Gulfstream Park — Race 14 | Saturday, February 28, 2026

Fountain of Youth Stakes — Grade 2 | $425,000 | Dirt 1 1/16 Miles | 3-Year-Olds

Distance: 1 1/16 Miles — Dirt **Class:** Grade 2 Stakes **Purse:** $425,000 **Field Size:** 11 **Post Time:** 6:11 PM ET

Race Dynamics: The model's central finding in this Fountain of Youth is the collision between Napoleon Solo's historically fast 40.54 mph opening speed and his 9.4% VULNERABLE deceleration profile — the second-worst confirmed figure in this field. In his Champagne G1 win, he controlled uncontested fractions against a field that could not challenge his pace. Today, Solitude Dude and Jackson Hole project to press that pace from outside posts through a Grade 2 half-mile at a projected :45.5. The two horses the model elevates above the morning line are Commandment, whose ELITE 0.8% deceleration and rare positive Q2 variance (+1.92 mph) make him the field's optimal mid-race accelerator, and Jackson Hole, who pairs an ELITE 2.9% deceleration with the field's highest confirmed closing speed at 37.50 mph.

SECTION 2: PACE ANALYSIS

Opening Speed Profiles — Projected Pace Setters

Horse	Opening Q MPH	Mid Q MPH	Q2 Variance	Route Blueprint
Napoleon Solo	**40.54 mph**	38.96 mph	-1.58	✅ Champagne G1
Bravaro	40.18 mph	38.96 mph	-1.22	✅ Sleepy Hollow
Talkin	40.18 mph	38.79 mph	-1.39	✅ Champagne G1
Solitude Dude	38.96 mph	—	—	⚠️ Sprint only
Global Aviator	38.96 mph	37.19 mph	-1.77	✅ Holy Bull
Jackson Hole	38.63 mph	37.34 mph	-1.28	✅ FG OC Win
Commandment	37.04 mph	**38.96 mph**	**+1.92**	✅ Mucho Macho Man

Projected Opening Quarter: :22.4 = **40.18 mph Projected Half-Mile:** :45.5 = **39.56 mph Pace Classification: FAST**

Pace Scenario Projection: Napoleon Solo's 40.54 mph opening quarter is the fastest confirmed pace figure in this field by a significant margin — he dictated the Champagne G1 wire-to-wire from that position. The difference today is Solitude Dude and Jackson Hole project to be forwardly placed, pressing from outside posts into those same fractions. The model projects a genuinely contested half-mile at :45.5, which is the threshold at which Napoleon Solo's VULNERABLE 9.4% deceleration profile becomes a liability rather than an asset. Commandment's +1.92 positive Q2 variance — he accelerated from his opening quarter in his route win — identifies him as the horse most likely to make a sustained mid-race move as the front end tires. The model projects the race to be decided between the 5/16 pole and the top of the stretch.

Critical Pace Factors:

- Napoleon Solo's confirmed opening speed is the fastest in this field — but his VULNERABLE closing profile shows he does not sustain it
- Solitude Dude attempts his first route off a sprint-only MPH blueprint — his early pace engagement adds pressure without a confirmed stamina profile
- Commandment's positive Q2 variance is the only such reading among the confirmed route horses — it identifies a horse who runs faster mid-race than he opens
- Jackson Hole's ELITE 2.9% deceleration and field-leading 37.50 mph closing speed make him dangerous in a pace-pressured scenario

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SECTION 3: WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX

Horse	Win %	Top 3 %	Value Rating
Commandment	26%	62%	✅ OVERLAY
Jackson Hole	22%	56%	✅ OVERLAY
Napoleon Solo	18%	50%	⚖️ FAIR
Bravaro	12%	38%	⚖️ FAIR
Solitude Dude	9%	28%	⚖️ FAIR
Chief Wallabee	6%	20%	⚖️ FAIR

Horse	Win %	Top 3 %	Value Rating
Talkin	4%	14%	UNDERLAY
Rockies Balboa	2%	8%	UNDERLAY
Global Aviator	1%	4%	UNDERLAY
Bull by the Horns	0%	2%	—
Lost Money	0%	2%	—

SECTION 4: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

(Contender order driven by MPH profile)

★★★★ COMMANDMENT | Into Mischief — Cox / Ortiz Jr.

