress in state-bred stakes after Grade 3 placing.

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### FORTY TWENTY



**PRO:** Romped in Turf Paradise maiden for generally high percentage barn.  
**CON:** Takes significant class hike and distance ability unknown.

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### WAY BEYOND



**PRO:** Nose loss in Riley Allison Derby his best run to date in stakes company.  
**CON:** Veteran of seven starts so seemingly possesses less upside.

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### BRICKLIN



**PRO:** Showed improved speed beating allowance foes at Oaklawn.  
**CON:** Overmatched in lone previous stakes try, albeit as big longshot.

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### DANEYKO



**PRO:** Rallied to win Riley Allison Derby after slow start; well suited to two turns.  
**CON:** Could be up against it if track favoring speed types.

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### BUNTUS FOCLORA



**PRO:** Invades from classier NY circuit and gets Mario Gutierrez in the saddle.  
**CON:** Still a maiden after five starts and has placed only three times.

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