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Greetings, everyone!

The most exciting two minutes in sports is nearly upon us, as the Kentucky Derby is on Saturday, May 2. It was a very exciting two minutes last year for one of our resident horse racing experts, Mike Somich, who hit the Kentucky Derby superfecta while live on our VSiN airwaves. Somich, Dave Tuley, Ed Sehon, Adam Burke, and our friends from Daily Racing Form have come together with best bets and analysis for the 2026 version of our Kentucky Derby Betting Guide.



The DRF crew has been supplying daily horse racing picks throughout the Road to the Kentucky Derby, as we've been keeping an eye on the horses in this field and a whole lot more over the last several months. We're pleased to have David Aragona and Mike Beer as part of this year's best bets section and they'll have more throughout the week as well.

Similarly, Somich and Aaron Halterman host our [VSiN At The Track podcast](#), which will have two episodes this week and Mike will join Patrick Meagher live on air from 4-8 p.m. ET for "At The Track: Road to the Kentucky Derby" on Saturday, May 2. You can find VSiN on SiriusXM Channel 158, on the [VSiN Watch App](#), on [YouTube TV](#) as part of the Sports+ package, on our YouTube page, on several hundred radio affiliates, [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), or wherever you get your podcast content, and through [VSiN.com](#).

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In this Guide, you can find:

- DRF Past Performances for the Kentucky Derby
- The Kentucky Derby starting grid and notes from Aragona and David Grening for each horse
- Best bets from Somich, Tuley, Sehon, Burke, Aragona, and Beer
- A full Kentucky Oaks preview from Adam Burke
- A full Kentucky Derby preview from Dave Tuley
- A pace and post position report plus this year's superfecta analysis from Mike Somich

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Thank you for your support of VSiN and good luck with your plays on the ponies this weekend!

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KENTUCKY DERBY FIELD

PROG. NO.	HORSE/ SIRE	TRACK ODDS	ARAGONA ODDS	BEST BEYER	DAVID GRENING AND DAVID ARAGONA COMMENTS
1	 Renegade by Into Mischief <i>Owner: Robert and Lawana Low, Repole Stable; Trainer: Todd Pletcher; Jockey: Irad Ortiz Jr.</i>	4-1	5-1	98	DG: Finished fast and still won with something left in Arkansas; think he's primed for top effort DA: Don't think rail draw hinders him too much; more concerned that he beat a weak group at OP
2	 Albus by Yaupon <i>Owner: Pin Oak Stud; Trainer: Riley Mott; Jockey: Manny Franco</i>	30-1	30-1	84	DG: Credit for jumping from maiden to G2 Wood win; would have to get faster in a hurry DA: Appreciate the way he adapted to a new running style in Wood, but benefited from hot pace
3	 Intrepido by Maximus Mischief <i>Owner: Dutch Girl Holdings, Irving Ventures; Trainer: Jeff Mullins; Jockey: Hector Berrios</i>	50-1	50-1	89	DG: Doesn't seem to have moved forward from 2 and wonder about distance DA: Did get a wide trip in the SA Derby, but didn't like the way he shut down at the end
4	 Litmus Test by Nyquist <i>Owner: SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket, Stonestreet, et al; Trainer: Bob Baffert; Jockey: Martin Garcia</i>	30-1	30-1	96	DG: With Baffert putting blinkers back on, expect him to be a pace factor DA: Last year's BC Juvenile 4th hasn't gone on, but did flash speed in recent Churchill work
5	 Right to Party by Constitution <i>Owner: Chester Broman Sr.; Trainer: Kenny McPeck; Jockey: Chris Elliott</i>	30-1	50-1	81	DG: Sit back, make a run, pass as many as you can, and enjoy the experience DA: His performance really underscores how dramatically the early pace came apart in the Wood
6	 Commandment by Into Mischief <i>Owner: Wathnan Racing; Trainer: Brad Cox; Jockey: Luis Saez</i>	6-1	6-1	101	DG: Adaptable to any pace scenario; strong finisher in Saez should fit him well DA: Won the best prep and has proven he can do it with different kinds of trips; solid contender
7	 Danon Bourbon by Maxfield <i>Owner: Danox Co. Ltd; Trainer: Manabu Ikezoe; Jockey: Atsuya Nishimura</i>	20-1	15-1	NA	DG: Not sure what he's beaten in Japan but has impressed; tactical speed serves him well DA: He's relatively untested but has made a positive visual impression in every start; wild card
8	 So Happy by Runhappy <i>Owner: Norman Stables, Saints or Sinners; Trainer: Mark Glatt; Jockey: Mike Smith</i>	15-1	15-1	100	DG: Had beautiful trip beating suspect group in Santa Anita Derby; waters get deeper in Kentucky DA: SA Derby was no lighter than Blue Grass or Wood, and he finished well; hardly out of this
9	 The Puma by Essential Quality <i>Owner: OGMA Investments, JR Ranch, High Step Racing et al; Trainer: Gustavo Delgado Sr.; Jockey: Javier Castellano</i>	10-1	10-1	100	DG: Thought his last workout at Gulfstream was very good; wonder how he'd react to kickback DA: Florida Derby proved he's a top contender; his 4/18 workout suggests he can move forward again
10	 Wonder Dean by Dee Majesty <i>Owner: Yoshinari Yamamoto; Trainer: Daisuke Takayanagi; Jockey: Ryusei Sakai</i>	30-1	30-1	NA	DG: Solid effort but ran down a horse who might be distance-challenged DA: His form was underrated coming into UAE Derby; still a big leap to take down best in the U.S.
11	 Incredibolt by Bolt d'Oro <i>Owner: Pin Oak Stud; Trainer: Riley Mott; Jockey: Jaime Torres</i>	20-1	15-1	88	DG: Finished strong with rail run to rebound from Holy Bull dud; believe he handles distance DA: Beat mediocre field with perfect trip at CNL; does own a stakes win over the Churchill surface
12	 Chief Wallabee by Constitution <i>Owner: Michael and Katherine Ball; Trainer: Bill Mott; Jockey: Junior Alvarado</i>	8-1	8-1	100	DG: Eye-catching workout with monster gallop-out in blinkers at CD likely makes him Derby "buzz horse" DA: Most horses work better in blinkers, but racing better in blinkers can be another matter



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13	 Silent Tactic by Tacitus <i>Owner: John Oxley; Trainer: Mark Casse; Jockey: Cristian Torres</i>	20-1	20-1	91	DG: Best race may be sitting farther back in race with pace; always shows up and will be a price DA: Don't love that his progression appears to have stalled; does have right kind of style for Derby
14	 Potente by Into Mischief <i>Owner: Speedway Stables; Trainer: Bob Baffert; Jockey: Juan Hernandez</i>	20-1	20-1	95	DG: Gritty second in SA Derby, probably better with a target; not sure he wants 1 1/4M DA: Didn't see much of an excuse in final prep, but hard to count out Baffert in the Derby
15	  Emerging Market by Candy Ride <i>Owner: Klaravich Stables; Trainer: Chad Brown; Jockey: Flavien Prat</i>	15-1	12-1	97	DG: Credit for battling to win Louisiana Derby; lack of experience still a concern DA: Not sure Louisiana Derby was a particularly strong prep; has talent, but much to overcome
16	 Pavlovian by Pavel <i>Owner: Reddam Racing; Trainer: Doug O'Neill; Jockey: Edwin Maldonado</i>	30-1	30-1	90	DG: Was certainly game in defeat in Louisiana; may benefit in a field that may not have much speed DA: Has attained a new level since they've started riding him aggressively; showed heart in defeat
17	  Six Speed by Not This Time <i>Owner: Brunetti Dugan Stables, Black Type, Adkisson, Swinbank; Trainer: Bhupat Seemar; Jockey: Brian Hernandez Jr.</i>	50-1	50-1	NA	DG: Good effort first time going two turns, not sure he'll benefit from 1 1/4M DA: If nothing else, should be a major pace presence; seemed unrateable in UAE Derby
18	  Further Ado by Gun Runner <i>Owner: Spendthrift Farm; Trainer: Brad Cox; Jockey: John Velazquez</i>	6-1	9-2	106	DG: The Preakness is at Laurel, the Belmont is at Saratoga; can they move the Derby to Keeneland? DA: Raced close to moderate paces in both Keeneland wins; drawn well outside of all other speeds
19	 Golden Tempo by Curlin <i>Owner: Phipps Stable, St. Elias Stable; Trainer: Cherie DeVaux; Jockey: Jose Ortiz</i>	30-1	30-1	88	DG: Slight improvement perhaps with blinkers but still leaves himself too much to do DA: Got his preferred pace setup and still couldn't win; might just be a cut below the best 3-year-olds
20	 Fulleffort by Liam's Map <i>Owner: St. Elias Stable, Starlight Racing; Trainer: Brad Cox; Jockey: Tyler Gaffalione</i>	20-1	20-1	94	DG: Seems to be handling dirt well in the a.m.; think distance suits; but is he fast enough? DA: Many parallels between him and last year's Derby 4th, Final Gambit; can he take to dirt too?
21 AE	 Great White by Volatile <i>Owner: Three Chimenys Farm, John Ennis; Trainer: John Ennis; Jockey: Alex Achard</i>	50-1	50-1	84	DG: First race on dirt wasn't any good; don't see why he's coming back for more DA: Massive horse didn't seem to get over dirt that well in Blue Grass; seems too slow
22 AE	 Ocelli by Connect <i>Owner: Ashley Dunn, Anthony Tate, Front Page Equestrian; Trainer: Whit Beckman; Jockey: Joe Ramos</i>	50-1	50-1	81	DG: Took blinkers off and ran a decent third in a slow Wood Memorial; unlikely a factor here DA: One of many who picked up pieces late in the Wood; asking an awful lot of this maiden
23 AE	 Robusta by Accelerate <i>Owner: Calumet Farm; Trainer Doug O'Neill; Jockey: Emisael Jaramillo</i>	50-1	50-1	89	DG: Ran solid in the San Felipe and would likely add pace should he draw in DA: Still not sure where San Felipe effort came from, but even that doesn't make him good enough
24 AE	 Corona de Oro by Bolt d'Oro <i>Owner: On Our Own, Commonwealth, U Racing, Saints or Sinners, et al; Trainer: Dallas Stewart; Jockey: Brian Hernandez Jr.</i>	50-1	50-1	92	DG: Trainer has pulled off some upsets in his career; this would usurp anything he's ever done DA: Not like the Lexington is a key prep anymore, and he was a non-threatening third

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VSIN EXPERT KENTUCKY DERBY

BEST BETS

MIKE SOMICH

This Kentucky Derby is exponentially more wide open than last year's event, and the draw added additional intrigue. I was out on Renegade and lower than most on Further Ado heading into the draw, with the 1 and 18 posts respectively, both are now either a complete toss, or superfecta 4th-place saver horses now. We have known that Florida has been the best circuit all season long, so I am going to lean on the Gulfstream results. That highlights three horses: Commandment, The Puma, and Chief Wallabee. Commandment has been a consistent horse that cannot keep a rider due to assumed distance limitations. Those questions were all but answered in an off-the-pace win in the Florida Derby. The Puma beat Further Ado in the Tampa Bay Derby and ran too well to lose second in the Florida Derby. He is going to come with one late kick for connections that have won the Derby in the past with Mage.

Here's the problem with both of them: Chief Wallabee is simply more talented than both. He beat The Puma on debut, and his loss to Commandment in the Fountain of Youth was simply a trip issue. The Florida Derby is the big question mark and the reason for the blinkers going on for Hall of Fame trainer, and last year's winner of this race, Bill Mott. Chief Wallabee is still figuring out how good he is at this whole racing thing. The blinkers will help him overcome issues like his ability to shoot through a gap of two horses, something he was hesitant to do in the Florida Derby. I will take the most talented horse on top Saturday and hope that talent wins out with Chief Wallabee.

There are two other horses I have to mention. Fulleffort, who drew the #20 and is 20-1, is absolutely live in this race. He's a one-run type who will be flying late, which is the style that has won the last four Derbys. The other is Emerging Market, which I am very much against here. He's run and won twice, but his debut win lost some luster with the second-place horse coming back and losing badly, and the Louisiana Derby was a bad race. He's talented, but it's too much too soon.