Strengths:

- ELITE Sustained Speed Rating at 0.8% deceleration — the best confirmed deceleration profile in this field
- Positive Q2 variance of +1.92 mph is the only such reading among route-experienced horses — the model identifies this as the signature of a mid-race accelerator, a horse who gets faster as others slow down
- Course and distance blueprint confirmed: Mucho Macho Man win Jan. 3 at this exact course at this exact distance provides a direct comparison point
- Cox/Ortiz Jr. is the most formidable trainer/jockey pairing in this race: Cox 31-60 days at .29 win rate, WonLastStart at .29; Ortiz Jr. running at 27% on the meet
- Wathnan Racing operation consistently presents horses in career-peak spots
- Patient running style projects him mid-pack at the projected FAST opening fractions, conserving energy for the mid-race acceleration his Q2 variance confirms

Concerns:

- First Grade 2 appearance — the class jump from a local listed event to a $425,000 Grade 2 is the legitimate question
- Three career starts total — ELITE deceleration profile is built on one confirmed route win

- If Napoleon Solo controls softer-than-projected fractions, the pace collapse scenario is less severe

Race Shape Fit: Optimal. The model projects Napoleon Solo's VULNERABLE opening speed profile to create the pace collapse that activates Commandment's +1.92 positive Q2 variance.

The model projects Commandment to produce a career-best performance, making a sweeping mid-race move that capitalizes on his ELITE deceleration profile as the front end unravels in the stretch.

★★★★ JACKSON HOLE | Nyquist — Pletcher / Velazquez

Strengths:

- Field-leading closing speed at 37.50 mph — the highest confirmed closing figure among all route-experienced horses
- ELITE 2.9% deceleration profile across two career wins — both at this circuit
- Course familiarity is confirmed at two separate Gulfstream-area tracks, removing the surface and course question
- Pletcher WonLastStart: .29 win rate; Pletcher/Velazquez at GP: 74 starters, .22 win rate — the meet's premier local combination
- $1.3 million purchase price indicates connections anticipated this horse competing at exactly this level
- Unbeaten record with figures trending upward across his two starts

Concerns:

- Two career starts only — ELITE profile is real but the sample size is limited
- First Grade 2 — faces Napoleon Solo for the first time, a significant class test
- Forwardly placed projection could draw him into early pace pressure rather than a pure stalking trip, which would compromise his closing speed advantage

Race Shape Fit: Strong. The model projects Pletcher to settle Jackson Hole in a comfortable stalking position off Napoleon Solo's pace, setting up a 37.50 mph closing surge into the stretch.

The model projects Jackson Hole to track the pace efficiently and produce a sharp closing effort using the field's highest confirmed closing speed, challenging Commandment for top honors.

★★★ NAPOLEON SOLO | Liam's Map — Summers / Carmouche

Strengths:

- Champagne G1 winner at this exact distance — the most prestigious credentials in this field
- Unbeaten in two career starts including a route at this distance
- Opening speed at 40.54 mph is the fastest confirmed figure in the field — he has the ability to dictate the entire race flow

Concerns:

- VULNERABLE 9.4% deceleration profile — the model's most significant finding against Napoleon Solo is that his 40.54 mph opening speed collapsed to 36.73 mph at the close, a pattern that is not masked by the G1 victory but rather revealed within it
- Summers trainer stat: 61-180 days at .08 win rate, $0.51 ROI — a significant layoff angle working against him
- Carmouche enters with 0 wins from 16 GP meet mounts — the jockey combination does not carry local meet momentum
- Off since October — no race experience heading into a Grade 2 is a meaningful concern against horses who have raced recently

Race Shape Fit: Conditional. If the fractions come up soft and Napoleon Solo controls without pressure, his VULNERABLE profile is concealed. If Solitude Dude and Jackson Hole press the pace into :45-flat territory, the model projects his deceleration to be exposed.

The model projects Napoleon Solo to be a genuine factor through the half-mile before his VULNERABLE deceleration profile, pressed by fresh competition, becomes a liability in the final three furlongs.

★★★ BRAVARO | Upstart — Joseph / Gaffalione

Strengths:

- Holy Bull G3 2nd place at this course confirms he belongs in today's class
- Course form and trainer combination are strong: Joseph/Gaffalione at GP run at .27 win rate across 70 starters
- Route experience confirmed with a win at Aqueduct showing tactical versatility

Concerns:

- VULNERABLE 7.4% deceleration profile — his 40.18 mph opening speed fades to 37.19 mph at the close
- Closing speed of 37.19 mph ranks 2nd in the field but trails Jackson Hole's 37.50 mph
- The Holy Bull showed him going four to five wide — a cleaner trip today may help but the deceleration profile is the underlying concern

Race Shape Fit: The model projects Bravaro competitive into the stretch before his VULNERABLE deceleration limits his ability to sustain against the ELITE profiles of Commandment and Jackson Hole.

The model projects Bravaro to produce a consistent effort similar to his Holy Bull showing — a top-three finisher without the MPH ceiling to win against today's top competition.

