



Tampa Bay Derby — Grade 3

Tampa Bay Downs, Race 11 | Saturday, March 7, 2026 Dirt | 1 1/16 Miles | 3-Year-Olds | \$400,000 Purse Post Time: 5:35 PM ET | Field: 9

SECTION 1: PACE ANALYSIS

TRUE FRONT RUNNERS

Hulkamania (#4) — The model identifies Hulkamania as the lone wire-to-wire speed in this field. His debut at Tampa projected a 38.79 mph Q1 — highest among confirmed dirt runners. He led throughout at 7 furlongs, setting and controlling every fraction. The model projects him breaking aggressively to clear the field and establish uncontested command through the opening quarter.

Roger That Dana (#3) — Projects as secondary pace. His Q1 of 37.04 mph is the softest among early runners, suggesting he will attempt to pressure but lacks the raw opening velocity to match Hulkamania stride for stride. The model projects him settling into 2nd or 3rd flight early.

STALKERS / PRESSERS

Canaletto (#9) — The model projects Canaletto as a powerful pace presser. His debut produced a 38.46 mph Q1 with the lowest deceleration in the entire field (3.6%). The model projects him sitting 2-3 lengths off the pace, stalking from the outside, and making a sustained move at the half-mile pole.

Further Ado (#6) — A proven pace presser at Grade 2 level. His KyJC win showed him dueling 3-5 wide into upper stretch and still drawing clear — the profile of a horse that maintains speed under genuine pace pressure. The model projects him tracking 3-4 lengths off the lead through a :47-:48 half.

The Puma (#8) — Projects as a moderate presser, sitting off the top flight. His Q1 of 37.34 mph and 4.2% deceleration profile suggest tactical mid-pack positioning rather than early engagement.





CLOSERS

Talkin (#2) — Maiden win showed early speed; his route starts have produced wide trips and tired finishes. The model projects him rating off the pace and making a mild late bid without threatening.

Powershift (#5) — Debut runner-up who rated in 3rd and dueled late. The model projects him making a sustained 3-wide move in the final half-mile.

Redland Rebels (#1) — Turf router making a surface switch to dirt. The model projects him as a late-pace dependent closer facing significant surface uncertainty.

Thunder Buck (#7) — Retreated badly in last. The model projects continued regressive form.

PACE SCENARIO PROJECTION

The model projects a **moderate-to-honest pace** with Hulkamania clearing to the front, Roger That Dana pressing from 2nd, and Canaletto applying stalking pressure from just off the leaders. Projected fractions: approximately :23-:24 first quarter, :47-:48 at the half. This scenario sets up ideally for a **sustained-speed stalker** who can sit 3-4 lengths back through the opening half and unload in the final three-eighths. The model identifies a pace battle between Hulkamania and Canaletto as the most consequential variable — if Canaletto presses hard early, the fractions accelerate and the race sets up for Further Ado. If Canaletto sits passively, he becomes a direct threat to win.

SECTION 2: WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX

#	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Redland Rebels	20-1	3%	4.8%	Negative
2	Talkin	8-1	7%	11.1%	Negative
3	Roger That Dana	12-1	5%	7.7%	Negative
4	Hulkamania	15-1	6%	6.3%	Slight Positive
5	Powershift	6-1	10%	14.3%	Negative





#	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
6	Further Ado	7-5	34%	41.7%	Negative
7	Thunder Buck	20-1	2%	4.8%	Negative
8	The Puma	10-1	8%	9.1%	Slight Positive
9	Canaletto	5-2	25%	28.6%	Slight Positive

Model projects Further Ado and Canaletto account for 59% of win probability. Significant gap exists between Tier 1 and the rest of the field.

SECTION 3: CONTENDER ANALYSIS

TIER 1 — PRIMARY CONTENDERS

★★★★★ **FURTHER ADO (#6)** Cox / Ortiz Jr. | 7-5 ML

PTW Profile: The class of this field by a meaningful margin. Further Ado's 38.46 mph Q1 paired with a **SUSTAINED SPEED STRONG** rating and 3.7% deceleration places him among the model's elite route performers. His Grade 2 victory at Churchill Downs over 1 1/8 miles — dueling 3-5 wide in upper stretch and still drawing clear — is the most credentialed performance in this field. The model identifies him as a horse whose sustained speed profile improves under race pressure, not diminishes.

Strengths: Grade 2 winner at 1 1/8 miles. Superior route credentials vs. entire field. 37.05 mph overall — 2nd in field among dirt runners. Gun Runner pedigree built for classic distances. Cox/Ortiz Jr. delivering at 26-29% at routes. Final prep included back-to-back bullet works at Payson.

Concerns: Favorite-level value is limited. Has not faced a pace challenge of Canaletto's caliber. Class jump question is minimal given his existing Grade 2 credentials.

