

THIRTEENTH RACE

Oaklawn Park

1 1/8 MILES. (1:46) ARKANSAS DERBY. Grade I. Purse \$1,500,000

THREE YEAR OLDS.

MARCH 28, 2026 | #7 Napoleon Solo LIKELY SCRATCH (targeting Wood Memorial)

Value of Race: \$1,500,000. Winner \$930,000; second \$300,000; third \$150,000; fourth \$75,000; fifth \$45,000. Weight: 124 lbs (non-SW since Aug 1 allowed 3 lbs). Kentucky Derby qualifying points: 170-65-40-20-10.

PROJ. FRACTIONS - 1/4 :23.1, 1/2 :46.4, 3/4 1:11.0, Str 1:37.0, Final 1:50.0

PACE: HOT - Redland Rebels (TF E114), Litmus Test (TF E111), Blackout Time (TF E105), Bricklin (TF E102).

Closers favored.

Fin	Pgm	Horse	Cls	Spd	Pce	Wt	PP	St	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Jockey	ML	Win%
1	6	Renegade	A-	A-	A+	124	6	7 ⁵	6 ⁴	2 ¹	1 ¹	1 ²	Ortiz I Jr	3-2	34.6
2	2	Silent Tactic	B+	B+	A+	124	2	8 ⁷	8 ⁷	5 ⁴	2 ¹	2 ^{nk}	Torres C A	5-2	26.5
3	9	Litmus Test	A	A	B	124	9	3 ²	3 ²	1 ¹	3 ²	3 ³	Arrieta F	5-1	14.2
4	3	Blackout Time	B+	B+	C+	121	3	2 ¹	2 ¹	3 ²	4 ³	4 ⁴	Hernandez B J Jr	6-1	11.3
5	1	Redland Rebels	C	C	D	121	1	1 ¹	1 ¹	4 ³	5 ⁵	5 ⁷	Asmussen K J	15-1	4.0
6	5	Taptastic	C	C	B+	121	5	6 ⁴	7 ⁶	7 ⁷	6 ⁴	6 ⁴	Asmussen E	20-1	3.8
7	4	Bricklin	B-	B	C	121	4	4 ²	4 ³	6 ⁵	7 ⁶	7 ⁶	Torres J A	20-1	2.8
8	8	Exosome	C+	C+	B	121	8	5 ³	5 ⁴	8 ⁸	8 ⁸	8 ¹⁰	Beschizza A	20-1	2.8

PACE SCENARIO: HOT (~65%) FAVORS RENEGADE, SILENT TACTIC. CLOSERS DOMINATE.

IF MODERATE (~30%), LITMUS TEST AND BLACKOUT TIME IMPROVE.

Selections: 6-RENEGADE.....34.6%

2-SILENT TACTIC.....26.5%

9-LITMUS TEST.....14.2%

Contenders (70% Win): 3 horses - #2, #6, #9 (75.2% combined)

Top 2 Core (80%): 2 horses - #2, #6 - at least one finishes 1st or 2nd (82.3%)

Value Play: #2 SILENT TACTIC 5-2 - Extreme closer (TF E66/L111) in hot pace; Rebel G2 2nd; Casse 31% at OP

\$2 EXACTA: 2,6,9 / 2,6,9 (6 combos = \$12)

\$.50 TRIFECTA: 2,6,9 / ALL / 2,6 (24 combos = \$12)

HANDICAPPING NOTES

Speed figures: Rating = 1st + 2nd number of variant pair. #7 Napoleon Solo likely scratch (Wood Memorial).

#6 RENEGADE - Cls A- / Spd A- / Pce A+ / Adj +3%: Speed ratings: 105 (BAQ MSW, 87+18 - DQ'd to 2nd), 98 (Tam Sam Davis, 89+9), 95 (Agu Remsen G2, 83+12), 88 (Sar MSW, 77+11). Sam Davis winner - 3rd-place finisher The Puma came back to win Tampa Derby, validating the form. Remsen G2 2nd behind Paladin (top KD prospect). Closer profile (TF E90/L104) is ideal in projected hot pace. Ortiz chose THIS over the Florida Derby with Commandment - telling move. Pletcher 30% off last win. Only 4 starts = upside. First time at OP but the pace setup is tailor-made for his running style.

