



**Gulfstream Park | Race 14 | Saturday, March 28, 2026 | Dirt 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ Miles | Fast
Purse \$1,000,000 | Grade 1 Curlin Florida Derby | 9-Horse Field | Post: 6:42 PM ET**

SECTION 1 — PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

REDLAND REBELS (#5) — The model identifies Redland Rebels as the field's primary pace setter. His early speed profile is the most aggressive in the field, and in his most recent dirt outing — the Tampa Derby G3 — he pressed to the front from a pressers position before giving way in the final turn. His Q1 MPH of 38.79 places him among the fastest starters in the race and his running style projects him to the lead or within a length of it from the outset. Critically, his VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Rating on dirt (-9.9%) signals that he cannot sustain that early aggression over 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ miles, making him a functional pace setter whose role is to help set up the final-segment runners behind him.

Stalkers / Pressers

NEARLY (#6) — The model identifies Nearly as a co-pace threat despite his graded stakes reputation as a presser-stalker. His Q1 MPH of 40.18 is the highest in the field and reflects his tendency to engage early, particularly from a rail-side position. In the Holy Bull G3, he dueled from the 4-3 path at a FAST early pace before grinding clear. With Redland Rebels setting a genuine early tempo, the model projects Nearly will be drawn into a pace duel rather than rating behind the speed — a scenario that activates his VULNERABLE SSR most acutely. John Velazquez is capable of rating him back, but his natural inclination and the projected race shape work against that option.

WAYNE'S LAW (#3) — A natural presser who will contest the early pace from a second-flight position. His Q1 MPH matches Chief Wallabee at 38.46, and his running style in all five career starts shows consistent early engagement. The model projects him tracking the pace 2-3 lengths off the leader, occupying an early role that will either set him up for a STRONG sustained run or expose him to the attrition of a contested pace scenario at the Grade 1 level.

COMMANDMENT (#4) — Despite carrying one of the fastest Q1 velocities among the stalker-presser group (38.63 MPH), the model projects Commandment rating off the pace in a disciplined stalking position. His Fountain of Youth G2 win was achieved from the 2-wide stalking slot after a bumped start, and Brad Cox's operation consistently positions horses to deploy closing speed at the right moment. With Flavien Prat — the meet's leading rider — in the tack, the model projects a controlled 3-4 length stalk that positions Commandment perfectly for his ELITE Q4 velocity.

CHIEF WALLABEE (#2) — A natural stalker who has been impeccably positioned in both career starts. The model projects Chief Wallabee 4-6 lengths off the pace, tracking in the 3-4 path, setting up for the ELITE Q4 profile that mirrors Commandment's closing power precisely.





His 2-for-2 career record is built entirely at Gulfstream, giving him an unmatched track-specific knowledge advantage in the field.

THE PUMA (#8) — The Tampa Derby G3 winner enters as a progressive stalker. His Q1 MPH of 37.19 projects him rating 5-7 lengths off the early pace in a comfortable trip position. His ELITE SSR (-3.0%) reflects clean sustained velocity, and the model expects him to make a wide, sweeping move from the far turn — the same tactic that produced his Tampa Derby upset.

ALBUS (#1) — The model projects Albus as a mid-pack presser attempting to track the early pace from a rail post. His Q1 profile (37.19 MPH) and running style in his maiden win at Tampa suggest he will be 3-5 lengths off the leaders. The class jump is extreme, but his trip position is at least structurally logical.

Closers

TIMELESS VICTORY (#7) — The deepest closer in the field. The model projects him arriving from well off the pace in a late-running slot. His Q4 MPH has dropped materially in this calculation versus shorter races, and his VULNERABLE SSR (-14.5%) flags steep velocity loss — a signal that his allowance-level closing runs may not translate to Grade 1 company at this distance.

GREGARIOUS (#9) — A single-start maiden projected as a come-from-behind runner based on his debut trip. The model has minimal data and projects him from the back of the field. Complete non-factor in the pace scenario.

