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POST POSITIONS

1	MO DONEGAL (10/1) Owner: Donegal Racing & Repole Stable Trainer: Todd Pletcher Jockey: Irad Ortiz Jr.		6	MESSIER (8/1) Owner: SF Racing, Starlight Racing, et al Trainer: Tim Yakteen Jockey: John Velazquez	
2	HAPPY JACK (30/1) Owner: Calumet Farm Trainer: Doug O'Neill Jockey: Rafael Bejarano		7	CROWN PRIDE (20/1) Owner: Teruya Yoshida Trainer: Koichi Shintani Jockey: Christophe Lemaire	
3	EPICENTER (7/2) Owner: Winchell Thoroughbreds Trainer: Steve Asmussen Jockey: Joel Rosario		8	CHARGE IT (20/1) Owner: Whisper Hill Farm Trainer: Todd Pletcher Jockey: Luis Saez	
4	SUMMER IS TOMORROW (30/1) Owner: Michael Hilary & Begar Burke Trainer: Bhupat Seemar Jockey: Mickael Barzalona		9	TIZ THE BOMB (30/1) Owner: Magdalena Racing Trainer: Ken McPeck Jockey: Brian Hernandez, Jr.	
5	SMILE HAPPY (20/1) Owner: Lucky Seven Stable Trainer: Ken McPeck Jockey: Corey Lanerie		10	ZANDON (3/1) Owner: Jeff Drown Trainer: Chad Brown Jockey: Flavien Prat	

Odds listed are Churchill Downs morning line odds.



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POST POSITIONS

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PIONEER OF MEDINA (30/1)

Owner: Sumaya U.S. Stables
Trainer: Todd Pletcher
Jockey: Joe Bravo



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CYBERKNIFE (20/1)

Owner: Gold Square
Trainer: Brad Cox
Jockey: Florent Geroux



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TAIBA (12/1)

Owner: Zedan Racing Stables
Trainer: Tim Yakteen
Jockey: Mike Smith



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CLASSIC CAUSEWAY (30/1)

Owner: Kentucky West Racing & Clark Cooper
Trainer: Brian Lynch
Jockey: Julien Leparoux



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SIMPLIFICATION (20/1)

Owner: Tami Bobo & Tristan de Meric
Trainer: Antonio Sano
Jockey: Jose Ortiz



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TAWNY PORT (30/1)

Owner: Peachtree Stable
Trainer: Brad Cox
Jockey: Ricardo Santana Jr.



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BARBER ROAD (30/1)

Owner: WSS Racing
Trainer: John Ortiz
Jockey: Rey Lu Gutierrez



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ZOZOS (20/1)

Owner: Barry & Joni Butzow
Trainer: Brad Cox
Jockey: Manny Franco



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WHITE ABARRIO (10/1)

Owner: C2 Racing Stable & La Milagrosa Stable
Trainer: Saffie Joseph, Jr.
Jockey: Tyler Gaffalione



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ETHEREAL ROAD (30/1)

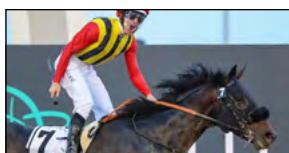
Owner: Aaron Sones & Julie Gilbert
Trainer: D. Wayne Lukas
Jockey: Luis Contreras



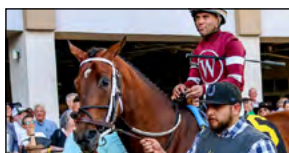
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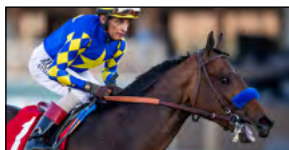
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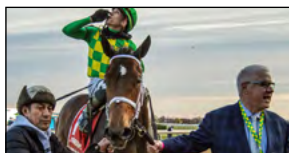
CROWN PRIDE: Japan's wildly successful showings in the Breeders' Cup, Saudi Cup and Dubai World Cup programs since last November make this UAE Derby winner far more intriguing than past international participants. He's a great grandson of 1989 Derby and Preakness winner Sunday Silence.



EPICENTER: Louisiana Derby winner is a head shy of 5 straight victories and could give Thoroughbred racing's winningest trainer of all-time his first Kentucky Derby. Steve Asmussen's 0-23 mark in the Run for the Roses is the longest current streak without a victory. Expect Epicenter on or near the lead.



MESSIER: Son of 2003 Derby runner-up and Belmont winner Empire Maker has been first or second in all 6 starts, including his Santa Anita Derby runner-up. He's never lost consecutive races and will join Tim Yakteen stablemate Taiba in the starting gate as transfers from suspended trainer Bob Baffert.



MO DONEGAL: Two-time Kentucky Derby-winning trainer Todd Pletcher has the Wood Memorial winner peaking at the right time. The pride of Aqueduct swept the track's major races at ages 2 and 3 and joins Epicenter and Crown Pride as the only horses in the Derby with multiple wins at 1-1/8 miles or farther.



TAIBA: Meteoric rise from maiden sprint winner to 1-1/8 miles Santa Anita Derby champ seemingly overnight, this \$1.7 million sales purchase is 2022's party crasher. No modern horse has come close to winning the Kentucky Derby with only 2 prior lifetime starts, and only 2 have tried in the last 73 years.



