

Romney's the One

Even though nobody has yet cast a vote in the primaries, Republicans are increasingly resigned to Gov. Mitt Romney's winning the party's presidential nomination. Every week he gets a few more endorsements from Republican officeholders. He has never had a commanding lead in the polls, but one by one the other candidates who have occupied the top tier with him – first Rep. Michele Bachmann, then Gov. Rick Perry, then Herman Cain – have fallen back out of it. The current surge for Newt Gingrich looks like one last fling before Republicans settle down with Romney.

Republicans should not be gloomy about this prospect. Romney isn't merely the candidate who is likely to win the Republican primaries. He's the candidate who should win them. That's why he's likely to win.

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