



**Iron Maidens Thoroughbreds
Gulfstream Park, Race 9
Davona Dale Stakes, Grade 2
1 mile, 3 YO Fillies
February 26, 2011**



Six of the nine contestants in the Davona Dale have stakes experience and the first four finishes of last month's Forward Gal come back for a rematch in the Davona Dale.

The champion of the seven furlong Forward Gal Stakes (G-2), [POMEROYS PISTOL](#) (Pomeroy – Prettyatthetable, by Point Given) will attempt to stretch her speed an extra furlong. She has a miler's pedigree and should handle the extra distance. Pomeroy's Pistol fired two strong three furlongs lung openers, indicating that she'll be on her toes here.

[DANCINGINHERDREAMS](#) (Tapit – Mayan Milagra, by Menifee) had her two-race win streak snapped by a ½ length in the Forward Gal Stakes. The pretty gray filly worked a last out bullet and should be tough with the extra distance.

Getting up for third in the Forward Gal, [EVIL QUEEN](#) (Hear No Evil – Duchess Dor, by Tour D'Or) has faced the starter ten times in her short life. Her speed figures are improving in every start and she posted two maintenance works at Calder.

The favorite for the Forward Gal off of her Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies placing, [R HEAT LIGHTNING](#) (Trippi – Yellow Heat, by Gold Fever) wound up a disappointing fourth in the Forward Gal. She should be tougher in her second attempt, especially after two blazing works at Palm Meadows.

[ROXY GAP](#) (Indian Charlie – Hart's Gap, by Saint Ballado) had her three race win streak snapped when she was third in her first race of the season, her initial attempt over dirt, in the Old Hat Stakes. She sports a trio of average works. Roxy Gap has a durable distaff family filled with stakes winners. Her dam Hart's Gap started 24 times and was stakes placed. Hart's Gap is a half-sister to stakes winner Adopted Daughter and also to the dam of multiple stakes winner Yates Black Cat who raced 38 times. Roxy Gap's second dam won multiple stakes and started 64 times.

[MENDING HEARTS](#) (Street Cry – Satin Cat, by Storm Cat) jumps into stakes completion after winning her maiden at this distance a month ago. Her dam won two of nine starts over turf and is a Half-sister to Grade 2 winner Tropicool, Grade 3 turf winner Mending Fences, and stakes placed Acclimate. Mending Hearts has been working well.

[HOT SUMMER](#) (Malibu Moon - Summer Delight, by Quiet American) demolished a group of allowance runners back in November and is making her stakes debut off of a layoff. Hot Summer is a half-sister to the stakes placed turf router Southwest. Her dam won three of 12 starts and placed in a listed stakes going 1 1/16 over the dirt. Hot Summer is Inbred to the blue hen Weekend Surprise through her sons A.P. Indy (sire of Malibu Moon) and Summer Squall (second damsire of Hot Summer).

[OH CAROLE](#) (Unbridled's Song – Renowned Cat, by Storm Cat) won from off the pace over the speed-favoring Gulfstream surface last time out. Her unraced dam is a half-sister to the top mare, Escena, heroine of the 1998 Breeders' Cup Distaff. Oh Carole has inbreeding to the blue hen Sequence through her daughters Gold

Digger (dam of Mr. Prospector) and Inviting, Oh Carole's fourth dam. Oh Carole's two breezes have been average.

The Sweetest Chant Stakes was not indicative of the talented [BELLARIDGE](#) (Cactus Ridge - Jorja's Prospect, by Prospect Bay). She can handle dirt or turf and her breezes are decent, but the Bradley barn is only 9% with route winners. Bellaridge has a dirt miler's pedigree. Her dam is a hard-knocking veteran of 20 starts, winning or placing nine times sprinting over the dirt. The second dam Forza placed in a listed stakes, but that's about it for blacktype.

SELECTIONS:

How the track is playing: 67% of the front runners/pace pressers win, and last week 33% of the front runners wired the field. The day should be sunny and the track fast.

DANCINGINHERDREAMS was ½ a length shy of the win last time out. She runs from off of the pace, but the extra distance should help. **ROXY GAP** and **POMEROYS PISTOL** are the speedballs of the race. Neither have a problem with throwing down :21 quarters and both are fighters. **ROXY GAP** is a true front runner, but **POMEROYS PISTOL** can sit off the pace. **R HEAT LIGHTING** disappointed in her season debut, but should improve. **MENDING HEARTS** has a nice pedigree and appears ready to take on stakes competition.

#9 DANCINGINHERDREAMS

#8 POMEROYS PISTOL

#5 R HEAT LIGHTING

#1 MENDING HEARTS – longshot pick at 5-1 or higher