DAVE TULEY

This year's Run for the Roses is pretty wide-open in my opinion, as there's no superhorse. Granted, there are several top contenders like the 4-1 morning-line favorite Renegade, who drew the dreaded No. 1 post (more on that in my main column), Further Ado, Commandment, Chief Wallbee, The Puma, So Happy and Emerging Market. Maybe one of them will win the Derby and be a threat to sweep the Triple Crown (but I wouldn't bet on it at 11-1).

The task here is to find the Best Bets in the Kentucky Derby on the First Saturday in May. My top value play is on #17 Six Speed at 50-1 on the morning line and could go off higher as his fixed odds at the Westgate SuperBook in Las Vegas were 80-1 as of Monday afternoon. Six Speed is the expected front-runner in a 20-horse field that doesn't have any other rabbit to put him on a suicidal pace. The Derby isn't usually won wire to wire, but it does happen, as I had War Emblem in 2002, though I didn't have the favored American Pharoah and Justify in 2015 and 2018 or Authentic in 2020. You can't win the race if you're not in the lead at some point, so I'll take my chances on no one being able to run down Six Speed (traffic jams behind the front-runner always help, and that's always a possibility with such a large field).

I usually don't condone betting more than one horse to Win in a race, but the exception is a 20-horse field like the Derby, as the odds justify it. #10 Wonder Dean has my eye at 30-1 as he ran down Six Speed in the UAE Derby in Dubai, so I have to respect that. I'm not betting these all to Win, but I'll also be monitoring the tote board for #8 So Happy (15-1), winner of the Santa Anita Derby and #14 Potente (20-1), runner-up to So Happy and trained by Bob Baffert.

If you're betting the Derby, you have to take a shot with the exotics, as we've seen life-changing money over the years due to the massive field size and all those betting combinations jacking up the payoffs. Again, I'll narrow down my picks later in the week with my "Tuley's Takes" columns at VSIN.com, but other 3-year-olds I'm considering for my horizontal (multi-race wagers like the pick 4 and pick 6) and vertical (in-race wagers like exactas, trifectas and superfectas) tickets include #2 Albus (30-1), #6 Commandment (6-1), #9 The Puma (10-1), #11 Incredibolt (20-1), #12 Chief Wallabee (8-1) and #18 Further Ado (6-1).

ED SEHON

There are a half dozen good horses that could easily win the Derby. They are: The Puma, Potente, Renegade, Further Ado, Commandment and Emerging Market. The rest of the sophomores might as well stay in the barn and contemplate their futures as allowance competitors. Upon examining each of the finalists (a week before the race), I'm convinced five of them have more negatives than positives.

- The Puma, for instance, continues to mature, but really hasn't beaten much. I also doubt he can go the extra distance. Comes up short.
- The biggest plus Potente has going for him is his deep-pocket owners (\$2.4 million purchase price) and their West Coast, hired-gun trainer, Bob Baffert. Not potent enough.
- No doubt Renegade is compromised by his down-under post position. Good luck from the No.1 hole.
- Further Ado is a strong bounce candidate off his monster Bluegrass effort. It's tough to count out the Cox-Velazquez team. But I am.
- Commandment was my choice 'til I realized Saratoga-area native Chad Brown, who once befriended me on the Spa backstretch, has never won the Derby.
- While my pick at 2-for-2 is green, he's a very fast, tactical race horse in the mold of Curlin, Arrogate and Justify. My money's on longshot EMERGING MARKET at 15-1 with super jock Flavien Prat aboard.

TOP 3 IN DERBY
EMERGING MARKET
COMMANDMENT
FURTHER ADO

ADAM BURKE

We may have a sibling rivalry between half-brothers Renegade and Commandment throughout this year and over the next few years, but Sippican Harbor's son won the post position battle here. Both horses were sired by Into Mischief, but Commandment for the dynamic team of Saez and Cox was not saddled with the rail draw, and it should be a difference maker in the Derby.

Cox also got a pretty favorable draw, in my opinion, with Further Ado. It's a long way to

come from the 18 post, but the Gun Runner colt shouldn't be bothered by this distance and any additional steps from being outside. He can avoid all the early traffic. As long as Johnny V. puts the throttle down at the right time, I like his chances.

Like Mr. Ed, Emerging Market is emerging in my mind as a legit contender. The lack of data points is scary, but it's hard to argue with the connections, the bloodline, and the big spike in performance from debut to stakes debut. Winning the Louisiana Derby in your second start is crazy.

My super ticket will look like Commandment, Further Ado, Emerging Market, and Renegade, who can make a big push from the rail as other horses tire.

DAVID ARAGONA (DRF.COM)

COMMANDMENT
THE PUMA
RENEGADE
SO HAPPY

I have been impressed by COMMANDMENT right from the start. He displayed attributes in his first couple of maiden races that portended the success to come. That first victory at Churchill Downs in November exposed the determination and boldness that have become his hallmarks. Going for a split at the quarter pole, rivals on either side of him tried to squeeze him out of the spot, but Commandment forced his body into the space, pushing his way to victory.

He has obviously gotten faster since that initial win, and his competitive nature remains intact even in deeper waters. Coming through the Gulfstream path of preps, he has fought and defeated the strongest competition of any horse in this year's race. He also has achieved success by navigating varying trips and pace scenarios, mitigating concerns about him requiring a specific setup. This horse possesses all the characteristics we look for in a Derby winner, and he might not even go favored.

I was not as quick to come around on THE PUMA this winter, but he has really progressed over the course of his last two starts. He showed just as much promise as main rival Chief Wallabee when they met on debut, and he has made significant strides since that initial clash. He hardly ran worse than Commandment in the Florida Derby, and his workouts suggest that he's continuing to thrive in spite of the aggressive campaign. The only minor knock is that he isn't quite as convincing for the 10-furlong distance as some others, but it hasn't been wise to place too much emphasis on stamina in recent years.

The rail draw for morning-line favorite RENEGADE is not nearly as much of a deterrent for me as it seems to be for others. The new starting gate, first used in 2020, has generally alleviated the hazards of the inside post. Having faced some softer fields through his preps this year, he isn't quite as battle-tested as Commandment. Yet he still embodies many

similar qualities to my top pick and arguably possesses an even more potent turn of foot.

I anticipate that the pace of this Derby will be strong, as it nearly always is. However, if there's one horse that can hang around after making the first move, I expect it to be SO HAPPY. While many will focus on his sprint champion sire, the horse displayed no indicators of distance limitations in the Santa Anita Derby. The Californians typically garner respect on the first Saturday in May, but this horse continues to be underestimated.

MIKE BEER (DRF.COM)

POTENTE
SILENT TACTIC
COMMANDMENT
FURTHER ADO

Despite being a \$2.4 million yearling for six-time Kentucky Derby-winning trainer Bob Baffert, POTENTE is 20-1 on the morning line. Preliminary odds are based on performance, and Potente will have to improve to win the Derby, though there is reason to believe he can take the necessary step sooner rather than later.

His six-furlong debut at the end of January was just a starting point, though he did everything right that day. While he disappointed when forced to contest the pace in his final Derby prep, Potente showed that he is comfortable rating behind horses when winning the San Felipe in his two-turn debut, and he should have the chance to land that kind of trip on Saturday.

SILENT-TACTIC (scratched) was patiently ridden before producing a powerful finish to win the Southwest. Those tactics often lead to success in a race like the Derby, which is almost always run at a strong pace that takes its toll on horses near the lead. He lacked the same stretch kick when asked to keep closer to the leaders in his two final prep races, and he also was reportedly dealing with a foot bruise when settling for second in the Arkansas Derby. He will need the right trip in this race, but he can roll from the back in the late stages if ready to rebound.

What COMMANDMENT lacks in flash, he more than makes up for with professionalism and reliability. He also happens to be one of the fastest colts in this year's Kentucky Derby. While his recent wins over major Derby contenders Chief Wallabee and The Puma were hardly decisive, it could be argued that Commandment won both races despite not having the best trip either time. He will have another new rider Saturday, but he runs for anyone.

FURTHER ADO's maiden win might have been the most impressive effort by any member of this crop last year. Similarly, his recent blowout in the Grade 1 Blue Grass might have been the most impressive effort by any 3-year-old so far in 2026. Both of those races were at Keeneland, but Further Ado is one of only three colts in this field with a prior win over the Churchill surface. Breaking from an outside post works for his preferred running style.

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1 Renegade

4-1 Own: Repole Stable Robert E and Lawan Royal Blue, Orange Circled 'R', Royal

ORTIZ I JR (7 1 2 1.14) 2026: (418 102.24)

TimeformUS Pace: Early 73 Late 116

28Mar26-130P fst 1/16 C 4741:122 1:374 1:493 ArkDerby-G1 98 6/8 7 1/2 84 7 1/4 3 1/2 14 Ortiz I Jr 124 *1.00 96-10 Renegade⁴SilentTactic²Tpistic¹ 4wbrst1/4,drift,clear

7Feb26-11Tam fst 1/16 C 234 :481 1:124 1:432 SFDavisL210k 93 6/9 8 5/8 8 5/2 6 1 1/2 1hd 13 1/2 Ortiz I Jr 122 *1.20 89-09 Renegade³WaynesLaw²ThePum¹ 4p,bid3/8,duel,clr

6Dec25-9AQu fst 1/16 4721:122 1:381 1:504 Remsen-G2 82 9/11 7 1/4 6 3/8 3nk 3 1/2 22 Ortiz I Jr 118 2.97 83-12 Paladin²Renegade¹Balboa³ 3w 1st turn, fought on

17Oct25-5BAQ fst 1 231 :462 1:114 1:36 Md Sp Wt 85k 87 2/7 6 4 3/4 6 3/4 3 1/2 3 1/2 1hd Velazquez J R 119 4.93 87-18 Rngnd^{hd}Pldin³CrditHistory³ Split1/8,lean,bmpd foe

Disqualified and placed second

16Aug25-7Sar fst 6 1/2f 214 :443 1:09 1:153 Md Sp Wt 100k 57 1/9 8 3 1/2 45 417 318 1/2 Ortiz I Jr 119 5.90 77-11 ItsOurTime¹⁷HroDclrd²Rngnd^o Chased 2p, improved

WORKS: Apr 23 PBD 4f fst :50⁴ B 9/11 Apr 16 PBD 4f fst :48⁴ B 3/10 Mar 21 PBD 4f fst :49² B 9/23 Mar 13 PBD 5f fst :10¹² B 3/4 Mar 7 PBD 4f fst :49¹ B 7/22

TRAINER: 2Off45-180 (97.14 \$1.35) 31-60Days (403.20 \$1.36) WonLastStart (156.31 \$2.01) Dirt (.47 .24 \$1.85) Routes (692.18 \$1.42) GrdStk (149.18 \$1.70) J/T 2025-26 CD(3 .67 \$4.95) J/T 2025-26(209 .20 \$1.21)

2 Albus

30-1 Own: Pin Oak Stud LLC Royal Blue, Silver Stripes, Silver

FRANCO M (-) 2026: (374 88.24)

TimeformUS Pace: Early 92 Late 80

4Apr26-12AQu fst 1/16 C 4711:12 1:382 1:513 WoodMem-G2 83 7/12 8 1 1/2 8 1/2 8 7 1 1/2 11 1/4 Torres J A 123 11.89 79-18 Albus¹Right to Party^oOcelli¹ 3p1st,ins-2p2nd,4p1/4

27Feb26-2Tam fst 1/16 241 :474 1:123 1:394 Md Sp Wt 32k 84 1/6 2 1 22 1 1/2 12 16 1/2 Camacho S L119 *.50 91-09 Albus³ArgentHir³MoBchTim³ Track,2p2nd,drew off

29Nov25-7CD fst 1/16 24 :482 1:124 1:432 Md Sp Wt 123k 73 1/12 2hd 1hd 1hd 2 1 34 3/4 Torres J A 119 5.30 84-11 LbrtyNtl⁴StrngWrds¹Albs³ Duel ins foe,outkck1/8

16Oct25-3Kee fst 7f 221 :452 1:103 1:234 Md Sp Wt 110k 66 5/11 6 9 5/8 7 5/8 46 49 3/4 Torres J A 119 10.72 78-15 Confnsn¹GrndSlmSm³CrdOr³ 3p-ins,3p upr,mildly

WORKS: Apr 26 CD 4f fst :49 B 44/71 Apr 18 CD 4f fst :49 B 35/65 Mar 28 PmM 4f fst :50 B 32/66 Mar 21 PmM 4f fst :49³ B 33/70 Mar 14 PmM 4f fst :47² B 4/90

