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After a pair of runner-up sprints, **4 GOT THUNDER** is ready to stretch out and win. Bred to run long and always considered a distance type, he may have been too close to the pace his first two starts in sprints. Sired by Arrogate, sibling to G1 turf router Heart to Heart, 'THUNDER continues to train forwardly. This race should be his best. **1 KEROUAC** broke slowly and merely ran around the track in a debut likely designed as a mere prep. The winner was an odds-on stablemate, KEROUAC helped fill the five-runner field while using the race for conditioning. Improvement likely second out. **6 SENSE OF DOMINANCE** was compromised by the inside post last time in a sprint. He dueled inside, went fast early, and tired. He will benefit by the slower splits of this dirt mile. COVER ME UP improved on the stretch-out, runner-up while finishing 12 lengths clear of third. He is headed the right direction.