★★ SOLITUDE DUDE | Yaupon — Joseph / Prat

Strengths:

- Unbeaten in three career starts — raw ability is not in question
- Sprint closing speed of 38.79 mph is among the sharpest sprint figures the model has processed

Concerns:

- ⚠️ No route MPH blueprint exists — every career win came in a sprint, making today's first-time route attempt at Grade 2 level an unquantifiable projection

- Projecting sprint closing speed directly to route conditions is not supported by the model — sustained speed over 8.5 furlongs requires confirmation the model cannot provide from sprint data alone
- First-time route in Grade 2 against Napoleon Solo's confirmed 40.54 mph opening while being pressed to match that pace is an extreme scenario for a route debut

Race Shape Fit: Binary and unverifiable. The model includes him in multi-race coverage but cannot project his route stamina with statistical confidence.

The model projects Solitude Dude to be a pace factor through the half-mile, after which the route stamina question that no sprint blueprint can answer determines his fate.

★★ CHIEF WALLABEE | Constitution — Mott / Alvarado

Strengths:

- Mott/Alvarado at GP: 95 starters, .24 win rate, $2.33 ROI — the highest local trainer/jockey ROI combination in this field
- Showed raw talent in his only start — the model acknowledges the ceiling is unknown

Concerns:

- One career start — no route blueprint, no deceleration data, no sustained speed profile available
- Jumping from a maiden win directly into a Grade 2 against Champagne G1-level horses is too large a step for the model to project with confidence

The model projects Chief Wallabee to be compromised by the class and experience gap, though the Mott angle keeps him in multi-race coverage consideration.

★★ TALKIN | Good Magic — Gargan / Rosario

Strengths:

- Champagne G1 2nd — ran in the same race as Napoleon Solo and carried competitive opening speed

Concerns:

- VULNERABLE 10.4% deceleration — the worst confirmed profile in this field; his 40.18 mph opening speed collapsed to 36.00 mph at the close in the Champagne, and his Remsen G2 effort showed him tiring badly going four-wide both turns
- Gargan's 61-180 day stat: .13 win rate, $0.58 ROI — the weakest trainer layoff angle in the race
- Rosario enters with 0 wins from 16 GP meet mounts

The model projects Talkin's VULNERABLE deceleration profile to be fully exposed against today's pace, finishing out of the top three.

SECTION 5: FORM PROJECTIONS

Commandment: The model projects a career-best performance — ELITE 0.8% deceleration and positive Q2 variance are the precise tools for a Grade 2 pace-collapse scenario.

Jackson Hole: The model projects a sharp effort using the field's highest closing speed (37.50 mph) and ELITE 2.9% deceleration — the ideal profile for stalking a VULNERABLE pace setter.

Napoleon Solo: The model projects early pace control followed by a deceleration event in the final three furlongs as his VULNERABLE 9.4% profile is pressed by fresh competition for the first time.

Bravaro: The model projects a consistent effort consistent with his Holy Bull showing — competitive without the MPH ceiling to win today.

Solitude Dude: The model projects early pace engagement followed by an unverifiable stamina test — outcome range is wider than any other horse in this field.

Chief Wallabee: The model projects an experience adjustment — too large a class jump for a confident projection.

Talkin: The model projects a VULNERABLE deceleration profile to be fully exposed, finishing out of the top three.

Rockies Balboa, Global Aviator, Bull by the Horns, Lost Money: The model projects these horses to be outrun by the pace and class of this Grade 2.

SECTION 6: MPH ANALYSIS

CONFIRMED ROUTE PROFILES — OPENING SPEED COMPARISON

Napoleon Solo | Champagne G1 Win — 1 1/16m Dirt

- Opening Quarter (2f): :22.2 = **40.54 mph**
- Mid Quarter (2f-4f): :23.1s = **38.96 mph** | Q2 Variance: **-1.58 mph**
- Closing (2f): :24.5 est = **36.73 mph**
- Deceleration: **9.4%** | ⚠️ VULNERABLE

Bravaro | Sleepy Hollow Win — Route Dirt

- Opening Quarter (2f): :22.4 = **40.18 mph**
- Mid Quarter (2f-4f): :23.1s = **38.96 mph** | Q2 Variance: -1.22 mph
- Closing (2f): :24.2 est = **37.19 mph**
- Deceleration: **7.4%** | ⚠️ VULNERABLE

Jackson Hole | FG OC Win — 1 1/16m Dirt

- Opening Quarter (2f): :23.3 = **38.63 mph**
- Mid Quarter (2f-4f): :24.1s = **37.34 mph** | Q2 Variance: -1.28 mph
- Closing (2f): :24.0 est = **37.50 mph**
- Deceleration: **2.9%** | ✅ ELITE