TRAINER: WonLastStart (49.14 \$1.52) Dirt (122.20 \$1.66) Routes (238.14 \$1.38) GrdStk (18.28 \$4.38) J/T 2025-26(2 .50 \$2.87)

3 Intrepido

50-1 Own: Dutch Girl Holdings LLC and Irving Black, Orange And White Diamonds, Orange

BERRIOS HECTOR I (-) 2026: (146 24.16)

TimeformUS Pace: Early 87 Late 99

4Apr26-10SA fst 1/16 S 4631:11 1:36 1:49 SADERby-G1 85 7/7 6 2 3/4 6 2 1/4 42 33 1/2 410 Berrios Hector I 124 3.50 83-08 SoHappy²Potent⁶VitruvinMn¹ 4deep trip, flattened

7Feb26-8AQu fst 1 232 :473 1:111 1:37 RBLewis-G3 89 4/7 1hd 2hd 2hd 2 1/2 2 3/4 Berrios Hector I 124 4.10 88-11 Plutrch³Intropdo³ScrdFrdom^o Vie ins,duel,game 2nd

31Oct25-9Dmr fst 1/16 232 :464 1:104 1:421 BCJuvnl-G1 82 1/6 65 64 54 56 1/2 510 Berrios Hector I 122 5.60 91-03 Ted Noffey¹Mr. A. P.³Brant^{nk} Off slow, empty

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23Aug25-1Dmr fst 1 23 :471 1:11 1:353 Md Sp Wt 80k 84 3/5 1hd 2hd 1 12 1 1/2 13 1/2 Berrios Hector I 122 2.40 97-03 Intrepido³Plutrch³Provennc¹ 10 1/2 Inside,lost crop late

26Jly25-4Dmr fst 5 1/2f 212 :443 :562 1:023 Md Sp Wt 82k 78 4/9 9 8 5/8 8 7 1/4 68 49 3/4 Leparoux J R 122 24.10 86-04 Brant³Civil Liberty³Balboa¹ Step slow/brk in,2-3wd

WORKS: Apr 26 CD 4f fst :45 B 1/71 Apr 19 SA 4f fst :47¹ H 2/97 Mar 29 SA 4f fst :50¹ H 61/70 Mar 22 SA 6f fst :14² H 2/3 Mar 15 SA 5f fst :100² H 11/60

TRAINER: 2Off45-180 (57.21 \$1.48) Dirt (118.31 \$2.20) Routes (152.20 \$1.62) GrdStk (13.31 \$2.39) J/T 2025-26(16 .89 \$1.58)

4 Litmus Test

50-1 Own: SF Racing LLC Starlight Racing Ma Aqua, Pink Belt, Pink Band On Sleeves

GARCIA M (-) 2026: (132 9.07)

TimeformUS Pace: Early 111 Late 92

28Mar26-130P fst 1/16 C 4741:122 1:374 1:493 ArkDerby-G1 79 8/8 6 3 1/2 6 3 8 4 3/4 7 7 1/2 7 1 1/2 Arrieta F 124 4.50 83-10 Renegade⁴SilentTactic²Tpastic¹ 1 1/2 Slip brk,4w,little left

1Mar26-11OP fst 1/16 23 :463 1:113 1:431 Rebel-G2 82 1/9 1 1 1/2 1hd 31 3 5 1/2 Prat F 121 b *1.50 88-06 ClssPrsdtn^oSitTct⁵LtsTst² Legit pace,no mtchtop2

13Dec25-8LRC fst 1/16 231 :463 1:102 1:421 LosAlFut-G2 96 3/6 2 1 2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 Hernandez J J 120 b *.60 97-15 LtmsTst¹Blcksmth³Prnc¹ 1 1/2 Stalk,bid outside,best

31Oct25-9Dmr fst 1/16 232 :464 1:104 1:421 BCJuvnl-G1 95 4/6 4 3 1/2 4 2 4 2 4 3 4 1 1/2 Ortiz J L 122 b 21.70 99-03 Ted Noffey¹Mr. A. P.³Brant^{nk} Failed to make headway

40ct25-9Kee fst 1/16 234 :481 1:123 1:434 BrdrsFut-G1 89 5/6 1 1 1 1/2 1hd 3 2 1/2 35 Prat F 122 b 9.59 91-04 TdNoffy²BlckoutTm²LtsTst⁶ Ins winner, yielded

7Sep25-4Dmr fst 7f C 214 :442 1:09 1:214 DMRFut-G1 82 6/6 4 4 3 1 1/2 3 2 1/2 4 4 1/2 Gaffalione T 120 b 15.00 90-08 Brnt¹DesertGte³CivilLiberty^o 5-3w,drft in/bp midstr

16Aug25-3Dmr fst 5 1/2f 212 :444 :571 1:033 Md Sp Wt 81k 78 2/7 1 3 1 2 1 1/2 1 1/2 Hernandez J J 122 b *1.10 91-13 LitmusTst³FconJt⁵SnditMo⁵ Btw,2-3w,led,hd well

WORKS: Apr 23 CD 5f fst :59 Bg 2/10 Apr 11 OP 4f fst :49² B 27/73 Mar 21 OP 4f fst :48² B 12/104 Mar 14 OP 4f fst :48⁴ B 31/90 Feb 21 SA 4f fst :47⁴ H 6/82

TRAINER: BlinkOn (10.20 \$1.40) 31-60Days (128.30 \$1.42) Dirt (365.33 \$1.72) Routes (213.30 \$1.51) GrdStk (164.27 \$1.50) J/T 2025-26 CD(1 .00 \$0.00) J/T 2025-26(10 .10 \$0.38)





KENTUCKY DERBY PAST PERFORMANCES

5 Right to Party

Own: Chester Broman Sr
30-1 Green And White Diagonal Quarters, White
ELLIOTT C (-) 2026: (206 20 .10)



Ch. c. 3 (Apr) KEESEP24 \$325,000
Sire: Constitution (Tapit) \$110,000
Dam: Havin' a Party (Emcee)
Br: Tony Holmes & Timothy C Thornton (Ky)
Tr: McPeck Kenneth G (2 0 1 1 .00) 2026 : (192 26 .14)

Life	4	1	1	2	\$230,200	81
2026	3	1	1	1	\$220,000	81
2025	1	M	0	1	\$10,200	75
CD	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

D.Fst	3	1	1	1	\$194,200	81
Wet(362)	1	0	0	1	\$36,000	77
Synth(335)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Turf(291)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Dst(359)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

TimeformUS Pace: Early 70 Late 108
4Apr26-12Aqu fst 1¹/₈ C 47:1.12 1:38.2 1:51.3
28Feb26-10Aqu gd 1 C 23 :46.1 1:12.1 1:37.4
10Jan26-6Aqu fst 1 C 23.2 :46.4 1:12.4 1:40.2
13Dec25-3Aqu fst 6f 22.3 :46.2 :58.3 1:11.1

WoodMem-G2	81	3/12	10 ¹ / ₃	11 ¹ / ₁₁	10 ⁹ / ₂	7 ³ / ₈	2 ¹ / ₄	Elliott C	123	38.72	78-18	Albus ¹ / ₂ Right to Party ¹ / ₂ Ocelli ¹ / ₄ Ins-2p,3p1/4,angld out
Gotham-G3	77	5/8	8 ⁸ / ₄	8 ⁷ / ₂	8 ⁷ / ₂	4 ⁷ / ₂	3 ⁷ / ₂	Elliott C	123	9.29	70-24	IrnHnr ¹ / ₂ CrnthBck ⁶ / ₂ RghttPrt ² / ₂ Squeezed st, improved
Md Sp Wt 80k	68	5/7	7 ³ / ₈	7 ⁴ / ₂	3 ² / ₂	3 ¹ / ₂	1 ¹ / ₂	Gutierrez R	122	2.87	65-30	RighttoPty ¹ / ₂ DrSintr ¹ / ₂ Flonous ³ / ₂ Bmp brk,ins-2p,4p1/4
Md Sp Wt 85k	75	6/7	5	6 ⁸ / ₂	6 ⁷ / ₂	5 ⁷ / ₂	3 ⁹ / ₂	Elliott C	119	7.75	79-19	IrnHnr ¹ / ₂ Crssnthch ⁷ / ₂ RhttPrt ² / ₂ Angled in 5/8,2p turn

WORKS: Apr 25 CD 5f fst 1:01¹/₂ B 30/41 Apr 18 CD 5f fst 1:00⁴/₂ B 23/39 Mar 29 Bel tr.t 4f fst :50 B 47/152 ●Mar 22 Bel tr.t 5f fst 1:01³/₂ Bg 1/9 Mar 14 Bel tr.t 4f fst :51²/₂ B 122/139
TRAINER: Dirt (697 .17 \$1.73) Routes (702 .16 \$1.71) GrdStk (85 .08 \$0.45)

J/T 2025-26(47 .13 \$2.91)

6 Commandment

Own: Wathnan Racing
6-1 Blue, Tan Sleeves, Red Cap
SAEZ L (6 1 2 2 .17) 2026: (389 66 .17)



B. c. 3 (Feb) KEESEP24 \$500,000
Sire: Into Mischief (Harlan's Holiday) \$250,000
Dam: Sippican Harbor (Orb)
Br: Lee Pokoik (Ky)
Tr: Cox Brad H (-) 2026 : (366 103 .28)

Life	5	4	0	0	\$1,017,339	101
2026	3	3	0	0	\$943,020	101
2025	2	1	0	0	\$74,319	82
CD	1	1	0	0	\$69,300	81

D.Fst	5	4	0	0	\$1,017,339	101
Wet(419)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Synth(310)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Turf(321)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Dst(270)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

TimeformUS Pace: Early 92 Late 105
28Mar26-14GP fst 1¹/₈ 484:1.13 1:37.1 1:49.4
28Feb26-14GP fst 1¹/₈ C 23 :46.4 1:12.1 1:43.1
3Jan26-10GP fst 1 @ 24 :47.1 1:12.1 1:38.1
1Nov25-6CD fst 7f 22.2 :45.2 1:04.1 1:24.3
4Oct25-2Kee fst 6f 22.3 :46 :57.4 1:10.1

FlaDerby-G1	100	3/6	5 ³ / ₂	6 ⁴ / ₂	6 ³ / ₂	4 ² / ₂	1 ^{no}	Prat F	123	1.90	91-13	CommndmntnoThPum ³ / ₂ ChfWlilb ² / ₂ 3-5wd, determinedly
FntnOYth-G2	101	3/9	5 ³ / ₂	5 ³ / ₂	5 ² / ₂	3 ^{nk}	1 ^{nk}	Ortiz I Jr	122	*2.40	93-13	CommndntnkChfWlilb ² / ₂ SlttdD ⁸ / ₂ Bump st,2wd,drift late
MuchoMManL155k	91	1/7	4 ³ / ₂	4 ³ / ₂	5 ¹ / ₂	1 ¹ / ₂	1 ⁶ / ₂	Ortiz I Jr	118	*.50	82-18	Cndnt ⁶ / ₂ RrThDn1 ³ / ₂ ThdrChck ² / ₂ Split 3w1/4,ridden out
Md Sp Wt 120k	81	4/9	7	5 ² / ₂	3 ² / ₂	1 ¹ / ₂	1 ⁵ / ₂	Torres J A	119	*1.49	80-17	Commndmnt ⁵ / ₂ Tgrmn ¹ / ₂ OnRrd ³ / ₂ Step slw,ins,forge btw
Md Sp Wt 103k	82	2/12	6	1 ¹ / ₆	6 ⁶ / ₂	5 ⁶ / ₂	4 ⁵ / ₂	Ortiz I Jr	119	*2.63	85-11	LoclKnwldg ¹ / ₂ RcksBlb ¹ / ₂ Gllvnr ³ / ₂ Svd grnd,5p1/8,ran on

WORKS: Apr 25 CD 5f gd 1:01²/₂ B 32/41 Apr 17 CD 5f fst :59³/₂ B 3/20 Apr 10 CD 4f fst :48²/₂ B 14/44 ●Mar 21 Pay 5f fst 1:01⁴/₂ B 1/17 Mar 13 Pay 4f fst :50 B 33/64
TRAINER: 31-60Days (592 .30 \$1.81) WonLastStart (322 .29 \$1.83) Dirt (999 .27 \$1.56) Routes (884 .29 \$1.93) GrdStk (177 .22 \$1.84)

J/T 2025-26 CD(24 .21 \$1.53) J/T 2025-26(87 .22 \$1.60)

