

## Tenderfoot, Chestertown throw down in Sunday allowance

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OZONE PARK, N.Y. – Two stakes-caliber allowance races highlight Sunday's eight-race Aqueduct card.

In race 3, the up-and-coming Tenderfoot takes on the New York-bred stakes winner Chestertown in a second-level allowance race going a mile.

Since being claimed by Charlton Baker for \$40,000 last July, Tenderfoot has won 3 of 5 starts. He recorded three consecutive victories from Oct. 29 through Jan. 1, with two of those wins coming over wet tracks. Rain is in the forecast for Sunday.

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Following a blowout victory in a first-level allowance on New Year's Day and a subsequent strong workout, Tenderfoot earned his way into the Jazil Stakes going 1 1/8 miles around two turns on Jan. 23. He finished second behind Mr. Buff, who was winning his 10th stakes race and who was expected to be an odds-on favorite in Saturday's Stymie Stakes.

Cutting back to a mile, the likelihood of him being the primary speed, and the prospect of a wet track should give Tenderfoot an advantage over Chestertown, who has won three of his last four starts.

Chestertown, a \$2 million son of Grade 1 winners Tapit and Artemis Agrotera, won a second-level New York-bred allowance going a one-turn mile on Dec. 6. On the same day Tenderfoot finished second in the Jazil, Chestertown won an open-company first-level allowance race going 1 1/8 miles.

Tenderfoot and Chestertown are the only two members of this field who are racing under the allowance condition. Danny California, winner of the Miner's Mark Stakes going 1 1/2 miles at Belmont last September, Zoomer, Fed Funds, and Empty Tomb are all eligible to be claimed for the \$62,500 tag.