

# \$1,000,000 Grade I Florida Derby

Gulfstream Park | Race 14 | Dirt | 9 Furlongs | Post 7:40 ET

## Runner-by-Runner Analysis/Comments

**Exacta:** 11 / 6

**Trifecta:** 11 / 1,2,3,4,8,10,12 / 6

### **#1 Jungfrau**

Still a maiden but did just miss locally when prompting a 72/68h NPT. Give an excuse for last when shipping back to NY to face stakes competition and folded up. Duds off NPTs are great bounceback spots and although this runner is far off from today's best rivals, should offer plenty enough value to have in bottom of exotics tickets projected to improve on that 2-back NPT running line.

### **#2 West Coast Cowboy**

Some slight progression being made with the NPT a good conditioner before earning the REV tag in last when moving off a softer pace to a better Final. Still rates a ways behind and needs a big push forward to figure.

### **#3 Shaq Diesel**

Has experience being a winner although today comes a distance test after being forward spent on the 9-panel try in N'awlins. They'll experiment with blinkers off here to see if he can relax a bit and maybe show some improved late run to catch a piece.

### **#4 Mage**

A professional 75h/75 COMP on debut before thrust right into the Derby trail to a 71/73 REV in the Fountain of Youth. Runner sustained pretty well throughout for having a bit of a stressful trip. The prospect of double-digits here is very enticing given runner's solid compression early in career, but I'm still a bit on the cautious side as he needs to prove yet he won't make his own trouble early, and that he can actually pass rivals at will rather than just the tired ones.

### **#5 Mr. Peeks**

Bit forward spent so far sprinting for the maiden that makes a big move up here in class + distance. Could muddle the pace for others as part of 4 soft entries here for Saffie.

### **#6 Nautical Star**

Good as it gets for lightly-raced runners from a Form Cycle Pattern standpoint with COMP/NPT for the big stretch-out. Will definitely be on my exotic tickets.

### **#7 Il Miracolo**

Brings in more experience than others with a juvenile campaign and an NPT/REV combo when turning 3YO. Failed to move forward enough off that to be competitive here so they'll experiment with blinkers off two sharp bullet works.

### **#8 Mr. Ripple**

Set up to find the board here at a price with the triple punch COMP/NPT/REV while already battled-tested for this 9-panel trip.

### **#9 Cyclone Mischief**

Had some solid trajectory going before tossing a dud in the Holy Bull then couldn't sustain a quick turnaround in the FOY to 73/74. Runner has blown up off duds twice now and you could figure he's already shown us closer to his ceiling than other lightly-raced runners in here. In a weak edition of the Florida Derby, the top-rated rival is really tough and there's plenty of juicy-odds runners with potential to get a piece so I'm looking elsewhere not seeing much upside on this mid-price.

### #10 Fort Bragg

Figures to be well-intentioned here shipping cross-country off Lifetime Top after the Baffert to Yakteen barn switch which didn't bother this particular runner at all. You get the feeling he's probably sending hard here to steal here. Sneaky entry could be the upset horse but the projected pace scenario and post draw go against him. Public needs to let this one float up a bit closer to 10/1 and I'll pull the trigger.

### #11 Forte

Obvious favorite was off the long break last out and out of a 4-wide stack in the turn, went on down the lane like the others were standing still. No BC Bounce angle for this one with a 70/77 SOFT win off the break, a running line that stands out amongst these. Good favorite, short price.

### #12 Dubyuhnell

Enjoyed improving running lines as a juvenile with COMP/SOFT/DTOP for the foundation but earned both wins on slop and regressed hard when back to a fast track in last. Sports some quick workouts and should be fit for attempt at redemption. Can't like at single digits due to several worries: outside post, dud in last, might only want a wet track. These are also all reasons he could end up cold on the board and end up offering fair odds to throw on exotic tickets.

### Last 3 Races of Field

Runner	4F	Final	Spread	Dist	Track	4F	Final	Spread	Dist	Track	4F	Final	Spread	Dist	Track
1 Jungfrau	68.9	48.0	20.9	9.0	AQU	72.1	68.6	3.5	8.5	GP	62.1	64.5	-2.4	9.0	AQU
2 West Coast Cowboy	63.2	67.5	-4.3	8.5	GP	73.5	61.8	11.7	8.0	GP	65.4	60.2	5.2	8.0	GP SLY
3 Shaq Diesel	74.5	66.4	8.1	9.0	FG	61.2	70.7	-9.5	8.3	TAM	76.7	66.3	10.4	7.0	TAM
4 Mage	71.2	73.0	-1.8	8.5	GP	75.5	75.1	0.4	7.0	GP					OPX
5 Mr. Peeks	78.5	72.5	6.0	6.0	GP	74.2	64.4	9.8	6.0	GP					IND
6 Nautical Star	77.6	72.8	4.8	6.0	OP	70.1	72.0	-1.9	6.0	OP					IND
7 Il Miracolo	66.7	66.9	-0.2	8.5	GP	61.5	64.1	-2.6	8.5	GP	75.0	65.4	9.6	8.0	GP
8 Mr. Ripple	62.4	67.3	-4.9	9.0	GP	75.2	70.1	5.1	8.0	GP	69.8	69.8	0.0	8.0	GP
9 Cyclone Mischief	72.8	73.9	-1.1	8.5	GP	62.6	63.7	-1.1	8.5	GP	74.1	73.1	1.0	8.0	GP
10 Fort Bragg	70.1	73.4	-3.3	8.5	SA	68.6	72.7	-4.1	8.5	LRC	71.4	71.9	-0.5	8.5	SA
11 Forte	70.1	77.2	-7.1	8.5	GP	73.6	77.6	-4.0	8.5	KEE	76.5	75.3	1.2	8.5	KEE
12 Dybuhnell	70.8	64.6	6.2	8.5	TAM	73.3	74.2	-0.9	9.0	AQU	63.2	64.4	-1.2	8.0	BAQ