Pace Scenario Projection

The model projects a MODERATE-to-CONTESTED pace scenario. Redland Rebels will establish the early lead with Nearly drawn into a pace duel from the pressing position, and Wayne's Law occupying the third-horse speed slot. This three-horse early pace battle at Q1 velocities of 38-40 MPH sets up a classic setup race for stalkers and closers — but the critical structural distinction is that the two primary beneficiaries, Commandment and Chief Wallabee, carry ELITE Q4 profiles that are decisively superior to every other closer in the field. The model projects the pace will be contested enough to compromise Nearly in the final quarter, when his VULNERABLE SSR becomes consequential. Commandment and Chief Wallabee are the primary structural beneficiaries. The Puma represents a secondary beneficiary with legitimate upside if the early pace exceeds projections.

SECTION 2 — WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX

Horse	ML	Model Win %	Model Top-3 %	Value Rating
#4 Commandment	5/2	34%	68%	VALUE
#2 Chief Wallabee	3/1	26%	62%	FAIR





#6 Nearly	3/1	22%	56%	MARGINAL
#8 The Puma	7/2	10%	34%	FAIR
#3 Wayne's Law	15/1	4%	16%	FAIR
#7 Timeless Victory	12/1	2%	8%	NEGATIVE
#1 Albus	20/1	1%	6%	NEGATIVE
#5 Redland Rebels	20/1	1%	5%	NEGATIVE
#9 Gregarious	50/1	0%	2%	NEGATIVE

SECTION 3 — CONTENDER ANALYSIS

#4 Commandment ★★★★★

Strengths:

- 3-for-4 career record with every start on dirt; 2-for-2 at Gulfstream Park — the most track-specific record in the field
- The field's superior Q4 closing velocity at 43.27 MPH with an ELITE Sustained Speed Rating (+12.0%)
- Brad Cox trains at 29% in routes and 26% overall in 2025 — the deepest trainer edge in the race
- Flavien Prat takes the mount — the Gulfstream meet leader at 25% winners, replacing Irad Ortiz Jr.
- Fountain of Youth G2 win was achieved from a compromised trip (bumped start, 2-wide), suggesting unexploited upside
- Only horse in the field with two graded stakes wins — most seasoned résumé at this level

Concerns:

- Post 4 in a 9-horse field creates a mid-pack positional question; if early pace develops wide, Prat will need to navigate carefully
- Has not faced a truly hot pace scenario where he is asked to close from further back than his customary 3-4 length stalk
- Jockey switch from Ortiz to Prat, while both are elite, introduces one variable into the tactical equation

Race Shape Fit: Optimal. Commandment's presser-stalker profile slots perfectly behind the projected pace duel. He will track the contested early pace at 3-4 lengths, turn for home with horses in front of him to run at, and deploy his ELITE Q4 closing profile on a track where he has demonstrated mastery.





Projection: The model's primary selection. Commandment is the class of the field, carries the highest closing velocity of any horse in the race, and works with the best trainer-jockey combination in the spot. The model projects him winning the Florida Derby with authority.

#2 Chief Wallabee ★★★

Strengths:

- Undefeated in two career starts, both at Gulfstream — track-specific mastery rivals only Commandment's in this field
- ELITE Q4 MPH at 43.27 — identical to Commandment, establishing him as the field's co-dominant closing threat
- William I. Mott at 21% overall and 24% in graded stakes; Jose Alvarado at 24% J/T at GP — formidable combination
- Fountain of Youth G2 trip included a wide 4-path run that suggests his closing move had more left to give
- Top-3 probability at 62% makes him a cornerstone multi-race investment regardless of win outcome

Concerns:

- Two career starts is a thin sample for a Grade 1 assignment; has never been asked to sustain effort under significant pressure
- Finished 1¾ lengths behind Commandment in their only head-to-head meeting — the model respects that margin at this level
- Fountain of Youth showed him winning the pace duel for second but never threatening the winner in the final strides

Race Shape Fit: Very good. Chief Wallabee will track the pace in the same stalking slot as Commandment, creating a scenario where two ELITE closers with identical Q4 profiles are running at the same pace scenario. His primary risk is traffic from sharing the closing lane with Commandment.

Projection: The model's top multi-race selection and clearest exacta threat. If Commandment faces any traffic or checks in stride, Chief Wallabee is positioned to capitalize. The model projects a strong second-place finish with a live outside shot at the upset at any price above 3/1.

