

Divisions of Louisiana Futurity top strong card

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On the 366th day of 2020 there are two potential standouts in divisions of the \$100,000 Louisiana Futurity.

Swot Analysis, in particular, looks formidable in the colts and geldings division, which goes as race 2, while Big Time appear to hold a meaningful edge in the fillies division, the last of 10 races on a good, playable New Year's Eve racing program.

Swot Analysis debuted in an open maiden special weight Nov. 1 at Churchill Downs, dueling on the lead and fading to finish a distant sixth, but it was a different story when this Anchor Down colt returned Nov. 27 at Fair Grounds in a Louisiana-bred maiden sprint while racing on Lasix for the first time. Swot Analysis crushed his rivals that day, winning by almost 10 lengths going 5 1/2 furlongs while still racing somewhat green through the homestretch.

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Louisiana Champions Day, including the \$100,000 Champions Day Juvenile, came up Dec. 12, but that was too quick a return for Swot Analysis, who instead worked an easy half-mile that morning. He's come back with two more drills for trainer Mark Casse's Fair Grounds division, and with a decent break since the blowout maiden win, Swot Analysis should be especially formidable Thursday. With Declan Carroll named on a return call, Swot Analysis is listed at 5-2 on the track's morning line but looks more like an odds-on favorite facing just six foes. Guice, who won his debut nicely enough for trainer Ron Faucheux, could wind up second choice in the betting.