7 Danon Bourbon

Own: Danox Co Ltd
20-1 White, Red Belt, White Band On Red
NISHIMURA A (-) (-)



Dk. b or br c. 3 (Apr) KEESEP24 \$450,000
Sire: Maxfield (Street Sense) \$50,000
Dam: Wild Ridge (Tapit)
Br: Blue Heaven Farm (Ky)
Tr: Ikezoe Manabu (-) (-)

Life	3	3	0	0	\$222,762	-
2026	2	2	0	0	\$173,680	-
2025	1	1	0	0	\$49,082	-
CD	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

D.Fst	1	1	0	0	\$53,664	-
Wet(385*)	2	2	0	0	\$169,098	-
Synth(312*)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Turf(215)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Dst(265)	1	1	0	0	\$53,664	-

28Mar26 Nakayama (Jpn) my *1¹/₈ RH 1:50⁴/₂
15Feb26 Kyoto (Jpn) ft *1¹/₈ RH 2:00⁴/₂
26Oct25 Kyoto (Jpn) my *1¹/₈ RH 1:51⁴/₂

Fukuryu S. Stk 225800	10	13 ¹ / ₂	Nishimura A	126	*1.10	Danon Bourbon ³ / ₂ Don Erectus ^{nk} Charlie ¹ / ₄
Alw 102200	9	15	Nishimura A	126	*.90	Danon Bourbon ⁵ / ₂ Allen Star ¹ / ₂ T M Gogh ¹ / ₂
Maiden 93300	16	11 ⁰ / ₂	Matsuyama K	123	4.40	Danon Bourbon ¹⁰ / ₂ Fire Spirit ² / ₂ Kitano Shakur ¹ / ₂

8 So Happy

Own: Saints or Sinners and Norman Stabl
15-1 Red, Black And White Horse Emblem On
SMITH M E (-) 2026: (57 10 .18)



B. c. 3 (Apr) OBSMAR25 \$150,000
Sire: Runhappy (Super Saver) \$7,500
Dam: So Cunning (Blame)
Br: Leverett S Miller (Ky)
Tr: Glatt Mark (-) 2026 : (117 30 .26)

Life	4	3	0	1	\$480,000	100
2026	3	2	0	1	\$444,000	100
2025	1	1	0	0	\$36,000	83
CD	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

D.Fst	4	3	0	1	\$480,000	100
Wet(421)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Synth(314)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Turf(282)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Dst(313)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

TimeformUS Pace: Early 107 Late 80
4Apr26-10SA fst 1¹/₈ S 46³/₂:1.11 1:36 1:49
7Mar26-8SA fst 1¹/₈ C 22.4 :46.3 1:10.2 1:42.4
10Jan26-5SA fst 7f 22 :43.2 1:08.2 1:21
22Nov25-9Dmr fst 6¹/₂f 22.2 :45 1:09.3 1:16

SADerby-G1	100	5/7	3 ¹ / ₂	3 ¹ / ₂	3 ¹ / ₂	1 ^{hd}	12 ³ / ₂	Smith M E	124	7.30	93-08	SoHappy ² / ₂ Potent ⁶ / ₂ VitruvinMn ¹ / ₂ 3wd,bid3deep,drove clr
SnFelipe-G2	86	6/7	2 ^{hd}	2 ^{hd}	2 ^{hd}	2 ¹	3 ² / ₂	Smith M E	120	2.10	93-08	Potent ^{hd} Robusta ² / ₂ SoHappy ¹ / ₂ Outsld,btwn2nd,yielded
SnVicente-G2	96	2/5	4	3 ² / ₂	3 ³ / ₂	2 ^{hd}	1 ²	Smith M E	120	2.90	99-06	SoHappy ² / ₂ Bln ² / ₂ Acknwldgmp ¹ / ₂ Bpd st,stydy early,2wd
Md Sp Wt 62k	83	8/10	6	4 ¹ / ₂	4 ¹ / ₂	1 ¹ / ₂	1 ³ / ₂	Smith M E	122	38.00	93-14	SoHappy ² / ₂ WnstonAv ⁴ / ₂ CctsChrlnk Bid5-3w,cleared,held

WORKS: Apr 24 CD 5f fst 1:00¹/₂ B 8/19 ●Apr 17 SA 5f fst :59³/₂ H 1/44 Mar 28 SA 5f fst 1:00 H 6/43 Mar 21 SA 5f fst 1:00 H 2/63 Mar 1 SA 4f fst :46⁴/₂ H 3/79
TRAINER: WonLastStart (97 .20 \$1.14) Dirt (215 .23 \$2.18) Routes (217 .18 \$1.44) GrdStk (48 .12 \$1.44)

J/T 2025-26(27 .26 \$4.83)

9 The Puma

Own: OGMA Investments LLC JR Ranch I
10-1 Turquoise, Turquoise Stripes On White
CASTELLANO J J (-) 2026: (282 47 .17)



Ch. c. 3 (Feb) OBSAPR25 \$150,000
Sire: Essential Quality (Tapit) \$25,000
Dam: Eve of War (Declaration of War)
Br: Hidden Brook Farm & Brian Kahn (Ky)
Tr: Delgado Gustavo (-) 2026 : (32 4 .12)

Life	4	1	2	1	\$442,280	100
2026	4	1	2	1	\$442,280	100
2025	0	M	0	0	\$0	-
CD	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

D.Fst	4	1	2	1	\$442,280	100
Wet(371)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Synth(290)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Turf(244)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Dst(293)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

TimeformUS Pace: Early 91 Late 104
28Mar26-14GP fst 1¹/₈ 484:1.13 1:37.1 1:49.4
7Mar26-11Tam fst 1¹/₈ @ 23 :46.3 1:11.1 1:43.1
7Feb26-11Tam fst 1¹/₈ @ 23.4 :48.1 1:12.4 1:43.2
10Jan26-4GP fst 7f 22.4 :45.3 1:11.1 1:23.1

FlaDerby-G1	100	6/6	6 ⁴ / ₂	5 ³ / ₂	3 ¹ / ₂	1 ¹ / ₂	2 ^{no}	Castellano J J	123	7.90	91-13	CommndmntnoThPm ³ / ₂ ChfWlilb ² / ₂ Bit slo,4w move,nailed
TamDby-G3	94	8/9	9 ⁵ / ₂	8 ⁴ / ₂	5 ³ / ₂	1 ^{hd}	1 ³ / ₂	Castellano J J	122	7.40	90-08	ThePum ³ / ₂ FurtherAdd ^{hd} Cnlto ² / ₂ 4-5p,drift,duel,bmp,up
SFDavisL210k	83	3/9	5 ² / ₂	4 ² / ₂	4 ¹ / ₂	3 ² / ₂	3 ⁶ / ₂	Gonzalez E	122	2.60	83-09	Renegad ⁶ / ₂ WynesLw ² / ₂ ThePum ¹ / ₂ Chase,2p,no match
Md Sp Wt 68k	86	5/8	8	4 ^{nk}	1 ^{hd}	1 ^{hd}	2 ¹ / ₂	Castellano J J	122	*2.10	90-12	ChiefWlilb ¹ / ₂ ThPum ³ / ₂ AlArqrh ¹ / ₂ Off slow,bid4w,2d best

WORKS: Apr 18 GP 5f fst 1:00³/₂ B 5/15 Apr 11 GP 4f fst :52¹/₂ B 68/71 Mar 21 GP 5f fst 1:01⁴/₂ B 8/21 Feb 28 GP 5f fst 1:01²/₂ B 8/26 Feb 22 GP 4f fst :48²/₂ B 9/47
TRAINER: 31-60Days (48 .19 \$1.58) Dirt (64 .22 \$2.67) Routes (64 .17 \$1.40) GrdStk (10 .10 \$1.68)

J/T 2025-26(21 .24 \$1.93)





KENTUCKY DERBY PAST PERFORMANCES

10 Wonder Dean (Jpn)

Own: Yoshinari Yamamoto
30-1 Pink, White Diamond Belt, White Diamond
SAKAI R (-) (-)



Dk. b or br c. 3 (Mar)
Sire: Dee Majesty*Jpn (Deep Impact*Jpn)
Dam: Wonder Siang Praw*Jpn (Wonder Acute*Jpn)
Br: Yoshinari Yamamoto (Jpn)
Tr: Takayanagi Daisuke (-) (-)

Life	6	2	2	0	\$770,541	-
2026	2	1	0	0	\$655,000	-
2025	4	1	2	0	\$115,541	-
CD	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

D.Fst	3	1	1	0	\$695,971	-
Wet(395)	2	1	1	0	\$67,109	-
Synth(316)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Turf(312)	1	0	0	0	\$7,461	-
Dst(308)	1	1	0	0	\$580,000	-

28Mar26	Meydan (UAE)	ft	*1 ³ / ₁₆	LH	1:59
14Feb26	K. Abdulaziz (KSA)	ft	*1	LH	1:382
20Dec25	Hanshin (Jpn)	ft	*1 ¹ / ₁₆	RH	1:523
2Nov25	Kyoto (Jpn)	gd	*1 ¹ / ₁₆	RH	1:513
14Sep25	Nakayama (Jpn)	gd	*1 ¹ / ₁₆	RH	1:534
12Jly25	Hakodate (Jpn)	fm	*1 ¹ / ₁₆	RH	1:48

UAE Derby-G2	11	12 ¹ / ₂	Demuro C	126	-
Stk 1000000					
Saudi Derby-G3	14	44 ¹ / ₂	Murphy O	126	-
Stk 1500000					
Poinsettia S.	10	2 ¹ / ₂	Geroux F	123	2.10
Stk 192700					
Mochinoki Sho	16	2 ¹ / ₂	Sameshima K	123	3.20
Stk 137000					
Maiden 71800	11	1 ⁸ / ₁₆	Ishida T	115	4.60
Maiden 96700	7	4 ⁶ / ₁₆	Shibata Y	115	63.30

Wonder Dean² Six Speed⁶ Pyromancer⁵
Bid to clear leader 3f out, led final 1f, comfortably
Al Haram¹ Obliteration³ Satono Voyage²
Towards rear, rally 2f out, prom. 1f out, no extra final furlong
Rock Ptarmigan³ Wonder Dean³ Seize the Throne²
Stalked in 3 path 1f out, repelled, gamely
Pyromancer³ Wonder Dean^{hd} Wonder Dean^{hd}
Midfield, bid 3f out, kept on well, went second final strides
Wonder Dean⁸ Kosoku le Lien³ Yamatake Bonita²
Bid 3p/4, up 1/8, clr
Trailed, wide, late bid

WORKS: Apr 24 CD 6f fst:1:174 B 1/1

11 Incredibolt

Own: Pin Oak Stud LLC
20-1 Royal Blue, Silver Stripes, Silver
TORRES J A (2 0 0 1.00) 2026: (148 14.09)



Dk. b or br c. 3 (Apr) KEESEP24 \$75,000
Sire: Bolt d'Oro (Medaglia d'Oro) \$25,000
Dam: Sapphire Spitfire (Awesome Again)
Br: Deann Baer & Greg Baer DVM (Ky)
Tr: Mott Riley (-) 2026 : (92 13.14)

Life	5	3	0	0	\$498,681	88
2026	2	1	0	0	\$302,500	88
2025	3	2	0	0	\$196,181	82
CD	2	2	0	0	\$191,370	82

D.Fst	5	3	0	0	\$498,681	88
Wet(379)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Synth(371)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Turf(294)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Dst(283)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

14Mar26	9Cnl	fst	1 ¹ / ₁₆	47	1:111	1:353	1:473
31Jan26	42GP	fst	1 ¹ / ₁₆	S 224	:454	1:101	1:442
26Oct25	10CD	fst	1 ¹ / ₁₆	241	:484	1:132	1:443
28Sep25	30CD	fst	1	232	:463	1:104	1:361
22Aug25	7EIP	fst	6f	223	:454	:574	1:103

VADerbyB506k	88	7/10	4 ¹ / ₂	4 ¹ / ₂	52	2 ¹ / ₂	14	Torres J A	123	6.20
HolyBull-G3	58	1/6	5 ³ / ₁₆	5 ⁷ / ₁₆	512	615	625 ¹ / ₂	Torres J A	124	3.80
StretSns-G3	82	7/7	7 ⁵ / ₁₆	7 ⁵ / ₁₆	433	32	11 ³ / ₁₆	Torres J A	122	4.09
Md Sp Wt 120k	75	1/9	3 ² / ₁₆	3 ¹ / ₁₆	3 ³ / ₁₆	2hd	12	Torres J A	119	2.04
Md Sp Wt 99k	57	11/12	10	8 ⁵ / ₁₆	7 ⁸ / ₁₆	7 ⁶ / ₁₆	4 ⁸ / ₁₆	Torres J A	119	*2.52