Commandment | Mucho Macho Man Win — 1 1/16m Dirt

- Opening Quarter (2f): :24.3 = **37.04 mph**
- Mid Quarter (2f-4f): :23.1s = **38.96 mph** | Q2 Variance: **+1.92 mph**
- Closing (2f): :24.5 est = **36.73 mph**
- Deceleration: **0.8%** | ✅ ELITE

Solitude Dude | Swale Win — Sprint Blueprint Only

- Opening Quarter (2f): :23.1 = **38.96 mph**
- Sprint Closing: :23.2 = **38.79 mph** | Sprint Decel: 0.4%
- ⚠️ Route deceleration profile: **UNVERIFIED**

SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

Horse	Deceleration %	Rating
Commandment	**0.8%**	✅ ELITE
Jackson Hole	**2.9%**	✅ ELITE
Global Aviator	6.9%	❌ VULNERABLE
Bravaro	7.4%	❌ VULNERABLE
Napoleon Solo	9.4%	❌ VULNERABLE
Talkin	**10.4%**	❌ VULNERABLE

Solitude Dude, Chief Wallabee, Rockies Balboa — Route profiles unavailable

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SPEED METRICS SUMMARY

Fastest Confirmed Opening: Napoleon Solo (40.54 mph) Field-Leading Closing Speed: Jackson Hole (37.50 mph) Best Deceleration Profile: Commandment (0.8% — ELITE) Most Significant MPH Variance: Commandment (+1.92 mph Q2 — only positive reading in field)

Critical MPH Insight: The model's defining finding is the opposition between Napoleon Solo's 40.54 mph opening profile and his 9.4% VULNERABLE deceleration — the clearest pace mismatch in this field. He won the Champagne G1 because no horse in that race had the opening speed profile to press him. Today, Solitude Dude and Jackson Hole project to challenge his lead through a Grade 2 half-mile at a projected :45.5, and at that pace threshold, Napoleon Solo's VULNERABLE profile activates as a liability. The counter-signal that defines the model's win selections is Commandment's +1.92 positive Q2 variance — a figure that identifies a horse who accelerates mid-race while Napoleon Solo decelerates. That MPH crossover, projected to occur between the 5/16 pole and the top of the stretch, is where the model projects this race to be decided, with Commandment

and Jackson Hole's ELITE deceleration profiles carrying them past a VULNERABLE front end.

SECTION 7: SUGGESTED BETS

WIN BET: Commandment Confidence: 7/10

The model selects Commandment based on the convergence of the field's best ELITE deceleration (0.8%) and the only positive Q2 variance (+1.92 mph) among route-confirmed horses. These two MPH readings identify a horse who accelerates while Napoleon Solo decelerates — the ideal profile for a projected FAST pace scenario. Course and distance experience is confirmed at this track at this distance. Cox/Ortiz Jr. are the race's strongest trainer/jockey combination with directly applicable stats. The model projects Napoleon Solo's VULNERABLE pace, pressed by Solitude Dude and Jackson Hole, to set up Commandment's ELITE mid-race acceleration perfectly.

Risk Factors: First Grade 2 is the legitimate class question. ELITE profile built on one route win. Soft early fractions would reduce the pace collapse scenario that activates Commandment's MPH advantage.

VALUE PLAY: Jackson Hole Confidence: 6/10

The model identifies Jackson Hole as the Value Play based on the field's highest confirmed closing speed (37.50 mph) and ELITE 2.9% deceleration across two consecutive wins at this circuit. His course familiarity removes the track variable entirely. Pletcher/Velazquez is the meet's premier local combination. The model projects Jackson Hole to stalk the pace and deploy his 37.50 mph closing speed into a VULNERABLE front end, with the FAST projected fractions creating precisely the scenario where his closing profile is most dangerous.

Risk Factors: Two-start résumé limits projection depth. First Grade 2. Forwardly placed projection could compromise his closing energy if he is drawn into early pace pressure.

MULTI-RACE WAGERS: Top 3 for Pick 3/4/5/6: Commandment (A), Jackson Hole (B), Napoleon Solo (C) **Combined Confidence: 7/10 | Combined Top 3 Probability: 66%**

The model designates Commandment as the A-choice driven by ELITE deceleration and the field's only positive Q2 variance. Jackson Hole is the B-choice as the confirmed route closer with the field's highest closing speed. Napoleon Solo is the C-choice for coverage — his G1 credentials and pace-control ability demand inclusion even as the model projects his VULNERABLE deceleration profile to be challenged. Combined, these three horses represent 66% of the model's projected top-3 probability.

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