

CLOSER LOOK: Well-bred colt will always live with the specter of that \$2 million price tag; looked like he might finally be on his way to fulfilling the potential inherent in that purchase price before things went awry in his last two starts; was surprisingly dull in the mud two back, and then had little more to offer over a good, harrowed track last time; had previously run well enough on wet tracks, so that might not be an adequate excuse; and even if he bounces back, his best form doesn't even necessarily guarantee him an on-the-board finish due to the incredibly tough competition he meets here; looks up against it.