Incredibolt⁴ Grttnssnk Confssnl²
Angled in, kicked clear
Nearly⁵ Bravaro² Project Ace¹
Rail, retreated
Incredibolt¹ Unvrs² VryCnctd^{hd}
3w, 4p up, rally, clear
Incredibolt² Crson Strt³ Srtori¹
Ins, aim 2w, drove past
Zamboni³ Fuzzbuster¹
5p, stayed on, one paced

WORKS: Apr 26 CD 4f fst:47 B 2/71 Apr 18 PmM 4f fst:494 B 36/49 Apr 11 PmM 4f fst:474 B 6/70 Apr 4 PmM 4f fst:473 B 2/71 Mar 28 PmM 4f fst:492 B 11/66
TRAINER: 31-60Days (138.14 \$1.18) WonLastStart (49.14 \$1.52) Dirt (122.20 \$1.66) Routes (238.14 \$1.38) GrdStk (18.28 \$4.38) J/T 2025-26 CD (31.13 \$1.25) J/T 2025-26 (79.20 \$2.19)

12 Chief Wallabee

Own: Michael and Katherine G Ball
8-1 White, Black Circled 'Dm', Black Yoke
ALVARADO J (-) 2026: (257 42.16)



B. c. 3 (Feb)
Sire: Constitution (Tapit) \$110,000
Dam: A La Lucie (Medaglia d'Oro)
Br: Mike Ball & Katherine Ball (Ky)
Tr: Mott William I (1 0 1 0 .00) 2026 : (213 42.20)

Life	3	1	1	1	\$216,600	100
2026	3	1	1	1	\$216,600	100
2025	0	M	0	0	\$0	-
CD	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

D.Fst	3	1	1	1	\$216,600	100
Wet(401)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Synth(342)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Turf(333)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Dst(320)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

28Mar26	34GP	fst	1 ¹ / ₁₆	484	1:131	1:371	1:494
28Feb26	14GP	fst	1 ¹ / ₁₆	C 233	:464	1:112	1:431
10Jan26	4GP	fst	7f	224	:453	1:111	1:231

FlaDerby-G1	99	1/6	3 ¹ / ₁₆	3 ¹ / ₁₆	51 ¹ / ₁₆	32	3 ¹ / ₁₆	Alvarado J	123	2.20
FtnnOYth-G2	100	5/9	7 ⁴ / ₁₆	7 ³ / ₁₆	42	2hd	2nk	Alvarado J	120	2.90
Md Sp Wt 68k	89	6/8	2	5 ³ / ₁₆	41 ¹ / ₁₆	2hd	11 ¹ / ₁₆	Alvarado J	L122	2.50

Commndmnt^{no} ThPum³ ChifWllb²
2w, 4w 3/16, gain btw
Commndmnt^{nk} ChfWllb² SoltD³
4wd, bid, duel, miss
ChiefWllb¹ ThPum⁹ AlArqrh¹
3-4p, tip5w, bid, handily

WORKS: Apr 26 CD 4f fst:491 B 50/71 Apr 20 CD 5f fst:1:00 B 2/11 Apr 11 Pay 4f fst:493 B 15/79 Mar 21 Pay 5f fst:1:021 B 7/17 Mar 13 Pay 4f fst:49 B 3/64
TRAINER: 1stBlink (44.20 \$1.93) BlinkOn (52.21 \$2.04) 31-60Days (341.19 \$1.51) Dirt (511.21 \$1.59) Routes (501.16 \$1.59) GrdStk (93.19 \$1.76) J/T 2025-26 CD (22.27 \$2.30) J/T 2025-26 (381.21 \$2.04)

13 Silent Tactic

Own: John C Oxley
20-1 Gold, Blue Blocks, White Stripe On
TORRES C A (-) 2026: (321 52.16)



B. c. 3 (Apr) OBSAPR25 \$500,000
Sire: Tacitus (Tapit) \$5,000
Dam: Magical Sign (Gun Runner)
Br: Don Alberto Corporation (Ky)
Tr: Casse Mark (1 0 0 1 .00) 2026 : (360 57.16)

Life	6	2	4	0	\$1,051,922	91
2026	4	1	3	0	\$998,750	91
2025	2	1	1	0	\$53,172	74
CD	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

D.Fst	4	1	3	0	\$998,750	91
Wet(413)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Synth(311)	2	1	1	0	\$53,172	74
Turf(267)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Dst(298)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

28Mar26	130P	fst	1 ¹ / ₁₆	C 474	1:122	1:374	1:493
1Mar26	110P	fst	1 ¹ / ₁₆	23	:463	1:113	1:431
6Feb26	110P	fst	1 ¹ / ₁₆	C 232	:472	1:124	1:444
3Jan26	100P	fst	1 ¹ / ₁₆	C 242	:493	1:144	1:45
2Nov25	7W0	fst	1 ¹ / ₁₆	C 243	:501	1:15	1:462
10Oct25	1W0	fst	1 ¹ / ₁₆	C 243	:50	1:15	1:473

ArkDerby-G1	91	2/8	5 ³ / ₁₆	5 ² / ₁₆	1 ¹ / ₂	24	Torres C A	124	b 3.60	
Rebel-G2	91	6/9	7 ³ / ₁₆	6 ⁴ / ₁₆	51 ¹ / ₁₆	2hd	2no	Torres C A	124	b 3.60
Southwst-G3	88	9/12	11 ⁹ / ₁₆	11 ⁷ / ₁₆	10 ⁴ / ₁₆	6 ² / ₁₆	13 ¹ / ₁₆	Torres C A	117	b 12.00
SmrtyJnsL250k	81	3/8	6 ² / ₁₆	8 ⁴ / ₁₆	6 ³ / ₁₆	4 ³ / ₁₆	2 ⁴ / ₁₆	Torres J A	117	b 14.10
Grey-G3	71	6/7	4 ³ / ₁₆	5 ² / ₁₆	5 ² / ₁₆	3 ² / ₁₆	2 ³ / ₁₆	Aebly F	L119	b 5.15
Md Sp Wt 76k	74	1/6	4 ² / ₁₆	3 ² / ₁₆	3 ² / ₁₆	21 ¹ / ₁₆	12	Civaci S	L121	b 4.85

Renegde⁴ SilentTctic² Tptstic¹
3w bid1/4, no mtch late
ClsPrsd^{no} SltTctc⁵ LstTs²
Tipped 4w, bid, outgamed
SltTctc³ SldrNDplth^{hd} Btn^{no}
Steered out, going away
StrtgcRsk⁴ SltTctc³ BytnDrmr⁴
Pulled, 4w 1/4, up 2nd
ThBgCn³ SltTctc¹ WmbIAvn³
3-5w, loom, fended off
SltTctc² VllfyKngs¹⁰ PrdPrnr³
Stp slw, got up last70y

WORKS: Apr 23 CD 4f fst:48 B 12/36 Apr 12 OP 4f fst:492 B 26/59 Mar 19 OP 5f fst:1:013 B 7/11 Feb 20 OP 4f fst:472 B 2/42
TRAINER: 31-60Days (643.16 \$1.52) Dirt (364.15 \$1.30) Routes (996.16 \$1.51) GrdStk (187.12 \$1.03) J/T 2025-26 CD (14.00 \$0.00) J/T 2025-26 (101.14 \$1.20)

14 Potente

Own: Speedway Stables LLC
20-1 White, Red Epaulets, Red Emblem, Red
HERNANDEZ J J (-) 2026: (232 51.22)



B. c. 3 (Mar) FTS AUG24 \$2,400,000
Sire: Into Mischief (Harlan's Holiday) \$250,000
Dam: Sweet Sting (Awesome Again)
Br: Pam & Martin Wygod (Ky)
Tr: Baffert Bob (-) 2026 : (86 26.30)

Life	3	2	1	0	\$262,000	95
2026	3	2	1	0	\$262,000	95
2025	0	M	0	0	\$0	-
CD	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

D.Fst	3	2	1	0	\$262,000	95
Wet(416)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Synth(346)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Turf(318)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Dst(312)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

4Apr26	10SA	fst	1 ¹ / ₁₆	S 463	1:11	1:36	1:49
7Mar26	8SA	fst	1 ¹ / ₁₆	C 224	:463	1:102	1:424
31Jan26	6SA	fst	6f	223	:453	:574	1:103

SADerby-G1	95	2/7	1hd	2hd	1hd	2hd	22 ³ / ₁₆	Hernandez J J	124	b *1.20
SnFelipe-G2	89	5/7	4 ¹ / ₁₆	5 ¹ / ₁₆	5 ¹ / ₁₆	31 ¹ / ₁₆	1hd	Hernandez J J	120	b 8.10
Md Sp Wt 70k	79	4/5	1	1hd	1hd	1 ¹ / ₂	1 ¹ / ₂	Kimura K	L122	b *6.0

SoHppy² Potente³ VitruwinMn¹
Insd, fought to midstr
Potente^{hd} Robusta² So Happy¹
Stalk2-3wd, dug in late
Potente² CptinShreve³ DpTrcks¹
Inside, proved best

WORKS: Apr 26 CD 5f fst:574 B 1/23 Apr 20 SA 6f fst:1:131 H 1/3 Apr 14 SA 4f fst:483 H 25/35 Mar 26 SA 5f fst:591 H 1/12 Mar 20 SA 4f fst:48 H 8/35
TRAINER: Dirt (365.33 \$1.72) Routes (213.30 \$1.51) GrdStk (164.27 \$1.50) J/T 2025-26 CD (5.20 \$2.91) J/T 2025-26 (205.41 \$1.94)



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15 Emerging Market

Own: Klaravich Stables Inc
 15-1 White, Red 'Ks' And Braces, Red And
PRAT F (-) 2026: (325 88 .27)
 TimeformUS Pace: Early 86 Late 102
 21Mar26-12FG fst 1 1/8 46:11.104 1:36.2 1:55 LaDerby-G2
 7Feb26-6TAm fst 140 233 :47.3 1:12.1 1:39 Mid Sp Wt 32k

Ch. c. 3 (Apr) KEESEP24 \$185,000
 Sire: Candy Ride*Arg (Ride the Rails) \$60,000
 Dam: Wild Empress (Empire Maker)
 Br: Stoneriggs Farm (Ky)
 Tr: Brown Chad C (1 1 0 0 1.00) 2026 : (200 51 .26)

Life	2	2	0	0	\$618,880	97	D.Fst	2	2	0	0	\$618,880	97
2026	2	2	0	0	\$618,880	97	Wet(445)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
2025	0	0	0	0	\$0	-	Synth(393)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
CD	0	0	0	0	\$0	-	Turf(318)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
							Dst(328)	1	1	0	0	\$600,000	90

16 Pavlovian

Own: Reddam Racing LLC
 30-1 White, Purple Belt, White Band On Purple
MALDONADO E (-) 2026: (123 20 .16)
 TimeformUS Pace: Early 98 Late 86
 21Mar26-12FG fst 1 1/8 46:11.104 1:36.2 1:55 LaDerby-G2
 15Feb26-9Sun fst 1 1/8 23 :46.2 1:10 1:42 SunDrbyL500k
 17Jan26-8SA fst 1 1/8 233 :48.1 1:12.3 1:44 CalCupDby175k
 14Dec25-10LRC fst 1 224 :46.3 1:11.4 1:37 KingGloriusB101k
 31Oct25-5Dmr fst 7f C 221 :44.4 1:10 1:23 GoldStJuvB177k
 4Oct25-7SA fst 6 1/2 214 :45 1:10.3 1:17 OC 50k/w1x
 5Sep25-7Dmr fst 5 1/2 212 :44.3 :57 1:03.2 ImSmokinB101k
 9Aug25-4Dmr fst 6f 221 :45.1 :57.3 1:10.1 BestPal-G3
 15Jun25-6SA fst 5f 222 :46.2 :59 Mid Sp Wt 62k

Gr/ro. c. 3 (Apr)
 Sire: Pavel (Creative Cause) \$4,000
 Dam: Mandy's Grace (Bellamy Road)
 Br: Reddam Racing LLC (Cal)
 Tr: O'Neill Doug (-) 2026 : (203 42 .21)

