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## 2026

### WOOD MEMORIAL

1		<p><b>NAPOLEON SOLO</b> </p> <p><b>PRO:</b> Champagne (G1) score still stands out as one of the best in this field.  <b>CON:</b> Flopped in Fountain of Youth (G2); two-turn prowess still a question.</p>	TRNR: CHAD SUMMERS
2		<p><b>TALK TO ME JIMMY</b> </p> <p><b>PRO:</b> Stole Withers S. impressively and well-drawn to get similar trip.  <b>CON:</b> This field is considerably stronger in depth and numbers.</p>	TRNR: RUDY RODRIGUEZ
3		<p><b>RIGHT TO PARTY</b> </p> <p><b>PRO:</b> Modest third in Gotham (G3) after slow start; additional distance should help.  <b>CON:</b> Has quite a bit of ground to make up on Iron Honor.</p>	TRNR: KENNY McPEEK
4		<p><b>STEEL</b> </p> <p><b>PRO:</b> Overcame 10-length deficit to earn surprise debut win.  <b>CON:</b> Remains with a notable ceiling, but tough spot to face winners first time.</p>	TRNR: BILL MOTT
5		<p><b>OCELLI</b> </p> <p><b>PRO:</b> Ran okay versus Blue Grass (G1) contender Reagan's Honor three back.  <b>CON:</b> Five-start maiden never factored in two prior Derby preps.</p>	TRNR: WHIT BECKMAN
6		<p><b>MINORINCONVENIENCE</b> </p> <p><b>PRO:</b> Stakes winner last summer; good showing last time off long layoff.  <b>CON:</b> Form versus NY-breds might not translate as well in open company.</p>	TRNR: AMELIA GREEN
7		<p><b>ALBUS</b> </p> <p><b>PRO:</b> Won easily versus Tampa maidens and speed figure not bad.  <b>CON:</b> Sire known more for getting sprinters, rather than nine-furlong types.</p>	TRNR: RILEY MOTT
8		<p><b>COURTING</b> </p> <p><b>PRO:</b> Expensive blue blood remains with potential for top barn.  <b>CON:</b> Didn't take any noticeable step forward in Risen Star (G2).</p>	TRNR: TODD PLETCHER
9		<p><b>BRAVARO</b> </p> <p><b>PRO:</b> Returns to surface he likes and blinkers might help.  <b>CON:</b> Didn't make much noise at this level in Florida; has beaten only NY-breds.</p>	TRNR: SAFFIE JOSEPH
10		<p><b>RED ZONE RUNNER</b> </p> <p><b>PRO:</b> Consistent performer crushed Parx stakes foes by more than 15 lengths.  <b>CON:</b> Only 1-for-3 in open company and this is a significant class hike.</p>	TRNR: HUGO PADILLA
11		<p><b>OTTINHO - SCR</b></p>	
12		<p><b>BUETANE</b> </p> <p><b>PRO:</b> Three times graded placed and didn't get a good trip in Virginia Derby.  <b>CON:</b> Hasn't really threatened to win since debut and might be one-turn type.</p>	TRNR: BOB BAFFERT
13		<p><b>IRON HONOR</b> </p> <p><b>PRO:</b> Arguably the most talented and swiftest entry off Gotham score.  <b>CON:</b> Wide draw a negative as he likes to show positional speed.</p>	TRNR: CHAD BROWN