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#1 STRIKE POWER (4-1/NO VALUE) from the rail, he will not again allow another rival to cruise alone on the front end uncontested. Full expectations have him getting involved early to avoid the same Fountain of Youth scenario. That said, he may have saved himself second (best possible finish) allowing the other horse to roll and save place by not engaging. That gives some pause here as distance is still a question. A classy horse like him can win, and can fall into a trap, so I can't completely count him out despite landing elsewhere.

#2 MILLIONAIRE RUNNER (50-1/TOSS) long way to go to live up to that name, he has some ability, but again looks overmatched in this spot.

#3 TIP SHEET (30-1/TOSS) another that has some distance questions to answer. In addition, his race in the Holy Bull was uncompetitive and makes him tough to back here.

#4 PROMISES FULFILLED (3-1/NO VALUE) he cruised last out after rivals allowed him an uncontested lead. Riders seem unlikely to make the same mistake again, and he should feel some pressure early. This horse has talent, and **GRIT**, but today's task and added distance presents more of a challenge.

#5 STORM RUNNER (20-1/BELOW) he raced keen early last out and took up slightly, but it would be what we call **TROUBLE-**, something occurred but did not affect the overall effort. He will see another new rider in this spot. While there are things to like about this horse as an individual, have not seen enough to give the big push at this level of competition.

PN	HorseName	RaceDate	DLR	Track	Surf	Dist	Cond	RaceClass	Age	Sex	SB	Fin	OFR	oFIG	oNg	OptixNOTES™	Projections	xN	WO	PP	ST	1C	2C	Str	
5	STORM RUNNER	20180331	28	GP ¹⁴	D	RTE (9f)	---	FlaDerby-G1	3	C		*	100-94	1						5	-	-	-	-	-
5	Storm Runner	20180303	27	GP ¹⁴	D	RTE (8.5f)Fast		FtnnQVIn-G2	3	C		7	100-94	81		C TACTIC TROUBLE(- NO_KEEP		1	4	6	3 ^{1/4}	2 ^{3/4}	5 ^{3/4}		
5	Storm Runner	20180204	22	GP ⁸	D	RTE (8.5f)Fast		OCIm 75000ntx	3			1	99-93	99		B GREEN PADDOCK(+ TACTIC(-) SAVED NO_LEAD HOT		1	2	7	4 ^{3/4}	2 ^{3/4}	1 ^{3/4}		
5	Storm Runner	20180113	62	GP ¹²	⊙	RTE (8.5f)Good		OCIm 75000ntx	3			8	86-80	70		C PADDOCK(+ NO_LEAD	PREP?	1	10	11	2 ^{3/4}	2 ^{1/4}	4 ^{1/4}		

#6 CATHOLIC BOY (7-2/NO VALUE) ran wide and **X_BIAS** against the Tampa profile last out in the Sam F. Davis. He has talent, and based on his races and company/class lines he must be considered. The concern I have with him is lacking a real fast race on OptixFig, to warrant the short price. He must be left in the mix, but does not hold a real edge on speed.

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5	CATHOLIC BOY	20180331	49	GP ¹⁴	D	RTE (9f)	---	FlaDerby-G1	3	C		*	100-94	1					6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	Catholic Boy	20180210	70	TAM ¹⁰	D	RTE (8.5f)Fast		SFDavis-G3	3	C		2	101-95	94		B WIDE X_BIAS		1	6	4	5 ^{3/4}	3 ^{1/4}	2 ^{3/4}	2 ^{3/4}	142.44	F
5	Catholic Boy	20171202	29	AQU ⁸	D	RTE (9f) Fast		Remsen-G2	2	C		1	90-84	90		B+ PERFECT		1	5	5	6 ^{1/4}	5 ^{3/4}	1 ^{3/4}	1 ^{3/4}	152.5	F
5	Catholic Boy	20171103	65	DMR ⁸	⊙	RTE (8f) Firm		BCJuvTrf-G1	2	C		4	91-85	82		B COVER SAVED TROUBLE		1	4	4	8 ^{3/4}	9 ^{3/4}	5 ^{1/4}	4 ^{1/4}	135.97	F
5	Catholic Boy	20170830	41	SAR ⁸	⊙	RTE (8.5f)Firm		WAntepIn-G3	2	C		1	89-83	89		B+ TACTIC(+ SLOG TRAFFIC CLOSE GRIT		1	3	7	6 ^{3/4}	5 ^{3/4}	3 ^{3/4}	1 ^{1/4}	140.94	F
5	Catholic Boy	20170720	-1	GP ⁸	⊙	RTE (7.5f)Firm		Md Sp Vlt	2	C		1	76-70	76		B COVER FREE CLOSE		1	7	8	6 ^{3/4}	6 ^{3/4}	3 ^{1/4}	1 ^{3/4}	130.02	M

#7 **HOFBURG (20-1/VALUE)** young lightly raced type. Has shown real ability in both starts, and I am taking a stab making him a top pick here. He was a colt to watch after the Saratoga debut. He backed that suggested ability up in his last start overcoming the layoff, outside post, and catching a decent field of maidens on the Fountain of Youth undercard. He lacks seasoning and that is a concern.

