

MEET THE CONTENDERS

2026

REBEL STAKES

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BRAVARO - SCR

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LITMUS TEST



PRO: Ended juvenile season on high note winning Los Alamitos Futurity (G2).
CON: Lacks recency and sure to be overbet, given Baffert connection.

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CLASS PRESIDENT



PRO: Likely to improve stretching out after runner-up effort in Swale S.
CON: Faces more seasoned and accomplished rivals here.

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BLACKOUT TIME



PRO: Strong second to champion Ted Noffey in Breeders' Futurity (G1).
CON: Vet scratch from Breeders' Cup; might need a race off the bench.

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HONEY'S TO BLAME



PRO: Perfect in two starts here this winter, including allowance score.
CON: Doesn't appear quick enough on paper without significant improvement.

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STRATEGIC RISK



PRO: Ran well below par in Southwest (G3) but useful on best form.
CON: Benefited from slow pace in Smarty Jones S.; unlikely to see that here.

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SILENT TACTIC



PRO: Visually impressive in Southwest and a repeat threat with any kind of pace.
CON: That win didn't come back all that fast on speed ratings.

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RANCHO SANTA FE



PRO: Ran an improved race in Southwest after dud in the Smarty Jones.
CON: Looks a slight cut below the better locally based three-year-olds.

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TIME FOR MUSIC



PRO: Barn has won this race four times, including with Curlin.
CON: Hard to like after losing last two by a combined 35+ lengths.

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SOLDIER N DIPLOMAT



PRO: Showed improved rating ability when second best in Southwest.
CON: Must overcome another wide draw while improving several lengths.