Life	10	2	4	1	\$613,450	90	D.Fst	10	2	4	1	\$613,450	90
2026	3	1	1	1	\$516,250	90	Wet(347*)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
2025	7	1	3	0	\$97,200	66	Synth(289)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
CD	0	0	0	0	\$0	-	Turf(206)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
							Dst(273)	1	0	1	0	\$200,000	90

17 Six Speed

Own: Brunetti Dugan Stables Black Type
 50-1 Black, Red Circled 'Bds' On White Ball
HERNANDEZ B J JR (1 1 1 0 0 1.00) 2026: (201 30 .15)
 28Mar26 Meydan (UAE) ft 1 1/8 LH 1:59 UAE Derby-G2
 Timeform Rating: 103 Stk 1000000
 23Jan26 Meydan (UAE) ft *1 LH 1:38 UAE 2000 Guineas-G3
 Timeform Rating: 100 Stk 190600
 2Jan26 Meydan (UAE) ft *7f LH 1:25.1 UAE Two Thousand Guineas Trial
 Timeform Rating: 93 Alw 81700
 5Dec25 Meydan (UAE) ft *6f LH 1:12.1 2A Lincoln Aviator
 Timeform Rating: 79 Alw 57200
 7Nov25 Meydan (UAE) ft *6f LH 1:13.1 2A Emirates Courier Express
 Timeform Rating: 55 Maiden 44900

Dk. b or br c. 3 (Apr) KEESEP24 \$50,000
 Sire: Not This Time (Giant's Causeway) \$250,000
 Dam: Browse (Medaglia d'Oro)
 Br: KatieRich Farms (Ky)
 Tr: Seemar Bhupat (-) (-)

Life	5	3	1	1	\$402,183	-	D.Fst	5	3	1	1	\$402,183	-
2026	3	2	1	0	\$363,380	-	Wet(418)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
2025	2	1	0	1	\$38,803	-	Synth(359)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
CD	0	0	0	0	\$0	-	Turf(361)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
							Dst(394)	1	0	1	0	\$200,000	-

18 Further Ado

Own: Spendthrift Farm LLC
 6-1 Orange And Purple Quarters, Orange
VELAZQUEZ J R (-) 2026: (277 52 .19)
 TimeformUS Pace: Early 109 Late 88
 4Apr26-11Kee fst 1 1/8 47:31.114 1:36.3 1:49 BlueGras-G1
 7Mar26-11TAm fst 1 1/8 C 23 :46.3 1:11.1 1:43.1 TamDby-G3
 29Nov25-10CD fst 1 1/8 231 :46.3 1:10.4 1:43.1 KyJC-G2
 10Oct25-8Kee fst 1 1/8 23 :47 1:11.3 1:43.2 Mid Sp Wt 110k
 30Aug25-6Sar fst 7f 221 :44.3 1:09.3 1:23.3 Mid Sp Wt 100k
 26Jly25-2Sar fst 6f 22 :45.3 :58.1 1:11.4 Mid Sp Wt 100k

Ch. c. 3 (Mar) OBSAPR25 \$550,000
 Sire: Gun Runner (Candy Ride*Arg) \$250,000
 Dam: Sky Dreamer (Sky Mesa)
 Br: John C Oxley (Ky)
 Tr: Cox Brad H (-) 2026 : (366 103 .28)

Life	6	3	1	1	\$1,146,328	106	D.Fst	6	3	1	1	\$1,146,328	106
2026	2	1	1	0	\$825,625	106	Wet(439)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
2025	4	2	0	1	\$320,703	98	Synth(325)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
CD	1	1	0	0	\$242,470	82	Turf(263)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
							Dst(306)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

19 Golden Tempo

Own: Phipps Stable and St Elias Stable
 30-1 Black, Cherry Cap
ORTIZ J L (6 3 0 1 .50) 2026: (378 98 .26)
 TimeformUS Pace: Early 57 Late 113
 21Mar26-12FG fst 1 1/8 46:11.104 1:36.2 1:55 LaDerby-G2
 14Feb26-12FG fst 1 1/8 47:21.112 1:36.1 1:49 ResenStr-G2
 17Jan26-13FG fst 1 1/8 C 233 :47 1:11.4 1:44.4 Lecomte-G3
 20Dec25-3FG fst 6f 22 :45.4 :57.3 1:10.3 Mid Sp Wt 55k

B. c. 3 (Feb)
 Sire: Curlin (Smart Strike) \$225,000
 Dam: Carrumba (Bernardini)
 Br: Phipps Stable & St Elias Stables LLC (Ky)
 Tr: DeVaux Cherie (-) 2026 : (122 18 .15)

Life	4	2	0	2	\$333,000	88	D.Fst	4	2	0	2	\$333,000	88
2026	3	1	0	2	\$300,000	88	Wet(426)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
2025	1	1	0	0	\$33,000	78	Synth(316)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
CD	0	0	0	0	\$0	-	Turf(273)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
							Dst(269)	1	0	0	1	\$100,000	88





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20 Fulleffort

Own: St Elias Stable and Starlight Racing
20-1 Royal Blue, Yellow Star, Yellow Diamonds
GAFFALONE T (7 3 1 0 43) 2026: (460 73 .16)

TimeformUS Pace: Early 67 Late 106
21Mar26-42TP fst 1 1/8 47 1:11 1:36 1:49
21Feb26-9TP fst 1 1/8 234 :48 1:14 1:46
17Jan26-8TP fst 1 1/8 24 :48 1:14 1:40
23Oct25-7Kee fm 1 1/8 224 :46 1:11 1:43
10Sep25-7KD fm 1 234 :47 1:10 1:34
17Aug25-6EIP fm 1 231 :48 1:12 1:36
21Jly25-4EIP gd 1 244 :50 1:14 1:40



Gr/r.o. c. 3 (Apr) FTSAG24 \$425,000
Sire: Liam's Map (Unbridled's Song) \$50,000
Dam: Callmethesqueeze (Awesome Again)
Br: Athens Woods LLC (Ky)
Tr: Cox Brad H (-) 2026 : (366 103 28)

Life	7	3	2	1	\$694,115	94
2026	3	1	2	0	\$507,900	94
2025	4	2	0	1	\$186,215	82
CD	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

D.Fst	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Wet(435)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Synth(388)	3	1	2	0	\$507,900	94
Turf(327)	4	2	0	1	\$186,215	82
Dst(313)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

WORKS: Apr 25 CD 5f fst: 59 B 2/41 ● Apr 17 CD 5f fst: 59 B 1/20 Apr 10 CD 4f fst: 48 B 14/44 Apr 3 CD 4f fst: 48 B 13/19 Mar 14 TP 4f fst: 48 B 11/16
TRAINER: 31-60Days (592.30 \$1.81) WonLastStart (322.29 \$1.83) Dirt (999.27 \$1.56) Routes (884.29 \$1.93) GrdStk (177.22 \$1.84) J/T 2025-26 CD (3 .00 \$0.00) J/T 2025-26 (43 .16 \$1.18)

Also Eligible:

21 Great White

Own: Three Chimneys Farm LLC and John
50-1 Blue, Red Diamonds, White Sleeves, Blue
ACHARD A (-) 2026: (118 19 .16)

TimeformUS Pace: Early 107 Late 78
Entered 2May26-8 CD
4Apr26-11Kee fst 1 1/8 47 1:11 1:36 1:49
21Feb26-9TP fst 1 1/8 234 :48 1:14 1:46
17Jan26-8TP fst 1 1/8 24 :48 1:14 1:40
12Dec25-5TP fst 6f 213 :44 :57 1:10



Gr/r.o. g(12.05.25) 3 (May) FTDE 24 \$55,000
Sire: Volatile (Violence) \$10,000
Dam: Kelly Bag (Uncle Mo)
Br: Stud TNT LLC (Ky)
Tr: Ennis John (2 0 0 0 .00) 2026 : (107 14 .13)

Life	4	2	0	0	\$202,495	84
2026	3	1	0	0	\$144,003	84
2025	1	1	0	0	\$58,492	75
CD	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

D.Fst	1	0	0	0	\$36,563	72
Wet(380)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Synth(317)	3	2	0	0	\$165,932	84
Turf(277)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Dst(223*)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

WORKS: Apr 22 TTC 4f fst: 52 B 29/33 Mar 29 Kee 4f fst: 47 B 5/40 Mar 21 Kee 4f fst: 52 B 43/45 ● Mar 13 TTC 3f fst: 35 B 1/14 Feb 14 TTC 3f fst: 36 B 3/43
TRAINER: Dirt (132.05 \$1.36) Routes (112.11 \$1.67) GrdStk (7.14 \$4.36) J/T 2025-26 (25 .12 \$2.74)

22 Ocelli

Own: Ashley Durr Anthony Tate and Front
50-1 Red, White Horse And 'Front Page', Black
RAMOS J D (3 0 0 0 .00) 2026: (211 22 .10)

TimeformUS Pace: Early 75 Late 100
4Apr26-12Aqu fst 1 1/8 C 47 1:11 1:38 1:53
14Mar26-9Cnl fst 1 1/8 47 1:11 1:35 1:47
7Feb26-11Tam fst 1 1/8 234 :48 1:12 1:43
17Jan26-8FG fst 1 1/8 232 :47 1:12 1:45
20Dec25-12FG fst 1 1/8 24 :47 1:12 1:44
23Nov25-10CD fst 6 1/2 22 :45 1:10 1:17



B. c. 3 (Feb) FTKOCT24 \$12,000
Sire: Connect (Curlin) \$10,000
Dam: Zalia (Scat Daddy)
Br: Rosedown Racing Stables LLC (Ky)
Tr: Beckman D Whitworth (-) 2026 : (94 16 .17)

Life	6	M	1	3	\$109,800	81
2026	4	M	0	2	\$86,800	81
2025	2	M	1	1	\$23,000	78
CD	1	0	0	1	\$12,000	72

D.Fst	6	0	1	3	\$109,800	81
Wet(342)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Synth(310)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Turf(287)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Dst(304)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

WORKS: Apr 24 CD 4f fst: 47 B 15/92 Apr 18 CD 4f fst: 47 B 10/65 Mar 28 Kee 4f fst: 47 B 2/64 Mar 7 Pay 4f fst: 50 B 49/81 Feb 28 Pay 4f fst: 48 B 2/49
TRAINER: Dirt (154.14 \$1.42) Routes (165.13 \$2.13) GrdStk (31.03 \$0.27) J/T 2025-26 CD (10 .00 \$0.00) J/T 2025-26 (67 .13 \$1.93)

23 Robusta

Own: Calumet Farm
50-1 Black, Gold Chevrons, Gold Chevrons On
JARAMILLO E (-) 2026: (253 54 .21)

TimeformUS Pace: Early 103 Late 79
4Apr26-10SA fst 1 1/8 S 46 1:11 1:36 1:49
7Mar26-8SA fst 1 1/8 C 224 :46 1:10 1:42
7Feb26-8SA fst 1 232 :47 1:11 1:37
9Jan26-3SA fst 1 233 :48 1:11 1:35
22Nov25-9Dmr fst 6 1/2 22 :45 1:09 1:16



Dk. b or br c. 3 (Mar)
Sire: Accelerate (Lookin At Lucky) \$10,000
Dam: Urbane Legend (Into Mischief)
Br: Calumet Farm (Ky)
Tr: O'Neill Doug (-) 2026 : (203 42 21)

Life	5	1	1	0	\$83,500	89
2026	4	1	1	0	\$83,000	89
2025	1	M	0	0	\$500	66
CD	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

D.Fst	5	1	1	0	\$83,500	89
Wet(377)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Synth(343)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Turf(249)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Dst(314*)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

WORKS: Apr 26 CD 5f fst: 1:03 B 23/23 Apr 19 SA 6f fst: 1:16 H 2/2 Mar 29 SA 6f fst: 1:14 H 1/3 Mar 21 SA 4f fst: 51 H 50/51 Feb 28 SA 5f fst: 1:02 H 43/52
TRAINER: Dirt (354.18 \$1.75) Routes (375.13 \$2.01) GrdStk (68.04 \$0.56) J/T 2025-26 (88 .24 \$2.39)

24 Corona de Oro

Own: On Our Own Stable LLC Commonwe
50-1 Brown, White Dots, Black Sleeves, Brown
HERNANDEZ B J JR (1 1 0 0 1.00) 2026: (201 30 .15)