Trip Projection: The model projects Further Ado stalking 3-4 lengths off the pace through a :47-:48 half, sweeping wide at the three-eighths pole, and taking





command in upper stretch. His sustained speed profile projects him clear by the sixteenth pole.

★★★★★ **CANALETTO (#9)** *Brown / Prat | 5-2 ML*

PTW Profile: The most compelling number in the race belongs to a horse with one career start. Canaletto's debut produced the **lowest deceleration percentage in the entire field** — **3.6%** — registering a SUSTAINED SPEED STRONG profile that borders ELITE. His 38.46 mph Q1, 38.14 mph at the half, and 37.06 mph finish mark a horse that barely decelerated across the entire race. The model identifies this as a signature of a horse with exceptional stamina and speed conversion. His overall MPH of 37.06 is the highest in the field among dirt runners.

Strengths: Best deceleration profile in the field. Highest sustained MPH among all horses. Chad Brown / Flavien Prat — elite connections. Prominent ownership (Magnier/Tabor/Smith) does not run \$1M purchases in Grade 3s without genuine belief. Brown's second-start improvement pattern is well established in the model's projections. Debut winner going away at the Tampa Bay Derby distance.

Concerns: One career start. Breaking from post 9 may force a wider trip early. Further Ado has a Grade 2 win — Canaletto has not yet been tested at that level.

Trip Projection: The model projects Canaletto pressing from post 9, settling 2nd or 3rd early as Hulkamania leads, moving fluidly to the outside at the half-mile pole, and either wearing down the pace or dueling directly with Further Ado through the stretch. The model identifies Canaletto as the primary threat to the favorite.

TIER 2 — SECONDARY CONTENDERS

★★★★★ **POWERSHIFT (#5)** *Pletcher / Velazquez | 6-1 ML*

PTW Profile: Debut runner-up beaten a nose at Tampa. His 38.46 mph Q1 and 4.7% deceleration (SUSTAINED SPEED STRONG) show a horse capable of





sustaining speed adequately. Pletcher's track record with debut horses improving second start is strong, and the connections — Repole Stable, \$500K Constitution colt — signal belief in this horse's upside. The model projects modest improvement but a significant gap vs. the top two.

Trip Projection: The model projects Powershift rating off the pace in 4th-5th, making a 3-wide move at the three-eighths pole, and contesting for minor awards.

☆☆☆ **THE PUMA (#8)** *Delgado / Castellano* | 10-1 ML

PTW Profile: Two starts at Tampa Bay Downs, including a 3rd in a Grade 3 on this exact course last month. His 37.34 mph Q1 and 4.2% deceleration (SUSTAINED SPEED STRONG) are respectable, and Castellano's addition is a legitimate upgrade. At 10-1 he represents the only live longshot with a meaningful PTW profile and relevant course experience.

Trip Projection: The model projects The Puma stalking in 4th-5th, making an inside move in the stretch, and contesting for 3rd money.

TIER 3 — PACE FACTORS / LONGSHOTS

☆☆ **HULKAMANIA (#4)** — Pure front-runner at 15-1. The model identifies him as the primary pace setter whose early fractions will shape the outcome for others. His 34.70 mph closing MPH is the second-lowest in the field. The model projects him fading in the final furlong.

☆☆ **TALKIN (#2)** — Grade 1-placed as a juvenile but showed regressive form in the Remsen, fading badly after a wide trip. His 5.6% deceleration from that start reflects a tired horse. The model does not project a return to peak form.

☆ **ROGER THAT DANA (#3)** — Pace factor who will be consumed early. His closing MPH of 34.19 is the lowest in the field. The model projects him fading after the half.





★ **REDLAND REBELS (#1)** — Surface switcher (turf to dirt) with a VULNERABLE deceleration rating. The model does not project a dirt debut route specialist as a factor here.

★ **THUNDER BUCK (#7)** — Retreated badly in the Lecomte G3. New trainer, no Tampa experience. The model projects continued below-peak effort.

SECTION 4: MPH ANALYSIS

PTW PROPRIETARY SPEED RANKINGS — Tampa Bay Derby G3

Opening Speed (Q1 MPH):

1. Hulkamania — 38.79 mph
2. Talkin — 38.79 mph
3. Further Ado — 38.46 mph
4. Canaletto — 38.46 mph
5. Powershift — 38.46 mph
6. The Puma — 37.34 mph
7. Thunder Buck — 37.19 mph
8. Roger That Dana — 37.04 mph

Sustained Speed (Overall MPH):