#6 Nearly ★★★

Strengths:

- 3-for-4 career record is outstanding, with all three wins on dirt at Gulfstream — deep track and surface affinity
- Holy Bull G3 winner in a fast-paced affair; has demonstrated the ability to overcome adversity (hard bump at start in Jan 2 win)
- Todd Pletcher and John Velazquez is one of the most accomplished partnerships in American thoroughbred racing
- Trainer stats: 30% winners off a win, 22% in routes — solid credentials for this spot





Concerns:

- VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Rating at -10.8% — the steepest negative deceleration among the field's primary contenders
- Model projects that his high Q1 velocity (40.18 MPH) will be engaged in a pace duel with Redland Rebels, activating his VULNERABLE profile
- Holy Bull win came at 1-1/16 miles in fast-paced fractions that suited his profile; the added eighth-mile in the Florida Derby tests his stamina ceiling
- Faces Commandment, who beat him in the Fountain of Youth, and Chief Wallabee, who carries the same closing profile with a fresher pace scenario

Race Shape Fit: Mixed. Nearly is the horse most likely to benefit from a pace collapse if Redland Rebels and Wayne's Law melt down completely in front of him — but his own VULNERABLE SSR means that scenario requires a pace meltdown without Nearly himself becoming the pace. If Velazquez can rate him back and gift him a stalker trip, the form profile holds. If he is drawn into early pressure, the model projects a flat finish.

Projection: A legitimate contender but with the most important caveat in the field: his VULNERABLE SSR creates a conditional win scenario that requires specific pace development. At fair morning-line odds of 3/1, the model assigns him marginal value. He is a wide-use safety leg in multi-race sequences but not the model's primary investment.

#8 The Puma ★★★

Strengths:

- Tampa Derby G3 winner from an extremely wide trip (4-5 paths), demonstrating tactical versatility and exceptional finishing courage
- ELITE Sustained Speed Rating at -3.0% — the cleanest non-GP deceleration profile in the field
- Three-race improvement arc: maiden second → allowance third → Grade 3 winner; clear upward trajectory
- JJ Castellano at 17% at Gulfstream 2025-26 and 23% in dirt routes; capable handler for this spot

Concerns:

- Has never competed against the primary GP-based competition — Commandment and Chief Wallabee ran separate paths to this point
- Tampa Derby G3 is a class level below the Florida Derby G1 by both purse structure and field quality
- Model assigns 10% win probability — respectable but reflective of a horse needing the top two to underperform
- Wide post 8 will likely mean a wide early trip; the model projects him using ground in the first turn

Race Shape Fit: Good. The Puma's stalker profile and ELITE SSR give him an ideal structural position in this race. He will rate 5-7 lengths off the pace, make a sweeping wide run from the far turn, and deploy his sustained closing speed in the stretch. His primary benefactor scenario





is a pace meltdown that compromises both Commandment and Chief Wallabee simultaneously — unlikely but not impossible.

Projection: The model's C-leg in multi-race sequences and a live longshot threat at any price above 5/1. His improving arc and ELITE deceleration profile give the model confidence he will be competitive in the stretch. A win requires things to go wrong for the top two, but a top-three finish is a realistic outcome at his morning-line price.

#3 Wayne's Law ★★

Strengths:

- Natural presser who provides tactical pace content — his presence helps set up the closers the model favors
- STRONG Sustained Speed Rating (-5.9%) — superior deceleration profile to Nearly, Redland Rebels, and Timeless Victory
- Winning record at Gulfstream (2-for-3 at this track) and familiarity with the course

Concerns:

- Model projects only 4% win probability — ceiling concerns are significant at Grade 1 level
- Best prior result is a listed-stakes runner-up; has not competed in a Grade 1 or against this quality of opposition
- At 15/1, the implied market win probability (6.3%) exceeds the model's 4% projection — a negative value signal
- Likely to be outgunned when Commandment, Chief Wallabee, and The Puma engage their superior closing profiles

Race Shape Fit: Neutral. Wayne's Law occupies a pressing role that the model expects will be useful to the closers behind him but ultimately insufficient to hold on at the Grade 1 level. He will be a factor at the half-mile mark and likely fade in the final quarter.

Projection: The model does not support a win wager. Wayne's Law serves as a pace-content horse in this race. He is a fringe Top-3 inclusion in desperate-value multi-race sequences only.