WHITE ABARRIO: The Florida Derby has produced a record 24 Kentucky Derby winners all-time, and 2022's Gulfstream Park dynamo returns to Churchill Downs to avenge his only career defeat. Third in the Kentucky Jockey Club last November in Louisville, this \$40,000 bargain sales buy has banked more than \$800,000.



ZANDON: Rallying winner of the Blue Grass Stakes, perhaps no horse has had more prep education for the expected Kentucky Derby traffic than this colt's efforts at Keeneland and when third in Fair Grounds' Risen Star. Jockey Flavien Prat has a win, a second and a third-place finish in 4 career Derby mounts.



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We asked renowned 1/ST and NBC handicapper Eddie Olczyk which handicapping angles he applies when analyzing the Kentucky Derby. Now, for the first time you can reconstruct Edzo's approach and put it to work for yourself by combining forces with the 1/ST BET app.

Olczyk's keys center on a horse's speed to the mile marker at the head of the Kentucky Derby stretch, pedigree for the distance and how weather and conditions may impact his selections. "Jockey and trainer stats aren't for me in the Kentucky Derby," Olczyk said. "At that level, they're all capable with the right horse."

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THE MILE MARKER

"Where are you when the lead horse gets to the one-mile point in the mile and one-quarter race? That's the key," Olczyk explained. "The last eight Derby winners were first, second or third at that point and five of the last seven were on the lead, when you include Medina Spirit last year, which I find very interesting. The ability to be up close, part of the pace, matters. Consider a horse's body of work in terms of speed and pace figures, not just his last start, because each horse may or may not have been as hard-asked in their most recent start by trainer's choice."

1/ST BET FACTORS TO APPLY

↗	BEST LIFETIME SPEED
↗	BEST SPEED LAST 3
↗	AVERAGE SPEED LAST 3
↗	AVG. LAST 3 E1 PACE
↗	AVG. LAST 3 E2 PACE
↗	AVG. LAST 3 TURN TIMES

PEDIGREE POINTS

"The last quarter-mile, once in position, is about stamina. None of these horses have been a mile and one-quarter previously, which is part of the Derby's lore. That's why pedigree matters to me."

1/ST BET FACTORS TO APPLY

🐎	DISTANCE PEDIGREE RATING
🐎	DIRT PEDIGREE RATING

WEATHER OR NOT

"Wet tracks have been a Derby constant in recent years. If you're handicapping or betting ahead, you have to at least plan for the scenario. I'm constantly checking up on it. Not every horse has run on off tracks, so bloodlines can tell us who might enjoy it."

1/ST BET FACTORS TO APPLY

↗	BEST SPEED OFF TRACK
🐎	MUD PEDIGREE RATING

Olczyk's final pointer, stay flexible. "Research is great, but don't forget the eye test," he reminded. "Watch what's going on Derby Day, how the track is playing, what's been working for you that day. Go back and reassess which factors you're putting into your decisions."

FACTORS THROUGH HISTORY

KENTUCKY DERBY 2017-2021

We searched the 1/ST BET archives to re-examine the last five editions of the Kentucky Derby. See where the winners ranked best in their respective fields in terms of handicapping factors, and look for those commonalities with this year's runners when using the 1/ST BET app to handicap the "Run for the Roses." [Learn More.](#)

2021

WINNER: MANDALOUN
RANKED FIRST IN 1 FACTOR

 **TRAINER CURRENT MEET**

HORSES WHO LED MOST FACTORS:
KNOWN AGENDA (8), ESSENTIAL
QUALITY (6), ROCK YOUR
WORLD (5), MEDINA SPIRIT (4),
HOT ROD CHARLIE (4)

2020




WINNER: AUTHENTIC
RANKED FIRST IN 9 FACTORS

	HORSES BEATEN %
	TRAINER 6 MO. WIN %
	JOCKEY WIN % 2 YRS. RACE TYPE
	TRAINER CURRENT YEAR
	LAST E2 PACE
	AVG. OF LAST 3 E1 PACE
	AVG. OF LAST 3 E2 PACE
	DIST. WORKED SINCE LAST RACE
	TRAINER WIN % 1 YEAR

HORSES WHO LED MOST FACTORS:
TIZ THE LAW (17), AUTHENTIC (9),
MAX PLAYER (8)

2019
















WINNER: COUNTRY HOUSE
RANKED FIRST IN 3 FACTORS:

	JOCKEY 1 YR. WIN %
	JOCKEY 6 MO. WIN %
	AVG. LAST 3 TURN TIME

HORSES WHO LED MOST FACTORS:
GAME WINNER (8),
MAXIMUM SECURITY (7)

2018




WINNER: JUSTIFY
RANKED FIRST IN 15 FACTORS

	SPEED LAST RACE
	AVG. SPEED LAST 3
	AVG. SPEED BEST 2 OF LAST 3
	BEST SPEED LAST 3
	BEST LIFETIME SPEED
	BEST SPEED FAST TRACK
	BEST SPEED OFF TRACK
	HORSES DEFEATED %
	JOCKEY WIN % 2 YRS. RACE TYPE
	WIN %
	TRAINER CURRENT YR.
	LAST LATE PACE
	JOCKEY 1 YR. WIN %
	AVG. OF LAST 3 E1 PACE
	AVG. OF LAST 3 E2 PACE