TimeformUS Pace: Early 112 Late 61
11Apr26-10Kee fst 1 1/8 233 :47 1:12 1:42
7Mar26-2FG fst 1 1/8 233 :47 1:13 1:42 3+
24Jan26-7FG fst 6f 221 :45 :57 1:09
16Oct25-3Kee fst 7f 221 :45 1:10 1:23
12Sep25-8CD fst 6f 23 :46 :58 1:10



B. c. 3 (Mar) EASMA25 \$160,000
Sire: Bolt d'Oro (Medaglia d'Oro) \$25,000
Dam: Lemon de Oro (Lemon Drop Kid)
Br: Willow Oaks Stable LLC (Ky)
Tr: Stewart Dallas (1 1 0 0 1.00) 2026 : (91 17 .19)

Life	5	1	1	2	\$92,540	92
2026	3	1	1	1	\$81,200	92
2025	2	M	0	1	\$11,340	72
CD	1	0	0	0	\$1,165	58

D.Fst	5	1	1	2	\$92,540	92
Wet(369)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Synth(385)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Turf(309)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Dst(298)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

WORKS: Apr 23 CD 4f fst: 47 B 4/36 ● Apr 3 CD 5f fst: 59 B 1/5 Feb 26 FG 5f fst: 1:01 B 6/13 Feb 16 FG 4f fst: 48 B 14/50 Feb 8 FG 4f fst: 48 B 7/74
TRAINER: Dirt (255.16 \$1.53) Routes (95.13 \$1.14) GrdStk (19.05 \$0.39) J/T 2025-26 CD (33 .21 \$2.56) J/T 2025-26 (73 .19 \$1.73)





PAST PERFORMANCE EXPLANATION

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10 Gun Runner
 3-5 Own: Winchell Tbreeds LLC and Three Chimneys Farm
 Maroon, White Circle And W, White
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CLOSER LOOK Breeders Cup Classic winner will move outside for another challenge from a handful of the guys he defeated handily at Del Mar; his campaign last year was nearly flawless and he did avenge his lone defeat by Arrogate last time out; much has been made of the post draw and his tactics will face question from out here as this has not been a very successful starting spot here; expect he will lose some ground and while that won't help him, he has proven that he doesn't need the lead to fire a big shot; concern is just how much ground he does lose going into the first turn; 4-5 morning line price from here may be a little tough to swallow for some, but he is very good and you know his connections have him ready to lay it all on the line in his final start.

- 1** Betting Number, Horse, Country of origin (if foreign), Morning line odds, Owner, Silks, Jockey with record at meet, jockey record year to date, TimeformUS Early/Late Pace Ratings
- 2** Color, Sex, Reported Gelded Date, Age, Birth Month; Where sold at auction, year, price; sire (sire's sire), sire stud fee Dam (dam's sire); Breeder, State or Country of foaling; Trainer with record at meet, record year to date
- 3** First-Time Gelding, Medication, Weight to be carried today; "L" in reverse type indicates first-time Lasix
- 4** Career record Starts-Wins-Seconds-Thirds-Earnings
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- 5** Lifetime record on dirt fast track; lifetime record on wet tracks; Lifetime record on synthetic tracks; lifetime record in turf races; Record at today's distance and surface
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- 7** Date, Race number, Track, Track Condition, Distance, Surface
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- 8** Race-shape symbol, Fractional times for horse in lead, Final time of winner; Age and sex, restrictions; Class of race, Purse (in allowance, non-graded stakes)
- 9** Beyer Speed Figure
- 10** Post Position/Field size; Position, lengths beaten/ahead at points of call, finish
- 11** Jockey, Apprentice allowance follows jockey's name
- 12** Medication, weight, equipment
- 13** Odds to \$1 (* indicates favorite, e indicates coupled entry, f indicates field); Speed rating, Track variant
- 14** First three finishers; with weight carried and margins, Comment
- 15** Workouts: date, track, distance, track condition, final time, comment, ranking
- 16** Key Race Indicator; Italics indicate horse finished first in his next start. **Bold** indicates other horses entered in this race
- 17** Jockey/Trainer combinations
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PREVIEWING THE 2026 KENTUCKY OAKS

by Adam Burke

Friday night's main event during Kentucky Derby Weekend at Churchill Downs is the Kentucky Oaks, a battle of 3-year-old fillies running for a garland blanket of lilies and a whole lot of money. This 1 1/8-mile run under the twin spires is set for a very late 8:40 p.m. ET post time as the final race of 13 on the Friday program.

It will be a crowded starting gate again this year with 14 horses in the field. Bottle of Rouge dropped out early in the week, creating a spot for long shot Lovely Grey. Based on the highly competitive odds in this field, there are a lot of horses that have a chance to win, as we don't have a huge standout just yet among this year's 3-year-old fillies.

Favorite Good Cheer rolled to victory for trainer Brad Cox last year, as he picked up his third career Oaks win and all of them have come since he had Monomoy Girl in 2018. Cox has one runner in this year's field with Prom Queen, who will have Javier Castellano in the mount. The daughter of Quality Road hasn't run anywhere other than Gulfstream Park yet, where she won the Gulfstream Park Oaks in late March by nearly three lengths over My Miss Mo, who drew Post 6 in this field.

Like Cox, world-renowned trainer Todd Pletcher has one entry in the Oaks. Following the post draw, Zany was the tepid 4-1 favorite on the morning line after coming up short in the Ashland Stakes at Keeneland last month to fan favorite Percy's Bar. Zany was the clear favorite in the Ashland and had an okay trip, but she suffered her first defeat in four races despite good speed numbers. The daughter of American Pharoah won the Grade 2 Demoiselle at Aqueduct before wintering in Florida, which is significant because that race is the same 1 1/8-mile distance as this one.

Percy's Bar is a fascinating horse in this race. Named after longtime Churchill Downs and Keeneland bartender Percy Pool, some sentimental money and bets in his family's honor were likely to drive the price down on race day no matter what, but her win in the Ashland for trainer Ben Colebrook was the third of her career and a very impressive performance off the shelf following a show finish in the Juvenile Fillies at Del Mar last Halloween before shutting it down for the winter. She's not just a good story; she's a real factor.

Two of the other Juvenile Fillies runners are in this race with Explora on the rail and Meaning in the 5 slot. Explora, the favorite, ran second at Del Mar that day and Meaning ran fourth to hit the board while priced around 12-1. Explora has already run three times this year with two wins and a second, including Flavien Prat's win in the Honeybee last time out in his first ride after Bob Baffert pivoted from normal California rider Juan Hernandez for the Oaklawn Park prep race. Ironically,

Hernandez is riding Meaning for Michael McCarthy, as he was aboard for the Santa Anita Oaks win last month.

The buzz horse this year is Bella Ballerina for Brendan Walsh. The Godolphin-owned daughter of Street Sense and granddaughter of Tapit owns a win at Churchill in the Grade 2 Golden Rod and a Fair Grounds triumph in the Rachel Alexandra Stakes in her 3-year-old debut. She didn't quite fire enough as the even-money favorite in the Fair Grounds Oaks five weeks later, but that may simply have added some value to her price here. History favors her as well, as nearly half of the recent Kentucky Oaks winners have a Fair Grounds data point on their resumes. Furthermore, as a two-time Grade 2 winner, she also checks another box, with 18 of the last 21 and each of the last 12 Oaks winners coming in as previous graded stakes winners. She also has the same connections as 2023 winner Pretty Mischievous with Godolphin, Walsh, and rider Tyler Gaffalione. Bella Ballerina was scratched on 4/30

The other primary contenders are Counting Stars, recently the easy winner of the Fantasy Stakes at Oaklawn, and Always a Runner, whose win over 1 1/8 miles in the Gazelle Stakes and good bloodline and connections are likely to induce some wagers. Always a Runner was a very expensive yearling from Gun Runner and Always Carina and did not race as a 2-year-old. She only has two data points, but they're both very good. She has also bumped a bit at the starting gate, which is not a bad thing given the traffic expected in this field.

Ultimately, I'll be rooting hard for Percy's Bar like so many others, but the mostly untapped potential of Always a Runner is hard to ignore in a field that seems to have minimal gaps between top contenders. The price should be good on Always a Runner as well, given the love for Bella Ballerina and with what fillies like Explora and Zany have already accomplished.

PICKS FOR THE 2026 KENTUCKY OAKS

- 9 Always a Runner
- 12 Bella Ballerina (scratched)
- 11 Percy's Bar
- 1 Explora
- 2 Zany

KENTUCKY OAKS FIELD

POST	HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Explora	F. Prat	B. Baffert	6-1
2	Zany	I. Ortiz Jr.	T. Pletcher	4-1
3	Search Party	C. Torres	M. Casse	30-1
4	Counting Stars	F. Arrieta	M. Casse	8-1
5	Meaning	J. Hernandez	M. McCarthy	5-1
6	My Miss Mo	M. Husbands	S. Joseph Jr.	SCR
7	Dazzling Dame	L. Saez	B. Russell	30-1
8	Bottle of Rouge	M. Smith	B. Baffert	SCR
9	Always a Runner	J. Ortiz	C. Brown	10-1
10	Prom Queen	J. Castellano	B. Cox	8-1
11	Percy's Bar	L. Machado	B. Colebrook	6-1
12	Bella Ballerina	T. Gaffalione	B. Walsh	SCR
13	Pashmina	R. Vazquez	R. Atras	30-1
14	Brooklyn Blonde	K. Kimura	M. McCarthy	30-1
AE (in)	Lovely Grey	D. Davis	K. Danner	30-1
AE (in)	Nycon	J. Torres	D. Beckman	50-1
AE (in)	Resist	B. Hernandez Jr.	T. Drury Jr.	30-1

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PREVIEWING THE 2026 KENTUCKY DERBY

by Dave Tuley

As a marquee sporting event, the Kentucky Derby is often the only horse race that a lot of people pay attention to during the year. While this Betting Guide is certainly for our regular horse playing subscribers at VSIN, it's also meant as a primer to help the casual fans to catch up on this year's Derby field and offer advice on how to bet the race as well as Friday's Kentucky Oaks, which is for 3-year-old fillies, and the undercards on each day.

While most people are focusing on the top contenders that came out of winning the major prep races, the thing that makes betting the Derby so great is that it's just as likely that we get a long shot winner. These are young horses that are still developing. The winner could be a colt with a lot of racing experience, or it could be one that's peaking at the right time come Derby Day. The best 3-year-old doesn't always win the Derby; it's often just the one that's best on the First Saturday in May.

Remember that these colts are running the 1 1/4-mile distance for the first time, and they're also contending with the biggest crowd they've ever heard and then trying not to get taken out in the cavalry charge to the first turn and having to overcome the traffic in a 20-horse field. A lot can go wrong even if you've bet on the "best horse."

For the purposes of this VSIN Betting Guide, I'm going to break down the horses I'm considering into the most likely winner (for those who like to bet the favorites or top contenders and who aren't as adverse to chalk like yours truly), then my top value play as we sit here early in Derby Week, then other long shots to consider. Later in the week, I'll return to VSIN.com with my final "takes" on both the Kentucky Oaks card on Friday and the Derby card on Saturday with expanded analysis and more exotic tickets as we try to blow up the tote board at Churchill Downs.

MOST LIKELY WINNER

#1 RENEGADE (4-1 MORNING LINE)

At the Derby draw last Saturday, Renegade – this year's betting favorite off his four-length victory in the Arkansas Derby on March 26 at Oaklawn Park – drew the dreaded inside post. All everyone wanted to talk about was how no one has won the Roses from the rail since Ferdinand in 1986. Of course, the connections

have all said the right things. Owner Mike Repole, who is 0-9 with Derby starters and has some hard-luck stories recently (favorites Uncle Mo and Forte were late scratches in 2011 and 2023; favorite Fierceness finished 15th last year at 5/2), Tweeted "I wouldn't trade places with anyone heading into the Kentucky Derby. I'll take [trainer] Todd Pletcher, [jockey] Irad Ortiz Jr., and the best horse in the race, Renegade, from the 1 post every time." Still, I know a lot of people are not betting Renegade because of the historically bad post, but while the No. 1 hasn't won in 20 years, remember that it's only been six runnings since the new starting gate in 2020 that gives a little more room for the rail horse. I don't bet favorites myself, but I have to say that if you really believe Renegade is the best of this class, I wouldn't let all the chatter keep you from betting on him (and frankly, at 4-1 on the morning line, you're getting better value than you would if he was breaking from any other post). The Derby is won by the horse that runs the best on the First Saturday in May and can win from anywhere. Besides, Renegade is a deep closer that doesn't need to get to the lead on the rail anyway. Ortiz Jr. is a great jockey, and you can count on him getting a ground-saving trip no matter where he starts. If Renegade loses, it'll be because he's not the best horse on race day, not because of the post position.

