

MEET THE CONTENDERS

2026

ARKANSAS DERBY

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REDLAND REBELS



TRNR: PATRICK L. BIANCONE

PRO: Speedy colt will attempt to take these as far as he can.
CON: Best finishes have been on turf and extra distance big concern.

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SILENT TACTIC



TRNR: MARK CASSE

PRO: Never worse than second in five starts; exciting stretch runner.
CON: No excuse not closing the deal in Rebel (G2); must find more.

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BLACKOUT TIME



TRNR: KENNY McPEEK

PRO: Likely in need of a race when a distant fourth in the Rebel; can fare better.
CON: Like some others, stretching out to 1 1/8m a concern with him.

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BRICKLIN



TRNR: RODOLPHE BRISSET

PRO: Winner over the track then beaten by subsequent La. Derby (G2) runner-up.
CON: Seems a cut or two below class-wise.

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TAPTASTIC



TRNR: STEVE ASMUSSEN

PRO: Won at first asking and bred to run all day.
CON: Seemingly has a bright future, but this is a deep spot for a maiden winner.

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RENEGADE



TRNR: TODD PLETCHER

PRO: Deserving favorite off Sam F. Davis S. win, form versus Paladin.
CON: Biggest knock will be the lack of betting value.

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NAPOLEON SOLO - SCR

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EXOSOME



TRNR: KELSEY DANNER

PRO: All-or-nothing type gutted out local allowance win last time.
CON: Given speed ratings, even a minor share looks a stretch.

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LITMUS TEST



TRNR: BOB BAFFERT

PRO: Price on offer will be much better than it has been of late.
CON: Although below par in Rebel, not sure if nine furlongs is what he wants.