HORSES WHO LED MOST FACTORS:
JUSTIFY (15), GOOD MAGIC (4)




2017

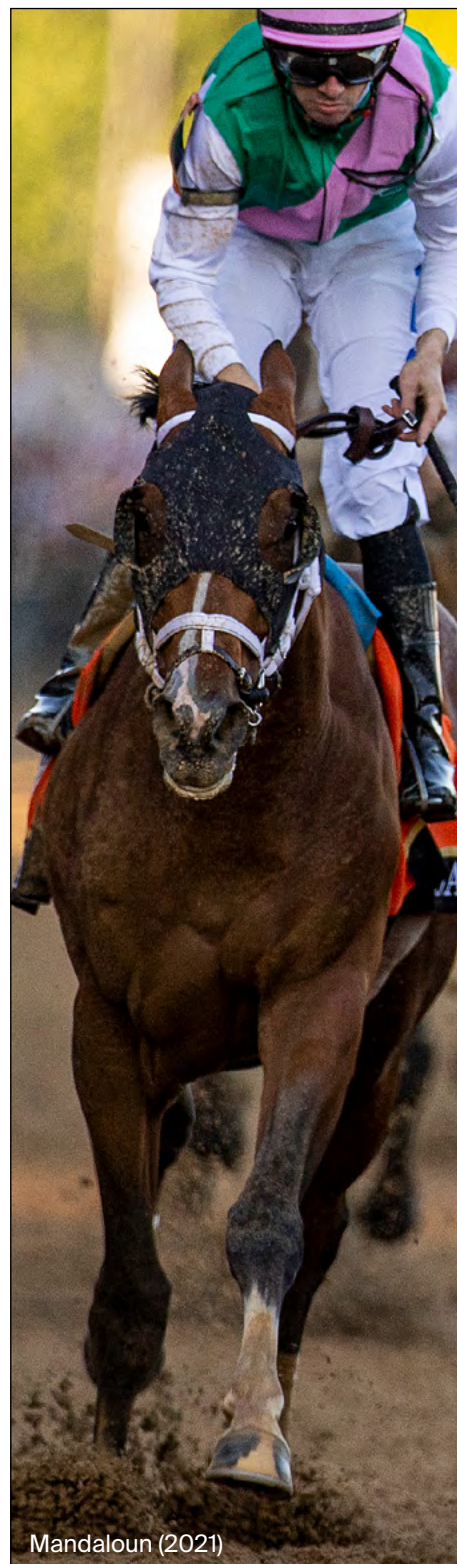
WINNER: ALWAYS DREAMING
RANKED FIRST IN 3 FACTORS:

	IN THE MONEY %
	JOCKEY CURRENT YEAR
	AVERAGE LATE PACE

HORSES WHO LED MOST FACTORS:
CLASSIC EMPIRE (7), GORMLEY (5)

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Mandaloun (2021)

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	HORSE	WIN%	PLACE%	SHOW%	FAIR ODDS
1	MO DONEGAL	5%	18%	27%	20/1
2	HAPPY JACK	2%	4%	6%	50/1
3	EPICENTER	11%	21%	31%	9/1
4	SUMMER IS TOMORROW	2%	4%	6%	50/1
5	SMILE HAPPY	2%	4%	6%	50/1
6	MESSIER	4%	11%	22%	25/1
7	CROWN PRIDE	2%	4%	6%	50/1
8	CHARGE IT	5%	6%	9%	20/1
9	TIZ THE BOMB	2%	4%	6%	50/1
10	ZANDON	12%	23%	33%	8/1
11	PIONEER OF MEDINA	2%	4%	6%	50/1
12	TAIBA	26%	36%	42%	3/1
13	SIMPLIFICATION	2%	4%	6%	50/1
14	BARBER ROAD	2%	9%	15%	50/1
15	WHITE ABARRIO	5%	10%	18%	20/1
16	CYBERKNIFE	3%	11%	19%	30/1
17	CLASSIC CAUSEWAY	2%	4%	6%	50/1
18	TAWNY PORT	2%	4%	6%	50/1
19	ZOZOS	2%	4%	6%	50/1
20	ETHEREAL ROAD	2%	4%	6%	50/1

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE PICKS

Race # - Post Time	WIN%	Fair Odds
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RACE 1 (10:30 AM ET) // MAIDEN (\$120K)

14	GASOLINE	27%	5/2
13	MONTAUK POINT	11%	8/1
6	VINCO	6%	15/1
7	WARRIOR JOHNY	6%	15/1

RACE 2 (11:01 AM ET) // ALLOWANCE (\$127K)

9	MICKY FROM WEXFORD	31%	5/2
8	OSBOURNE	20%	4/1
2	STAYED IN FOR HALF	9%	10/1
3	UNPREDICTABLE BAY	9%	10/1

RACE 3 (11:31 AM ET) // ALLOWANCE (\$127K)

10	PLAYED HARD	22%	7/2
2	COMMUNITY ADJUSTED	15%	6/1
6	READY LADY	11%	8/1
9	QUEEN BOURBON	11%	8/1

RACE 4 (12:04 PM ET) // ALLOWANCE (\$127K)

10	MONEY SUPPLY	17%	5/1
5	OP FIRECRACKER	10%	9/1
2	BYE BYE BOBBY	9%	10/1
3	LESLIE CHOW	7%	14/1

RACE 5 (12:36 PM ET) // G2 DISTAFF TURF MILE (\$500K)