1. Canaletto — 37.06 mph | SUSTAINED SPEED STRONG
2. Further Ado — 37.05 mph | SUSTAINED SPEED STRONG
3. Hulkamania — 36.93 mph | SUSTAINED SPEED STRONG
4. Talkin — 36.64 mph | SUSTAINED SPEED STRONG
5. Powershift — 36.64 mph | SUSTAINED SPEED STRONG
6. Thunder Buck — 35.78 mph | SUSTAINED SPEED STRONG
7. The Puma — 35.78 mph | SUSTAINED SPEED STRONG
8. Roger That Dana — 35.50 mph | SUSTAINED SPEED STRONG
9. Redland Rebels — rated on turf only | SUSTAINED SPEED VULNERABLE

Deceleration Profile (lowest = best):

1. Canaletto — 3.6% | SUSTAINED SPEED STRONG
2. Further Ado — 3.7% | SUSTAINED SPEED STRONG





3. Roger That Dana — 4.2% | SUSTAINED SPEED STRONG
4. The Puma — 4.2% | SUSTAINED SPEED STRONG
5. Powershift — 4.7% | SUSTAINED SPEED STRONG
6. Hulkamania — 4.8% | SUSTAINED SPEED STRONG
7. Talkin — 5.6% | SUSTAINED SPEED STRONG
8. Thunder Buck — 6.0% | SUSTAINED SPEED STRONG
9. Redland Rebels — 6.3% | SUSTAINED SPEED VULNERABLE

CRITICAL MPH INSIGHT: The model's most significant finding in this race is the statistical dead heat between Canaletto (37.06 mph overall, 3.6% deceleration) and Further Ado (37.05 mph overall, 3.7% deceleration). Both horses are separated by less than one hundredth of a mile per hour in sustained speed — a margin the model considers statistically indistinguishable. What separates them is experience and pace scenario. Further Ado has proven he can sustain this profile under Grade 2 pressure. Canaletto has demonstrated the profile in one start against maidens. The model projects the pace scenario — specifically whether Canaletto applies early pressure or settles passively — as the decisive variable in this race.

SECTION 5: IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

Likely to Improve:

- **Canaletto** — First career start produced elite deceleration numbers. Chad Brown routinely extracts significant forward improvement second start, particularly with horses that showed raw ability in debut. The model projects Canaletto as the strongest improvement candidate in the field.
- **Powershift** — Debut runner-up at this very track. Pletcher's second-start pattern with maiden graduates is well established. The model projects meaningful forward movement in his second start.
- **The Puma** — Two Tampa starts building experience on the exact course. Castellano replacing a lesser jockey projects a cleaner trip and improved tactical positioning.

Bounce / Regression Risks:

- **Further Ado** — The model flags a mild bounce risk given that his KyJC G2 win represented his career-best effort. The model rates this risk as **LOW** —



his pedigree, training pattern, and connections do not support regression — but it warrants monitoring.

- **Hulkamania** — Classic first-time route attempt following a sharp sprint. The model projects pace sacrifice and distance-related regression as the most likely outcome.
- **Talkin** — Already displaying a regression pattern. The Remsen performance was his worst to date. The model projects continued below-peak form and does not identify a catalyst for reversal.
- **Thunder Buck** — Retreated badly last out in the Lecomte. Trainer switch and absence of Tampa experience do not project a form reversal.

SECTION 6: SUGGESTED BETS

WIN BET — Further Ado (#6) The model projects Further Ado as the most complete horse in this field — superior route credentials, Grade 2 victory, elite sustained speed profile, and a pace scenario that sets up for his stalking style. The model identifies him as the most probable winner. **Confidence: 8/10.** Target: 7-5 or better.

VALUE PLAY — Canaletto (#9) The model identifies Canaletto as a legitimate overlay at 5-2. His deceleration profile is the best in the field, his debut was dominant at the Tampa Bay Derby distance, and the Chad Brown / Prat / Magnier ownership combination projects aggressive second-start improvement. The model projects 25% win probability against a 28.6% implied probability at 5-2 — near fair value with significant upside. **Confidence: 7/10.** Target: 5-2 or better.

MULTI-RACE WAGERS — Top 3 for Pick 3/4/5/6:

- **A:** Further Ado (#6) — Primary selection, superior route credentials and sustained speed
- **B:** Canaletto (#9) — Best deceleration profile, elite connections, strong improvement projection
- **C:** Powershift (#5) — Tampa experience, Pletcher second-start pattern, minor award upside

Combined projected probability: 69%





CONFIDENCE RATING: ★★★★★

The model projects a two-horse race between Further Ado and Canaletto, with the pace scenario serving as the decisive variable. The MPH engine identifies these two horses as statistically separated from the rest of the field by a meaningful margin. Further Ado's Grade 2 credentials give him the edge, but Canaletto's superior deceleration profile and improvement projection make him a genuine threat at value odds.

Report Generated by PTW-CHR Model 1

Methodology: Proprietary fractional analysis, MPH speed metrics, sustained speed profiling

All projections represent model predictions based on historical performance data

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