KENTUCKY DERBY FIELD

POST	HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Renegade	I. Ortiz Jr.	T. Pletcher	4-1
2	Albus	M. Franco	R. Mott	30-1
3	Intrepido	H. Berrios	J. Mullins	50-1
4	Litmus Test	M. Garcia	B. Baffert	50-1
5	Right to Party	C. Elliott	K. McPeck	30-1
6	Commandment	L. Saez	B. Cox	6-1
7	Danon Bourbon	A. Nishimura	M. Ikezoe	20-1
8	So Happy	M. Smith	M. Glatt	15-1
9	The Puma	J. Castellano	G. Delgado	10-1
10	Wonder Dean	R. Sakai	D. Takayanagi	30-1
11	Incredibolt	J. Torres	R. Mott	20-1
12	Chief Wallabee	J. Alvarado	W. Mott	8-1
13	Silent Tactic	C. Torres	M. Casse	SCR
14	Potente	J. Hernandez	B. Baffert	20-1
15	Emerging Market	F. Prat	C. Brown	15-1
16	Pavlovian	E. Maldonado	D. O'Neill	30-1
17	Six Speed	B. Hernandez Jr.	B. Seemar	50-1
18	Further Ado	J. Velazquez	B. Cox	6-1
19	Golden Tempo	J. Ortiz	C. DeVaux	30-1
20	Fulleffort	T. Gaffalione	B. Cox	SCR
AE (in)	Great White	A. Achard	J. Ennis	50-1
AE (in)	Ocelli	J. Ramos	D. Beckman	50-1
AE	Robusta	E. Jaramillo	D. O'Neill	50-1
AE	Corona de Oro	B. Hernandez Jr.	D. Stewart	50-1

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TOP VALUE PLAY

#17 SIX SPEED (50-1)

Two years ago, my top value play in the Derby was Dornoch (yes, also from the dreaded No. 1 post), and he came up short at 20-1 odds by finishing 10th. However, I stuck with him, and he won the 2024 Belmont Stakes five weeks later for us at 17-1. I bring that up (besides a humblebrag LOL) because Dornoch was a front-runner that I picked to steal the Derby wire to wire. He didn't, but with a 20-horse field and potential traffic problems for those in the mid and back of the pack, it's still the easiest way to upset the Derby (or any horse race for that matter). I love the old saying attributed to author Damon Runyon: "the race is not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, but that's the way to bet." Six Speed is suitably-named and should be the speed of the speed on Saturday and play "catch me if you can" while making his U.S. debut. In Dubai, he had three wins in five starts with one second and one third, so he's always been in the money with his front-running style, which plays to the strength of jockey Brian Hernandez, who won the 2024 Kentucky Derby with Mystik Dan. Six Speed did lose the Grade 2 UAE Derby his last time out as he was run down late by Wonder Dean, so a lot of people will point to that as him not being able to last the Derby's 1 ¼-mile distance, as that was at 1 3/16 miles, but that's also why we're getting such huge odds on the pacesetter. And since we've already dwelled on post-position curses, we're also getting 50-1 because no horse has even won from the No. 17 post (though only 46 of the previous 151 runnings since the fields haven't always been this big to even have 17 horses). Obviously, we see front-runners tire in the stretch all the time, especially if forced to set suicidal early fractions, but there aren't any other real rabbits to wear down Six Speed, and I'll love to be holding a ticket on him if he's still in front heading for home.

OTHER LONG SHOTS TO CONSIDER

#10 WONDER DEAN (30-1)

As mentioned above, Wonder Dean closed to win the UAE Derby over Six Speed, so I'll also have a Win ticket on this longshot in case that's a key race and the Kentucky Derby is run the same way. Wonder Dean earned an automatic bid in this race off that victory in which he settled in mid-pack before getting in position on the backstretch and running down the front-runner in the stretch to win by 2 1/2 lengths. A similar trip on Saturday will be tougher as several Derby runners have the same running style, but I like long shots who have done it before and are being dismissed for other reasons (Americans passing on foreign horses, not feeling the UAE Derby is as strong as our prep races, the cursed post, etc.).

#8 SO HAPPY (15-1)

In most years, the Grade 1 Santa Anita Derby winner would be given more respect, but this year's top West Coast prep race wasn't considered very strong with top Derby contenders prepping elsewhere (Renegade at Oaklawn, Further Ado at Keeneland, others at Gulfstream) and a small field of seven. So Happy has a stalking running style that he used to win the Santa Anita Derby under jockey Mike Smith and should be able to navigate a relatively clean trip from the No. 8 post.

#14 POTENTE (20-1)

Just like the Six Speed-Wonder Dean combo from Dubai, I have to look at the Santa Anita Derby runner-up to So Happy, especially since it's trained by Bob Baffert and was the beaten favorite last time out. I like those types of horses who obviously have demonstrated their talent and earned respect at the betting windows, but are now overlooked because of one lost race. Potente set the pace at Santa Anita before giving it up, but he also showed the ability to stalk and close in his victory in the Grade 2 San Felipe, so he doesn't necessarily need the lead like a lot of Baffert trainees. If he had won the Santa Anita Derby, he would have easily been among the top contenders in single digits here, so this might be the best value play of them all.

OTHER COLTS TO FILL EXOTICS

#2 ALBUS (30-1)

He won the Grade 2 Wood Memorial at Aqueduct and has upside with just four career starts. Albus should be dropping back along with Renegade to get a deep-closing trip. If he makes a step forward off his first stakes win (only had a maiden victory before the Wood), he could be dangerous.

#6 COMMANDMENT (6-1)

It'll be hard to leave Commandment off our horizontal (pick 4s, pick 6s, doubles, etc.) tickets or vertical wagers in the Derby itself, as the Grade 1 Florida Derby victor comes in on a four-race winning streak, which also included the Fountain of Youth pre-prep race. He's the 6-1 second choice for a reason.

#9 THE PUMA (10-1)

This son of Essential Quality and grandson of Tapit (though I don't put too much stock in breeding for the Derby as nearly all this year's runners have bloodlines back to the great Secretariat, so it's a wash as they're all well-bred) finished second to Commandment in the Florida Derby after winning the Grade 3 Tampa Bay Derby. He should be in a group of a whole bunch in contention turning for home.

#11 INCREDIBOLT (20-1)

Most handicappers are dismissing the Virginia Derby winner as that's not considered a major prep race, plus it was held seven weeks ago, which is a long layoff compared to most traditional paths to the Derby. But I think it's interesting to note that Incredibolt is the only entrant with two wins over this track at Churchill Downs, while most have never raced in Louisville. That does make him a bit of a horse for the course, even though they were just his maiden victory back in September and in the Grade 3 Street Sense in October.

#12 CHIEF WALLABEE (8-1)

Trainer Bill Mott won last year's Derby with Sovereignty and has had Chief Wallabee on a similarly light prep path with just three prior starts. Chief Wallabee won his first maiden race at Gulfstream in January and was the second betting choice in both Florida preps but finished second to Commandment in the Fountain of Youth and third to Commandment and The Puma in the Florida Derby. It's worked for Mott before, so that makes Chief Wallabee dangerous.

#18 FURTHER ADO (6-1)

Many people think the Grade 1 Blue Grass winner should be the favorite off his impressive 11-length victory at odds-on. He also won the Grade 2 Kentucky Jockey Club Stakes last fall over this track at Churchill Downs, so this is another short-priced colt that I can't dismiss. He drew No. 18, but outside posts haven't been a deterrent in recent years, so he should be in the mix.

NO THANKS – IF THEY BEAT ME, THEY BEAT ME

The old adage is "you can't bet em all," so I won't have #3 Intrepido, #4 Litmus Test, #5 Right to Party, #7 Danon Bourbon, #13 Silent Tactic, #15 Emerging Market, #16 Pavlovian, #19 Golden Tempo, #20 Fulleffort or any of the also-eligible horses (if they scratch into the field) on any of my tickets. If they beat me, they beat me.

MIKE SOMICH'S KENTUCKY DERBY

PACE & POST

REPORT

The Kentucky Derby pace is always one of the toughest to predict. You've got 20 horses who are trying to jockey for early position, which immediately forces more pace into the race, even if you lack the 4-5 burners that really force an early meltdown.

With the 2026 Kentucky Derby, I expect them to be moving pretty fast early. First, we have speed drawn on the inside. #4 Litmus Test is going to absolutely send and both the #2 and #3 want to be relevant early. In the middle, you have #7 Danon Bourbon and #8 So Happy which both have early foot speed. On the outside, the #14, #16, and #17 are all going to gun it out of the gate and you have the #15 and #18 that want to be in position. That's a lot of horses who want to be on or near the lead. I am projecting a 22 4/5 opening quarter mile and 45 4/5 opening half mile which would be a quick pace for the mile and a quarter Derby.

As for the post draw, there are a couple clear losers to me. First and foremost is #1 Renegade. The post has been a disaster for years, not producing a winner since 1986. Now, Renegade's style, coming from off the pace, is built to be able to handle the draw, but he's now most likely to be last, on the rail during the first turn. Everything has to go perfectly from there and you have to be the best horse to overcome that position. I did not like the draw for anyone from the 14-18 post either. You have five horses that all have speed and either want to be in the lead or sitting right off of it. That means it's likely they are going to bump and fight each other early. #18 Further Ado probably gets out of that clean by backing off since there is no speed to the outside, but then he's going to have to win from mid-pack while going 3 to 4 wide on both turns.

There were a handful of winners here as well. Chief Wallabee in the 12 post was ideal. He has shown he is better closing on the outside of horses versus having to split horses, that draw should allow him a clean closing trip. #20 Fulleffort also drew well here, but was scratched on 4/30. Commandment in the 6 and The Puma in the 9 also drew in ideal posts.



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KENTUCKY DERBY

SUPERFECTA

by Mike Somich

As always with the Derby superfecta, I break out horses into a couple of categories; Win contenders, Trifecta likely horses (2nd and 3rd spots), late closing Superfecta horses (3rd and 4th spots), speed that could hold for 4th and chuck them out.

This year, here is where each horse fits in my eyes.

WIN CONTENDERS

#12 CHIEF WALLABEE - Has all the talent in the world, needs to put it together on Saturday. He is my pick to win the Derby.

#9 THE PUMA - Connections won with a similar horse in Mage; will be looking for the same trip added by a quick pace.

#20 FULLEFFORT (SCRATCHED)

TRIFECTA LIKELY

#6 COMMANDMENT - Might be the most likely to hit the super, yet I would not bet to win.

LATE CLOSING SUPER HORSES

(All these will be running late trying to pick off the prices, 3rd or 4th place on tickets)

#11 INCREDIBOLT

#13 SILENT TACTIC (SCRATCHED)

#19 GOLDEN TEMPO

SPEED THAT COULD HOLD FOR 4TH

#16 PAVLOVIAN

Maybe, just maybe.

CHUCK THEM OUT

#1 RENEGADE - You have to leave off favorites to make this worthwhile and Renegade was one I was considering before the draw. Add in the 1 post and the price and he's unusable.

#7 DANON BOURBON *(and the other Japanese horses)* - He is simply not as good as Forever Young and faces a talented group here. A Japanese horse will win this race, just not this year.

#8 SO HAPPY - With scratches, So Happy will make a deep ticket now.

HORSE I AM BACK AND FORTH ON

#18 FURTHER ADO - He has been awesome twice, but both were at Keeneland. He's won at Churchill, but beat nothing and ran his worst number in four two-turn races. The post is not ideal and he wants to be forward. He will sneak into my deeper tickets, but not one I will use in my smaller budget.

THE TICKETS

SMALL BUDGET SUPERFECTA

\$1 Superfecta - 9,12 / 6,9,11,12 / 6,9,11,12,18 / 6,9,11,12,18 = \$36

MEDIUM BUDGET SUPERFECTA

\$1 Superfecta - 9,12 / 6,9,11,12 / 6,9,11,12,18,19 / 6,8,9,11,12,18,19 = \$96

BIG BUDGET SUPERFECTA

\$1 Superfecta - 9,12 / 6,9,11,12 / 6,8,9,11,12,18,19 / 5,6,8,9,11,12,15,16,18,19 = \$210