7	IN ITALIAN	30%	5/2
5	WAKANAKA	17%	5/1
6	LADY SPEIGHTSPEARE	13%	7/1
1	SHE CAN'T SING	11%	8/1

RACE 6 (1:14 PM ET) // KNICKS GO (\$160K)

2	SHARED SENSE	23%	7/2
7	SOUTH BEND	14%	6/1
12	ENDORSED	13%	7/1
11	NECKER ISLAND	13%	7/1

RACE 7 (1:56 PM ET) // G2 PAT DAY MILE (\$500K)

11	MY PRANKSTER	24%	3/1
5	JACK CHRISTOPHER	15%	6/1
8	KAVOD	14%	6/1
12	O CAPTAIN	12%	8/1

Race # - Post Time	WIN%	Fair Odds
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RACE 8 (2:48 PM ET) // G1 DERBY CITY DISTAFF (\$750K)

1	LADY ROCKET	25%	3/1
2	JUST ONE TIME	16%	5/1
6	BELL'S THE ONE	15%	6/1
4	KIMARI	15%	6/1

RACE 9 (3:40 PM ET) // G2 AMERICAN TURF (\$500K)

7	SY DOG	23%	7/2
6	PORTFOLIO COMPANY	18%	9/2
8	ROYAL SPIRIT	14%	6/1
2	MAIN EVENT	11%	9/1

RACE 10 (4:31 PM ET) // G1 CHURCHILL DOWNS (\$750K)

3	JACKIE'S WARRIOR	25%	3/1
6	PREVALENCE	16%	5/1
7	MIND CONTROL	15%	6/1
1	ALOHA WEST	15%	6/1

RACE 11 (5:27 PM ET) // G1 TURF CLASSIC (\$1M)

6	SHIRL'S SPEIGHT	23%	7/2
1	IVAR	15%	6/1
2	BIZZEE CHANNEL	14%	6/1
5	MIRA MISSION	9%	10/1

RACE 12 (6:57 PM ET) // G1 KENTUCKY DERBY (\$3M)

12	TAIBA	26%	3/1
10	ZANDON	12%	8/1
3	EPICENTER	11%	9/1
1	MO DONEGAL	5%	20/1

RACE 13 (7:55 PM ET) // ALLOWANCE (\$134K)

6	CANDY TYCOON	19%	9/2
7	STORM THE COURT	11%	8/1
11	LAUGHING BOY	10%	9/1
1	FAN CLUB	7%	14/1

RACE 14 (8:30 PM ET) // MAIDEN (\$120K)

12	BOURBON HEIST	28%	5/2
9	MASTER GAME	12%	8/1
6	MASTER OF ARMS	7%	14/1
3	LUDWIG	6%	15/1

A close-up photograph of two jockeys on horses during a race. The jockey on the left is wearing a blue and white striped helmet and a blue jacket, riding a brown horse with a white blaze. The jockey on the right is wearing a red and white helmet and a red and white jacket, riding a brown horse. Both horses are galloping on a dirt track under a clear blue sky.

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WAGERING FACTS

Below are some informative wagering tidbits from past Kentucky Derby events.

WIN-PLACE-SHOW ODDS

(Last 25 Years, Odds to \$1)

Win Odds: Average: 14.35-to-1

High: 65.20 (Country House, 2019)

Low: 2.30 (Fusaichi Pegasus, 2000; Nyquist 2016)

Notable: Last 3 winners averaged nearly 29-1 following 6 straight winning favorites.

Place Odds: Average: 18.00-to-1

High: 71.60 (Closing Argument, 2005)

Low: 0.70 (Tiz the Law, 2020)

Notable: Last year's 26.90-1 runner-up Mandaloun was eventually promoted to the winner after the medication disqualification of Medina Spirit.

Show Odds: Average: 11.98-1

High: 46.50 (Mr. Big News, 2020)

Low: 2.70 (Indian Charlie, 1998)

Notable: 7 of the last 10 Derby third-place finishers have been 10-1 or less.

EXACTA PAYOFFS

(Last 25 years, \$2 Payoffs)

Average: \$908.09

High: \$9,814.80 (Giacomo-Closing Argument, 2005)

Low: \$30.60 (Nyquist-Exaggerator, 2016)

Notable: 4 of the last 7 Derby \$2 exactas paid \$72 or less.

TRIFECTA PAYOFFS

(Last 25 years, \$2 Payoffs)

Average: \$11,834.33

High: \$133,134.80 (Giacomo-Closing Argument-Afleet Alex, 2005)

Low: \$173.40 (Nyquist-Exaggerator-Gun Runner, 2016)

Notable: Exacta two-thirds of the \$2 trifectas offered in the Derby all-time have paid more than \$1000.

SUPERFECTA PAYOFFS

(Since 1996, \$1 Payoffs)

Average: \$75,067.46

High: \$864,253.50 (Giacomo-Closing Argument-Afleet Alex-Don't Get Mad, 2005)

Low: \$350.00 (Silver Charm-Captain Bodgit-Free House-Pulpit, 1997)

Notable: The 10-cent superfecta was offered only once in 2020 during the 'September Derby.'

