

MEET THE CONTENDERS

2026

TAMPA BAY DERBY

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REDLAND REBELS



TRNR: PATRICK L. BIANCONE

PRO: Stakes-placed gelding drew well for a speed type.

CON: Improved a lot switching to turf and perhaps better on that surface.

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TALKIN



TRNR: DANNY GARGAN

PRO: Beat Further Ado on debut, albeit in a one-turn race.

CON: Form of Champagne (G1) has not held up; well beaten in Remsen (G2).

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ROGER THAT DANA



TRNR: LUIS M. RAMIREZ

PRO: Distant second last time to Commandment, who won Fountain of Youth (G2).

CON: Has lost ground in both attempts beyond six furlongs.

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HULKAMANIA



TRNR: D. WHITWORTH BECKMAN

PRO: Won well over seven furlongs here on debut and bred to stretch out.

CON: Guessing the veterans of other maiden races possess more of an edge.

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POWERSHIFT



TRNR: TODD A. PLETCHER

PRO: Beaten first time out but narrowly in a very fast maiden over this strip.

CON: Relative lack of experience the main knock against.

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FURTHER ADO



TRNR: BRAD H. COX

PRO: Maiden winner by a pole followed up winning Kentucky Jockey Club (G2).

CON: Will be a very short price and this likely a means to an end.

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THUNDER BUCK



TRNR: BRENDAN P. WALSH

PRO: New barn having a tremendous year on multiple circuits.

CON: Threw in towel quite readily in Lecomte (G3) with no visible excuse.

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THE PUMA



TRNR: GUSTAVO DELGADO

PRO: Third in Sam F. Davis S. was okay, given his relative inexperience.

CON: Still a maiden after two starts and must quicken versus these.

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CANALETTO



TRNR: CHAD C. BROWN

PRO: Huge eight-length debut win at Gulfstream going a mile; plenty of upside.

CON: Lacks the seasoning that his main rivals do.