#2 SILENT TACTIC - Cls B+ / Spd B+ / Pce A+ / Adj +4%: Speed ratings: 104 (OP Southwest G3, 85+19), 99 (OP Rebel G2, 93+6), 93 (OP Smarty Jones, 79+14). Synth: 99 (WO Grey G3, 70+29), 93 (WO MSW, 65+28). BIGGEST ADJUSTMENT. Extreme closer (TF E66/L111) - dead last early, explosive rally. In hot pace with 4 speed types cooking, he'll have a wall of speed to run at. Rebel G2 2nd - just edged by Class President after tipping 4 wide. Southwest G3 winner going away (104 rating). Casse 31% at OP this meet. Torres has been aboard all 3 OP starts. 3-for-3 in the money at OP. Best value at 5-2 with ideal pace setup.

#9 LITMUS TEST - Cls A / Spd A / Pce B / Adj +1%: Speed ratings: 112 (LRC Los Alamitos Futurity G2, 97+15), 104 (Dmr MSW, 91+13), 102 (Dmr BC Juvenile G1, 99+3), 98 (Dmr Del Mar Futurity G1, 90+8), 95 (Kee Breeders' Futurity G1, 91+4), 94 (OP Rebel G2, 88+6). BEST FIGURES IN THE FIELD. 112 top from G2 win is 8 points clear. Deepest G1 resume (BC Juv 4th, BF G1 3rd, DMF G1 4th). BUT: speed/presser (TF E111) in hot pace is a risk. Set pace in Rebel and was caught. BLINKERS OFF is +42% for Baffert - huge angle. If he settles without blinkers and sits off the speed, he can deploy his superior figures from a better position. Outside post gives Arrieta options. Small positive adj - talent is undeniable but pace profile caps his advantage.

#3 BLACKOUT TIME - Cls B+ / Spd B+ / Pce C+ / Adj 0%: Speed ratings: 100 (ElP MSW, 86+14), 98 (CD MSW, 94+4), 97 (Kee Breeders' Futurity G1, 93+4), 91 (OP Rebel G2, 85+6). BF G1 2nd at 2 is strong class credential. But Rebel 4th was dull (91). Presser (TF E105) in hot pace will be part of the speed battle - not the worst position but not ideal either. McPeck. 2nd start of year should see improvement. Nice works since Rebel. Zero adj - needs to prove Rebel was a blip, not the new norm.

#5 TAPTASTIC - Cls C / Spd C / Pce B+ / Adj 0%: Speed ratings: 105 (OP MSW on mud, 87+18). ONE career start on muddy track. Closer profile (TF E65/L102) is perfect for this pace, but we have zero data on fast dirt. Tapit/Curlin pedigree screams stamina and class. Asmussen/Asmussen E. Huge mystery horse - if he's as good on fast as on mud, the 105 rating puts him right there. But too many unknowns.

#4 BRICKLIN - Cls B- / Spd B / Pce C / Adj -1%: Speed ratings: 102 (Ind MSW sprint, 84+18), 101 (OP OC 125k, 87+14), 98 (Sun Sunland Derby, 91+7), 91 (ElP MSW, 79+12), 89 (CD Street Sense G3, 69+20). Speed type (TF E102) in hot pace = will be part of the meltdown. OC 125k wire job was nice but different scenario here. Sunland Derby 3rd (winner Pavlovian nearly won Louisiana Derby). Brisset. Speed profile wrong for this pace.

#1 REDLAND REBELS - Cls C / Spd C / Pce D / Adj -1%: Speed ratings (dirt): 95 (Tam Tampa Derby G3, 87+8), 91 (GP MSW 6f, 74+17). Extreme speed (TF E114) on a turf horse forced onto dirt. Will be on the lead and set the pace but will stop. Pace casualty. Cross-entered in Florida Derby. Asmussen K J 10% rider.

#8 EXOSOME - Cls C+ / Spd C+ / Pce B / Adj -1%: Speed ratings: 94 (Kee MSW sloppy, 78+16), 93 (FG Lecomte G3, 82+11), 92 (OP OC 150k, 80+12), 92 (TP OC 62k, 70+22). OC 150k winner at OP is decent but figures are well below G1 level. Stalker/closer (TF E74/L86) gets a good trip in hot pace but class ceiling is too low. Danner barn small sample.