DERBY FAVORITES IN POINTS' SYSTEM ERA (2013-PRESENT)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Favorite</u>	<u>Odds (\$1)</u>	<u>Finish</u>
2021	Essential Quality	2.90	3rd (via DQ)
2020	Tiz the Law	.70	2nd
2019	Improbable	4.00	4th
2018	Justify	2.90	1st
2017	Always Dreaming	4.70	1st
2016	Nyquist	2.30	1st
2015	American Pharoah	2.90	1st
2014	California Chrome	2.50	1st
2013	Orb	5.40	1st

DERBY FAVORITES BY DECADE

2020s	0-for-2
2010s	6-for-10
2000s	4-for-10
1990s	0-for-10
1980s	0-for-10
1970s	6-for-10

HIGHEST-PRICED DERBY FAVORITES IN HISTORY

(Odds to \$1)

<u>Odds</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Finish</u>
6.30	Lookin At Lucky	2010	6th
6.00	Harlan's Holiday	2002	7th
5.50	Sweetnorthernsaint	2006	7th
5.40	Orb	2013	1st
5.20	Dialed In	2011	8th
4.90	Street Sense	2007	1st
4.80	General Challenge/ Excellent Meeting	1999	5th
4.70	Always Dreaming	2017	1st
4.40	Prairie Bayou	1993	2nd
4.20	Bodemeister	2012	2nd
4.10	Smarty Jones	2004	1st

HIGHEST-PRICED DERBY RUNNERS IN SUPERFECTA

(Last 20 Years, Odds to \$1)

<u>Odds</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Finish</u>
85.10	Instilled Regard	2018	4th
71.60	Closing Argument	2005	2nd
65.20	Country House	2019	1st
50.60	Mine That Bird	2009	1st
50.30	Giacomo	2005	1st
46.50	Mr. Big News	2020	3rd
41.70	Limehouse	2004	4th
40.00	Battle of Midway	2017	3rd

KENTUCKY DERBY

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STAND BY YOUR 'MO'

By Eddie Olczyk

ANALYSIS: I've got MO DONEGAL from 23-1 to 37-1 in the various Kentucky Derby Future Wagers, so I'm in the garden spot with him in terms of betting. After he drew the rail in Monday's post-position draw, the question became, "What are you gonna do?" You just need a boatload of racing luck. I was in this same spot last year with Known Agenda (you may recall the Wager Guide headline: Rail or Not, Here We Come). But we know MO DONEGAL likes to run inside; so that's the good part about drawing inside. The difficult part, obviously, is the traffic. But enough players are going to be scared off by the rail draw that he's going to be an overlay. The talent's still there. I'm zeroing in on MO DONEGAL and playing the gimmicks around him.

MAIN CONTENDERS: EPICENTER is the horse to beat for Steve Asmussen after a nearly flawless prep campaign. Chad Brown's horse, ZANDON, makes plenty of sense off a career-best effort in the Blue Grass. A repeat or step forward from that puts him right there. I've been a big backer of WHITE ABARRIO this year at Gulfstream Park, but I'm not sure he can reproduce his Florida results on the road, witnessed by his lone defeat at Churchill Downs.

VALUE PLAYS: PIONEER OF MEDINA and SIMPLIFICATION should be big prices from the front and back of the pack. They learned with SIMPLIFICATION that you can take him back and make a long, half-mile run with him and pick up some of the pieces. He's worth tossing in some 50-cent boxes. PIONEER OF MEDINA could make for a big Derby for Todd Pletcher, also trainer of MO DONEGAL and CHARGE IT.

\$100 WAGERING STRATEGY:

- \$11 Win-Place: MO DONEGAL (\$22)
- \$4 Exacta Key-Box: MO DONEGAL with EPICENTER, PIONEER OF MEDINA, ZANDON (\$24)
- \$1 Trifecta Box: MO DONEGAL, EPICENTER, PIONEER OF MEDINA, ZANDON (\$24)
- \$.50 Trifecta Box: MO DONEGAL, EPICENTER, PIONEER OF MEDINA, ZANDON, SIMPLIFICATION (\$30).

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FRIDAY'S GRADE 1 KENTUCKY OAKS CHURCHILL DOWNS // RACE 11

Post	Win %	Place %	Show %
7	ECHO ZULU	32%45%	57%
10	KATHLEEN O.	14%27%	35%
4	NEST	9%27%	39%
9	DESERT DAWN	9%17%	37%
2	NOSTALGIC	6%13%	16%
5	GODDESS OF FIRE	4%13%	23%
8	VENTI VALENTINE	4%10%	19%
1	SECRET OATH	3%8%	11%
6	YUUGIRI	3%8%	11%
3	HIDDEN CONNECTION	3%5%	7%
11	COCKTAIL MOMENTS	3%5%	7%
12	CANDY RAID	3%5%	7%
13	SHAHAMA	3%5%	7%
14	TURNERLOOSE	3%5%	7%
15	BEGUINE	3%5%	7%

TOP 4 PICKS

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KENTUCKY DERBY

GRADE 1 - \$3,000,000

3YO - 1 1/4 MILES (DIRT)



POPPING ANTI-ACIDS POST-DRAW

By Jeremy Plonk, @HorsePlayerNow

ANALYSIS: Readers of the 1/ST Kentucky Derby Wager Guide early edition may recall my bullish nature on three major prep-race winners – MO DONEGAL from the Wood, ZANDON from the Blue Grass and EPICENTER via the Louisiana Derby. On their Derby trail performances, knocking holes in any of them seemed an exercise in simply trying to be too cute. But then the post-position draw happened. MO DONEGAL was burdened with the still-excessively difficult rail (despite the new starting gate helping the cause in the initial strides). EPICENTER drew a tough post 3 that's alongside a committed speedball from overseas SUMMER IS TOMORROW, who could ratchet up the pressure. And left smiling in post 10 was ZANDON with most of the race's inexperience, speed and quirkiness all safely to his inside.