#7 Timeless Victory — TOSS

Projection: A corrected Q4 analysis reveals Timeless Victory's VULNERABLE SSR at -14.5% — the second-steepest negative deceleration in the field, significantly worse than the first-report estimate. His OC75k company wins, while commendable, do not project competitively against Grade 1 opposition. The class jump is insurmountable and his closing velocity profile does not support meaningful engagement in the stretch. The model projects him arriving late with no impact on the primary placings. Complete toss.

#1 Albus — TOSS





Projection: Making his first start in a Grade 1 following a single maiden win at Tampa. The class jump from a \$32k maiden special weight to a \$1M Grade 1 Florida Derby is among the most extreme in recent graded stakes history. Riley Mott's 24% in graded stakes provides one marginal trainer angle, and Gaffalione is a capable pilot, but there is no form basis for competitive projection at this level. TOSS.

#5 Redland Rebels — TOSS

Projection: A primarily turf runner whose two dirt starts have produced a Tampa Derby fourth and a maiden sixth. His VULNERABLE SSR (-9.9%) on dirt and his role as the field's primary pace setter create a functional toss scenario — the model projects him as useful pace fodder that helps the closers win, not as a competitive factor himself. His board position is structural, not threatening. TOSS.

#9 Gregarious — TOSS

Projection: One career start — a second-place maiden finish in OC company at Gulfstream — is no foundation for a Grade 1 Florida Derby. VULNERABLE SSR (-9.3%) and a massive class gap render him a complete non-factor. Toss in all formats.

SECTION 4 — MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS

Opening Velocity Projections (Q1 — First Quarter Mile)

Horse	Q1 Proj MPH	Role
Nearly	40.18	Co-Pace — VULNERABLE
Timeless Victory	40.18	Closer — VULNERABLE
Redland Rebels	38.79	Pace — VULNERABLE
Commandment	38.63	Presser — ELITE
Chief Wallabee	38.46	Stalker — ELITE
Wayne's Law	38.46	Co-Pace — STRONG
The Puma	37.19	Stalker — ELITE





Albus	37.19	Presser — ELITE
Gregarious	36.73	Stalker — VULNERABLE

Closing Velocity Projections (Q4 — Final Quarter Mile)

Horse	Q4 Proj MPH	Decel %	Sustained Speed Rating
Commandment	43.27	+12.0%	ELITE
Chief Wallabee	43.27	+12.5%	ELITE
Wayne's Law	36.17	-5.9%	STRONG
The Puma	36.06	-3.0%	ELITE
Nearly	35.83	-10.8%	VULNERABLE
Albus	35.83	-3.7%	ELITE
Redland Rebels	34.94	-9.9%	VULNERABLE
Timeless Victory	34.35	-14.5%	VULNERABLE
Gregarious	33.33	-9.3%	VULNERABLE

Critical MPH Insight

The defining MPH finding in this race is the extraordinary Q4 closing velocity separation between Commandment and Chief Wallabee and every other horse in the field. Both project at 43.27 MPH in the final segment — nearly 7 MPH higher than the next-best closer, Wayne's Law at 36.17. The corrected analysis also reveals that Timeless Victory is in fact VULNERABLE (-14.5%), not ELITE as previously estimated, which confirms that there is no credible deep closer in the field capable of producing a significant late run. The ELITE positive acceleration index values for Commandment (+12.0%) and Chief Wallabee (+12.5%) reflect horses that continue to gain velocity through the final quarter — the standing-start Q1 segment naturally produces lower initial MPH than the full-stride Q4 segment, and these two horses show the steepest positive acceleration arc in the engine. Combined with their presser-stalker trip profiles and Grade 2 proven credentials at this track, the model identifies Commandment and Chief Wallabee as the two horses most likely to decide this race between themselves.



SECTION 5 — IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

Likely to Improve

THE PUMA (#8) — The model identifies The Puma as the horse with the clearest improvement trajectory in the field. His three-start career arc — maiden second to allowance third to Grade 3 winner — follows the classic profile of a horse still learning the game. His Tampa Derby win was accomplished from an extreme wide trip under significant adversity (bumping, drifting, dueling) and still produced the winning margin. The model expects that added experience, a cleaner trip on a track he has started at (one prior Gulfstream start), and the natural physical development of a February-foaled 3-year-old will produce a performance improvement over his Tampa Derby figures.

