

TWINSPIRES TIPSHEET



FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH STAKES (G2)

Three Year Olds
1 1/16-Miles
PURSE \$400,000

POST	HORSE	ML ODDS	TOP PICKS
1	He Takes Charge	20-1	6 Good Magic
2	Free Drop Billy	9-2	8 Marconi
3	Peppered	30-1	1 He Takes Charge
4	Strike Power	4-1	
5	Storm Runner	15-1	
6	Good Magic	7-5	EXACTA
7	Gotta Go	10-1	6 over 1,8
8	Marconi	8-1	
9	Machismo	15-1	TRIFECTAS
10	Promises Fulfilled	20-1	6 over 1,8 over 1,2,4,7,8,9
			6 over 1,2,4,7,8,9 over 1,8

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Favored among individual betting interests in Pool 2 of the Kentucky Derby Future Wager, #6 Good Magic will target a pair of prep races in advance of the first Saturday in May and takes the first step in Saturday's \$400,000 Fountain of Youth (G2) at Gulfstream Park. The Chad Brown-trained colt appears favorably drawn in the starting gate with regular rider Jose Ortiz.

An 85-point Kentucky Derby qualifier (50 to the winner), the 1 1/16-mile Fountain of Youth doesn't lack pace. Strike Power will sprint forward from post 4 to show the way and Machismo and Promises Fulfilled promise to be chasing the speedball.

Good Magic delivered a terrific finishing kick in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1), registering a 109 BRIS Late Pace rating rolling home to a 4 1/4-length decision, and broke his maiden that afternoon stretching out to two turns for the first time. It's easy to expect more at age 3 from the well-bred son of Curlin.

The chestnut colt must avoid leaving himself too much to do with the short stretch at Gulfstream but we won't go against Good Magic. He will be a short price, possibly odds-on, and we'll key the favorite in vertical exotics (exactas and trifectas).

#8 Marconi came under an early ride after dropping far behind a moderate pace in the February 3 Withers (G3) at Aqueduct and offered a solid rally for third in his first start against winners. A half-brother to 2013 Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) winner Mucho Macho Man, the Tapit colt benefits from the experience and a better set-up in his second stakes attempt and figures to be rolling late for Todd Pletcher.

#1 He Takes Charge faces a serious class check jumping straight to stakes company from a maiden win but should receive a favorable ground-saving trip from the rail. We like how the Tapit colt finally appeared focused in the latter stages, rallying to a 2 1/4-length decision, and the regally-bred gray could have plenty of upside for Mark Casse. He Takes Charge will be included at expected long odds.

For my wagers, Good Magic will be singled in any multi-race bets and Marconi and He Takes Charge will be keyed underneath our top choice in exactas and trifectas.