MAIN CONTENDERS: ZANDON's Blue Grass has been punctuated by a series of strong workouts and the post draw worked beautifully for his chances under Flavien Prat, who has a win, second and third from 4 Derby mounts. EPICENTER isn't a toss based on his post, but the job got tougher and your demand on price has to go up. His works were a touch aggressive and suggest he could get pulled into the fray. MO DONEGAL could wind up 17th under the wire the first time and caked in dirt before the clubhouse turn, and that's a lot to overcome. Still, his Wood Memorial finish was special and aggressive Irad Ortiz Jr. is likely what you want over a passive pilot. TAIBA's work since the SA Derby didn't wow me, and MESSIER has trained smartly since. He's preferred of those. Also enter WHITE ABARRIO into this space. He's growing on me, worked well at Gulfstream between races last week and gets a fast pace to attack from mid-flight. He reminds me so much of I'll Have Another in his seasonal development.

VALUE PLAYS: Florida Derby runner-up CHARGE IT has progressed well since a green effort against WHITE ABARRIO and we don't know his ceiling yet. Bombs away with ETHEREAL ROAD as the plodding, clichéd closer for this race's bottom piece. With less bullish confidence in MO DONEGAL tied to every wager, I'll work prices into the potential trifecta while standing by the top pair.

\$100 WAGERING STRATEGY:

- \$2 trifecta part-wheel MO DONEGAL and ZANDON with MO DONEGAL, ZANDON, MESSIER, EPICENTER, CHARGE IT, WHITE ABARRIO with MO DONEGAL, ZANDON, MESSIER, EPICENTER, CHARGE IT, WHITE ABARRIO, ETHEREAL ROAD (\$100)



STATS & TRENDS

2021 DERBY HANDLE TOTALS

(Handle in Millions Except Hi-5)

Pool	Amount
Win/Place/Show	\$69.4
Exacta	\$22.2
Trifecta	\$30.5
Superfecta	\$13.9
Super High Five	\$763K
Pick Four	\$3.2
Pick Five	\$3.4
Oaks/Derby Double	\$2.8
Pick Six	\$3.6

DERBY WINNERS' PREVIOUS STARTS

Year	Derby Winner	Sts	2YO	3YO
'21	Mandaloun (via DQ)	5	2	3
'20*	Authentic	5	1	4
'19	Country House	6	2	4
'18	Justify	3	0	3
'17	Always Dreaming	5	2	3
'16	Nyquist	7	5	2
'15	Amer. Pharoah	5	3	2
'14	Cal. Chrome	10	7	3
'13	Orb	7	4	3
'12	I'll Have Another	5	3	2
'11	Animal Kingdom	4	2	2

* - September Derby

WORST FINAL PREP TO WIN DERBY

(Since 1906)

Fin.	Horse	Year
12th	Stone Street	1908
6th	Mandaloun	2021
5th	Iron Liege	1957
5th	Count Turf	1951
5th	Doneraile	1913
5th	Pink Star	1907



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All Wet: According to the National Weather Service, rain has fallen on Kentucky Derby Day 11 of the past 13 years when held in May.

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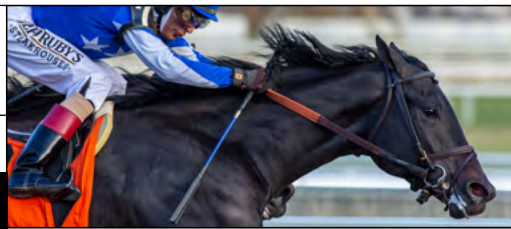
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KENTUCKY DERBY

GRADE 1 - \$3,000,000

3YO - 1 1/4 MILES (DIRT)



ZANDON PEAKS AT THE RIGHT TIME

By Jeff Siegel @jsiegelracing

ANALYSIS: The 2022 Kentucky Derby class may lack an American Pharoah/Justify type, which is to say that none of the main players have yet produced the type of "wow" performance that has established clear favoritism. But with many winners of the 100-point prep races fresh from having produced a career-top performance, it is reasonable to assume that one or more will step forward again. From our viewpoint, ZANDON is the most likely candidate to make the biggest leap, which is why we've landed on him. As always, trips, pace, track condition and racing luck will play a major role in separating the contenders, but after overcoming severe traffic to win the Blue Grass, we have confidence that ZANDON will handle any of the obstacles that he'll face in the 20-runner field.

MAIN CONTENDERS: Favorites once went two full decades (1980-1999) without winning, but have been successful 10 times since 2000. Who will be favored this year? ZANDON seemed ready to accept the role after his breathtaking Blue Grass score and appears primed to become the first winner of that race since Strike the Gold in 1991 to score in Louisville. However, the strongest of the final Derby preps was the Santa Anita Derby, in which TAIBA and MESSIER finished one-two for new trainer Tim Yakteen. Who really knows how good the undefeated (in two starts) TAIBA can be, while MESSIER was a tad rusty in his first start in two months and has trained superbly in the a.m. since. EPICENTER's Louisiana Derby win looks a little less glittery than it did six weeks ago, but this tactically-blessed colt projects to enjoy a trouble-free trip.