COMMANDMENT (#4) — The model's primary selection also carries the strongest improvement heading in the field. His Fountain of Youth win was achieved from a compromised position (bumped start, forced 2-wide) and still produced a dominant margin. The Brad Cox operation has a documented history of improving horses from Grade 2 to Grade 1 assignments. The model projects Commandment delivering his best career performance in the Florida Derby.

Bounce / Regression Risks

NEARLY (#6) — The most significant regression candidate on the board. Nearly's VULNERABLE SSR (-10.8%) is the clearest deceleration red flag among the primary contenders. His Holy Bull G3 win came in race conditions that favored his profile exactly: a fast pace, a single pressing rival who collapsed, and a clean trip that allowed him to control his own deceleration. The Florida Derby offers none of those conditions. He faces two horses with ELITE closing profiles, a pace scenario that may draw him into early speed involvement, and an additional eighth-mile that stretches his stamina ceiling. The model projects regression from his Holy Bull performance level.

REDLAND REBELS (#5) — Structural regression risk embedded in his pace-setter role on a surface and at a distance where his profile is most limited. His two dirt starts are a fourth and a non-factor, and his VULNERABLE SSR (-9.9%) means that after setting the early pace he will almost certainly give way significantly in the final turn. The model projects him weakening badly at the top of the stretch.

SECTION 6 — SUGGESTED BETS

Win Bet: #4 Commandment Confidence: 8/10 The model projects Commandment at 34% win probability against a morning-line implied probability of 28.6% at 5/2, establishing a clear overlay at opening odds. This is a textbook model overlay: the field's highest closing velocity, the deepest trainer-jockey combination, the strongest Gulfstream track record, and a race shape that is structurally optimal for his stalker-to-closer trip. The model's primary selection with strong conviction.





Value Play: #2 Chief Wallabee Confidence: 7/10 At 3/1 (25.0% implied), Chief Wallabee produces a thin overlay against the model's 26% win projection. More compellingly, his Top-3 probability of 62% makes him a high-confidence multi-race investment at a price that the market has not yet compressed. The model uses Chief Wallabee as the cornerstone B-leg in all multi-race structures. If his price extends beyond 4/1 at post, the overlay becomes more pronounced and the model's confidence in a win wager increases accordingly.

Top 3 Multi-Race: A / B / C A — #4 Commandment B — #2 Chief Wallabee C — #8 The Puma Confidence: 7/10 Commandment is the A-leg with the strongest win projection and clearest overlay. Chief Wallabee as the B-leg is the natural pairing — identical closing profile, same stalker trip, direct Fountain of Youth head-to-head reference. The Puma as the C-leg reflects his ELITE SSR, improving arc, and Tampa Derby credentials as the most likely horse to outrun his morning line. Nearly and Wayne's Law can be added as wide safety options in larger sequence formats, but the model does not support using either as a primary leg. Timeless Victory, Albus, Redland Rebels, and Gregarious should not appear in primary sequence positions.

SECTION 7 — CONFIDENCE RATING

Overall: 7.5 / 10 ★★★★★★☆☆

The model rates its projection confidence at 7.5 out of 10. Race shape confidence is high: the projected pace scenario — Redland Rebels setting a contested early tempo with Nearly drawn into the pace — is clearly supported by the fractional data and running style profiles, and the structural beneficiaries of that scenario are unambiguously Commandment and Chief Wallabee. The primary uncertainty is the execution variable: two horses with identical ELITE Q4 profiles running in the same race creates a scenario where the outcome within that pair is determined by trip luck and tactical decision-making rather than by model-measurable factors. The secondary uncertainty is The Puma, whose Tampa Derby credentials are Grade 3 proven but Grade 1 untested. The model's deduction from 10 comes primarily from these trip-execution variables and the small sample size for several entrants. The model recommends Commandment as the primary wager, Chief Wallabee as the primary multi-race investment, and The Puma as the C-leg value play in all structured sequences.

Report Generated by PTW-CHR Model 1

Methodology: Proprietary fractional analysis, MPH speed metrics, sustained speed profiling. MPH figures in PTW-CHR Model 1 reports are proprietary index values derived from the model's internal distance-weighting methodology and are not expressions of real-world velocity. All horses are evaluated through the same calculation engine, making the figures valid for comparative ranking and deceleration analysis within the model's framework.

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