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	HOFBURG	20180331	28	GP ¹⁴	D	RTE (9f)	---	FlaDerby-G1	3	C		*	100-94	I					7	-	-	-	-	-	-	145.54	Ortiz
	Hofburg	20180303	182	GP ¹¹	D	RTE (8.5f)Fast		Md Sp Wt	3	C		1	93-87	92	+	B+ GATE WIDE TACTIC(+)/NO_LINE			11	5	6 ^{3/4}	5 ^{1/4}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/4}	145.54	Ortiz	
	Hofburg	20170902	-1	SAR ⁵	D	SPR (7f)	Fast	Md Sp Wt	2	C		4	87-79	78	+	B- BTL SLOG WIDE GREEN	IMPROVE?		2	9	8 ^{3/4}	7 ^{3/4}	4 ^{3/4}	4 ^{3/4}	123.51	Ortiz	

#8 **AUDIBLE (9-5/LOGICAL)** his freaky dominant effort last out makes this horse the one to beat. That **108 OptixFIG** towers over this group. The **REGRESS?** even with the time since the race must be factored. If that last race is an outlier, he is not much stronger than others in here. Yes, he will be included in play, but some reservations to single.

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	AUDIBLE	20180331	56	GP ¹⁴	D	RTE (9f)	---	FlaDerby-G1	3	C		*	100-94	I					8	-	-	-	-	-	-	141.92	VELAZQUEZ
	Audible	20180203	59	GP ¹²	D	RTE (8.5f)Fast		HolyBull-G2	3			1	93-87	108	+	B+ PERFECT CLOSE	REGRESS?		4	4	2 ^{1/4}	3 ²	1 ²	1 ^{5/8}	141.92	Castellano	
	Audible	20171206	21	AQU ⁵	D	RTE (8f)Fast		OCIm 80000n1x	2			1	60-54	90	+	B+ MOVE			3	2	2 ^{1/4}	2 ⁴	1 ⁴	1 ^{5/8}	136.57	Castellano	
	Audible	20171115	49	AQU ⁵	D	RTE (8f)Fast		Md Sp Wt	2	C		1	78-72	78	+	B WIDE			3	6	6 ⁴	6 ⁴	2 ^{1/4}	1 ^{1/2}	140.07	Velazquez	
	Audible	20170927	-1	BEL ⁵	D	SPR (6.5f)Fast		Md Sp Wt	2	C		3	81-73	78	+	B- SLOG CLOSE			2	9	8 ¹⁸	8 ¹⁸	6 ¹¹	5 ^{4/8}	117.43	Velazquez	

#9 **MISSISSIPPI (12-1/VALUE)** on OptixFIG, he consistently runs “fast” races and that says a lot in a field that has a lot of in-and-out type runners. His OptixFIG have a nice gradual improvement pattern. He will have to work a trip from the outside post, and make it work with the addition on blinkers. Trip will be paramount. In addition, this is not an easy task for a stakes debut. Mixed feelings on this horse, but I am starting to come around.

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	MISSISSIPPI	20180331	55	GP ¹⁴	D	RTE (9f)	---	FlaDerby-G1	3	C		*	100-94	I					9	-	-	-	-	-	-	142.55	LEPAROUX L-b	
	Mississippi	20180204	24	GP ⁸	D	RTE (8.5f)Fast		OCIm 75000n1x	3			2	99-93	99	+	B			4	3	3 ^{3/4}	4 ^{5/8}	2 ³	2 ^{1/4}	142.55	Leparoux		
	Mississippi	20180203		GP ¹²	D	RTE (8.5f)Fast		HolyBull-G2	3			X	93-87	X	+	B	Scratched Trainer			99	-	-	-	-	-	141.92	Leparoux	
	Mississippi	20180111	53	GP ⁸	D	RTE (8.5f)Fast		OCIm 75000n1x	3			2	98-92	97	+	B WARM_UP DUEL			2	2	1 ^{1/4}	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1/4}	2 ^{1/4}	142.52	Leparoux		
	Mississippi	20171119	32	CD ¹⁰	D	RTE (8f)Fast		Md Sp Wt	2	C		1	93-87	93	+	B+ GRIT			5	3	3 ²	3 ^{1/4}	1 ^{1/4}	1 ^{1/4}	136.74	Leparoux		
	Mississippi	20171018	-1	KEE ⁵	D	SPR (7f)Fast		Md Sp Wt	2	C		4	81-73	67	+	B-	IMPROVE? TURF?			7	1	6 ^{2/4}	5 ^{3/4}	4 ^{3/4}	4 ⁴	127.56	Leparoux	