VALUE PLAYS: It was remarkable that CHARGE IT managed to finish second in the Florida Derby after encountering so much self-inflicted trouble. His lack of experience notwithstanding, the son of Tapit offers a reasonable price chance, as there may not be a colt with more upside in the entire field.

\$100 WAGERING STRATEGY:

- \$40 Win: ZANDON (\$40)
- \$3 Exacta Box: ZANDON, EPICENTER, CHARGE IT, MESSIER (\$36)
- \$2 Exacta Box: ZANDON, EPICENTER, CHARGE IT, TAIBA (\$24)

KENTUCKY DERBY HISTORY

THE LAST...

ARKANSAS DERBY ALUM TO WIN:
Country House (2019)

BLUE GRASS ALUM TO WIN:
Street Sense (2007)

FLORIDA DERBY ALUM TO WIN:
Always Dreaming (2017)

LOUISIANA DERBY ALUM TO WIN:
MANDALOUN (2021)

SANTA ANITA DERBY ALUM TO WIN:
Authentic (2020)

JEFF RUBY ALUM TO WIN:
Animal Kingdom (2011)

WOOD MEMORIAL ALUM TO WIN:
Funny Cide (2003)

JOCKEY TO WIN BACK-TO-BACK:
Victor Espinoza (2014 California Chrome, 2015 American Pharoah)

TRAINER TO WIN BACK-TO-BACK:
Bob Baffert (1997 Silver Charm, 1998 Real Quiet)

JOCKEY TO WIN DERBY DEBUT:
Mario Gutierrez (2012 I'll Have Another)

TRAINER TO WIN DERBY DEBUT:
Art Sherman (2014 California Chrome)

JOCKEY TO WIN OAKS & DERBY SAME YEAR:
Calvin Borel (2009 Rachel Alexandra and Mine That Bird)

TRAINER TO WIN OAKS & DERBY SAME YEAR:
Ben Jones (1952 with Real Delight & Hill Gail)

TOP 4 PICKS

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EXPERT PICKS

We tasked our expert racing analysts across the 1/ST family to provide their selections for this year's first jewel in the Triple Crown.

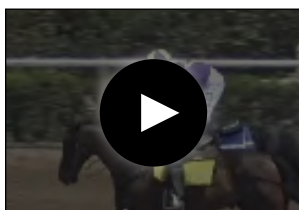
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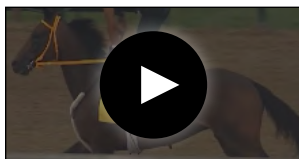
By Zoe Cadman, Millie Ball & Michelle Yu

The Kentucky Derby is such a unique race, and yet the formula for eyeing the winner based on morning workouts remains the same, according to XBTv analyst Millie Ball: Good energy + fluid stride + focused demeanor.



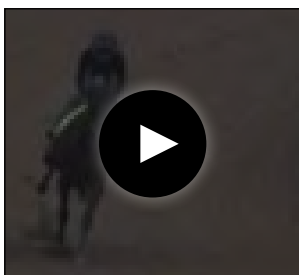
HORSE	DATE	TRACK	DISTANCE	TIME
EPICENTER	4/24	CD	6F	1:12.20 (3/4)

ZOE CADMAN: Working in company on the outside of Gun it with Wilson Fabian in the irons, the son of Not this Time was clocked in splits of :13, :24.40, :35.80, and :47.20. Epicenter galloped out 7 furlongs in 1:26.20 and was up to one mile in 1:41. Can't say enough about this work and look forward to watching him more as we get closer to the first Saturday in May.



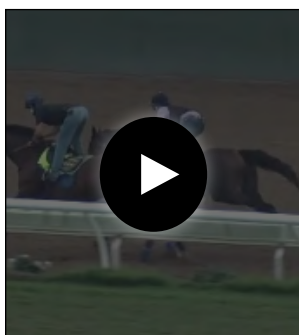
ZANDON	4/23	KEE	4F	:48.60 (24/94)
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MICHELLE YU: Love the mind on this colt who was kind throughout to his rider. Instant acceleration when set down, but ears flicking to indicate plenty in the tank. Fit-looking son of Upstart looked like he could go around again with a smooth gallop-out of this maintenance drill.



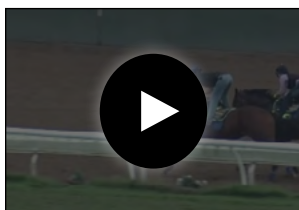
MESSIER	4/23	SA	5F	:59.80 (9/48)
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MILLIE BALL: Messier is a strong work horse and we are accustomed to seeing him work alone. His first work since the runner-up effort in the Santa Anita Derby was exactly what trainer Tim Yakteen was looking for; a smooth, easy maintenance drill to keep some air in his lungs and verify he came back healthy and happy. Drayden Van Dyke was up and equipped with a walkie-talkie. He set off from the half-mile pole reaching the wire in :47.20, then instructed by Yakteen to keep going, he clocked 5 furlongs in :59.80, and galloped out 6 furlongs in 1:12. "Perfect," Tim told Drayden as they eased off the rail. Messier will have one more work before shipping to Churchill May 1.



TAIBA	4/28	SA	6F	1:12.60 (1/4)
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MILLIE BALL: In his only work between the Santa Anita and Kentucky Derbies, Taiba left the 5/8-pole sitting just off the hip of American Admiral (recent maiden claiming winner), nice and relaxed with Drayden Van Dyke up. They stayed together in a nice even tempo with splits of 12.40, 24.60, 36.40, passing the wire in 100.40 – at which point Drayden asked Taiba to go on and he dropped his body and lengthened his stride like a good horse does. He worked 6F in 1:12.60 and galloped out in 1:26.40. Yakteen prompted Drayden over the walkie-talkie to keep the colt going once he'd left his company so he'd stay on task, which he did. This colt has never been a flashy work horse in the morning, but for such a lightly raced, young horse he's pushbutton and has gears, evident in his races and again in this work.



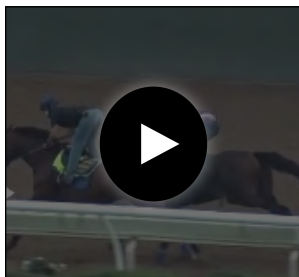
WHITE ABARRIO	4/24	GP	4F	1:00.04 (5/13)
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ZOE CADMAN: Worked in company with allowance winner Stormy Pattern, sitting just off his hip. The Florida Derby winner really is getting the hang of this "rating" thing – and while I liked the work, I would have liked to see a little more separation on the gallop-out. That being said, this is a typical work for the son of (recently deported to Korea) Race Day. This guy will be flying under the radar.



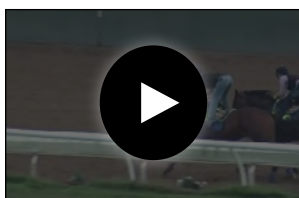
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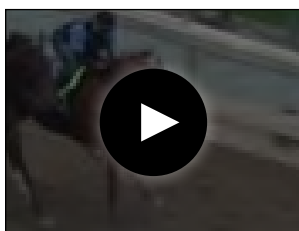
HORSE	DATE	TRACK	DISTANCE	TIME
TIZ THE BOMB	4/23	CD	5F	1:00.20 (8/70)
SMILE HAPPY	4/23	CD	5F	1:00.40 (12/70)

ZOE CADMAN: Smile Happy inside of stablemate Tiz the Bomb. Tiz the Bomb was hard to contain, tossing his head to engage early while a more complacent Smile Happy set the tempo. 'Tiz closed ground when given free rein around the turn, but drifted with a cocked head down the lane and Smile Happy came right back at him with just a small shake of the lines and always seemed best despite the times.



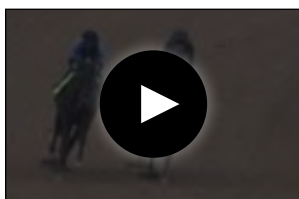
SIMPLIFICATION	4/22	GP	5F	:59.42 (4/17)
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MILLIE BALL: Simplification appears to have a strong constitution and can work as slow or as fast as asked. Here, the Fountain of Youth winner had his stamina put to the test. He recorded a 5-furlong work in :59.40, while being asked to pick up the pace from 1/4 pole to the wire. But what impressed me is when the rider stayed low in the saddle for an additional 3/8ths of a mile in :38 flat on my watch.



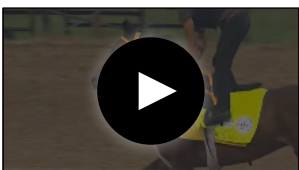
CROWN PRIDE	4/24	CD	4F	:49.20 (35/58)
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ZOE CADMAN: The UAE Derby winner had a less eventful work just a couple of days after dumping the rider taking a left-hand turn out of the gate. Crown Pride looked comfortable over the CD strip despite a "turfy" action going through splits of :12.40, :24.80, :37.20, :49.20 out in 1:01.40 and 1:15.40 working from the 3/8ths pole, per clocker John Nichols. A good work from a horse clearly doing well; let us not forget the Japanese horses have been on fire of late.



ZOZOS	4/22	CD	6F	1:12.40 (1/4)
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MILLIE BALL: Throughout his 3-race career, Zozos has recorded the bullet work more often than not. Thus, his fastest time of 4 horses working the 6-furlong distance at Churchill April 22 comes as no shock. He travels wide, but it hasn't prevented him from performing yet. Based on this work, he continues to train well and appears to handle the Churchill surface.



CYBERKNIFE	4/23	CD	6F	1:12.20 (1/3)
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MICHELLE YU: Caught the tail end of this in-company move with Cyberknife in a facile undressing of his workmate (4YO allowance-placed Koolhaus). Not asked a drop and increased his margin as well as his stride, looking smooth and straight heading into the bottom turn. Greenness that is shown late in races was not evident here at all.

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Grade 1 Churchill Downs	\$750,000	4&UP	7 furlongs
Grade 2 Pat Day Mile	\$500,000	3YO	1 mile
Grade 2 Distaff Turf Mile	\$500,000	4&UP FM	1 mile (turf)
Grade 2 American Turf	\$500,000	3YO	1-1/16 miles (turf)

