



# Derby/Oaks Update

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

## KENTUCKY DERBY UPDATE

**CALIFORNIA CHROME (No. 1)** – The West Coast whiz **California Chrome** went trackside Wednesday morning at Churchill Downs just before 6:40 with exercise rider **Willy Delgado** at the controls. The chestnut stood inside the five-furlong gap for about three minutes, then began a backtrack along the rail by announcing his presence to one and all with a great, loud whinny.

Trainer **Art Sherman** looked on from the second deck of the old clocker's stand on the backstretch. His son and assistant trainer, **Alan Sherman**, as well as one of the colt's owner/breeders, **Steve Coburn**, were stationed in the Churchill paddock, ready to oversee his eminent arrival.

With pauses along the way to take things in – a standard occurrence for the horse his people say – “Chrome” eventually worked his way clockwise to the paddock where he checked it all out and apparently found it to his approval. Delgado next steered his mount back to the main track and a tour of about a mile and one-half around, going slowly the first time, then picking up some steam for the second go-round. After pulling up, the colt headed back through the gap and an admiring crowd to Barn 20 where he soon was enjoying a bath as dozens of photographers and video types clicked and cranked away.

Art Sherman was asked if he would continue to eschew the 8:30 a.m. special training time for Derby and Oaks horses for the remainder of the week.

“Yes, I want to go early with this horse,” the veteran trainer said. “I’ve trained him early all along and I don’t want to break pattern now. If he was one of those nervous horses, one that maybe needed a pony, I might take advantage of the special training period. But he’s so laid-back and easy-going, I think I do him better just to keep him on his schedule.”

Sherman indicated that “Chrome” would again tour the paddock Thursday morning, as well as have a stand in the starting gate, to go with his gallop. He said he’d gallop him Friday, also, then put him on the track for a once-around jog race morning.

“I put just about all my horses on the track race day,” Sherman said. “It keeps them loose; allows them to do something other than standing in the stall and starting to get nervous. They expect to go out every day, so when you do that you don’t give them time to start thinking about having to race. They stay more at ease.”

And as far as paddocking among the race-day crowds during the week?

“Nope,” Sherman said, “don’t do it. You can’t replicate that Derby feeling and this horse’s demeanor isn’t an issue. I’m thinking he’s going to be fine for the race.”

Sherman’s remarkable roll with California Chrome – in which one good thing after another keeps happening – continued Tuesday night when he attended the traditional KTA-KTOB Derby Trainers Dinner. He was the last trainer to speak and drew good applause for his take on the whole Derby experience. Then, in a drawing of admission tickets following the event, Sherman’s was pulled for a free airplane ship for any horse by the Tex Sutton people – good for anywhere you wanted to go.

At the barn Wednesday morning, someone asked Sherman if he’d be using the free trip to send California Chrome back home.

“Well,” the trainer said, “actually I was thinking I might ship him to the Bahamas and go with him.”

**VICAR’S IN TROUBLE (No. 2)/GENERAL A ROD (No. 14)/HARRY’S HOLIDAY (No. 19)** – Trainer **Mike Maker** said Wednesday that the hoopla of Derby Day shouldn’t be an issue for his three Derby contenders – **Ken** and **Sarah Ramsey’s Vicar’s in Trouble**, **Starlight Racing** and **Skychai Racing’s General a Rod** and **Skychai Racing, Terry Raymond** and **Jana Wagner’s Harry’s Holiday**.

They have the minds to deal with the excitement, Maker said.

“Each one of them has no problem,” he said. “They’re not on the nervous side or anything of that nature, so I feel pretty confident that they’re going to handle it.”

Harry’s Holiday, a former claimer, will be returning to dirt after racing on Polytrack in his past four starts. His best performances came on Polytrack – a second-place finish, a nose behind **We Miss Artie**, in the Spiral (GIII) at Turfway Park, and an eight-length victory in the 96ROCK Stakes at Turfway. On Polytrack, Harry’s Holiday has earned \$151,122; in four starts on dirt, he has earned \$35,760.

The 96Rock was the first race in which Harry’s Holiday wore blinkers, and they made a big difference, co-owner Raymond said.

## ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY DERBY LEADERBOARD PRESENTED BY TWINSPIRES.COM

#	Horse	Points	Trainer	NRSE
1.	California Chrome	150	Art Sherman	\$782,250
2.	Vicar’s in Trouble	120	Mike Maker	\$760,000
3.	Dance With Fate	108	Peter Eurton	\$600,000
4.	Wicked Strong	102	Jimmy Jerkens	\$630,000
	<del>Toast of New York</del>	<del>100</del>	<del>Jamie Osborne</del>	<del>\$1,200,000</del>
5.	Samraat	100	Rick Violette Jr.	\$640,000
6.	Danza	100	Todd Pletcher	\$620,000
	<del>Constitution</del>	<del>100</del>	<del>Todd Pletcher</del>	<del>\$600,000</del>
7.	Hoppertunity	95	Bob Baffert	\$576,000
8.	Intense Holiday	93	Todd Pletcher	\$527,500
9.	Wildcat Red	90	Jose Garoffalo	\$610,000
10.	We Miss Artie	60	Todd Pletcher	\$544,000
11.	Ride On Curlin	55	Billy Gowan	\$354,387
12.	Chitu	54	Bob Baffert	\$440,000
13.	Tapiture	52	Steve Asmussen	\$470,738
	<del>Midnight Hawk</del>	<del>52</del>	<del>Bob Baffert</del>	<del>\$420,000</del>
	<del>Ring Weekend</del>	<del>50</del>	<del>Graham Motion</del>	<del>\$260,000</del>
	<del>+ Asmar IRE</del>	<del>40</del>	<del>Fawzi Abdulla Nass</del>	<del>\$557,500</del>
14.	General a Rod	40	Mike Maker	\$240,000
15.	Medal Count	40	Dale Romans	\$226,500
	<del>Albano</del>	<del>34</del>	<del>Larry Jones</del>	<del>\$190,000</del>
16.	Candy Boy	30	John Sadler	\$380,000
	<del>Cairo Prince</del>	<del>24</del>	<del>Kieran McLaughlin</del>	<del>\$520,000</del>
17.	Uncle Sigh	24	Gary Contessa	\$180,000
	<del>+ Emirates Flyer GB</del>	<del>20</del>	<del>Saeed bin Suroor</del>	<del>\$381,691</del>
18.	Vinceremos	20	Todd Pletcher	\$191,666
19.	Harry’s Holiday	20	Mike Maker	\$152,622
20.	Commanding Curve	20	Dallas Stewart	\$104,000
21.	Pablo Del Monte	20	Wesley Ward	\$102,000
	<del>Bayern</del>	<del>20</del>	<del>Bob Baffert</del>	<del>\$100,000</del>
	<del>Social Inclusion</del>	<del>20</del>	<del>Manny Azpurua</del>	<del>\$90,000</del>
	<del>Havana</del>	<del>14</del>	<del>Todd Pletcher</del>	<del>\$660,000</del>
	<del>Honor Code</del>	<del>14</del>	<del>Shug McGaughey III</del>	<del>\$340,000</del>
22.	Big Bazinga	14	Katerina Vassilieva	\$92,149

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"He's not a Poly horse," Raymond said. "He's just a horse. He ran good in Florida on dirt, and he won over here (at Churchill Downs). I think the difference in him – where he went like shazaam! – was the blinkers. He lit up like a Christmas tree when we put the blinkers on. It was a big move on him, but we always liked him from the beginning."

Maker and the owners claimed Harry's Holiday for \$30,000 out of a maiden race, which he won, Sept. 7 at Churchill.

Harry's Holiday galloped Wednesday under exercise rider **Joel Barrientos**.

Vicar's in Trouble, the Louisiana Derby (GII) winner, didn't go to the track Wednesday. "It's his walk day," Maker said.

General a Rod, third-place finisher in the Florida Derby (GI), walked Wednesday morning, a day after working a half-mile in 49.40.

**DANCE WITH FATE (No. 3)** – Blue Grass Stakes (GI) winner **Dance With Fate** galloped 1 ¼ miles after the Wednesday morning renovation break with **Issac Muniz** aboard.

"He got a little aggressive at the quarter pole when another Derby horse (**Ride On Curlin**) came by and stayed with him," trainer **Peter Eurton** said.

Owned by **Sharon Alesia, Bran Jam Stable and Ciaglia Racing**, Dance With Fate has run twice on dirt in his eight-race career but never encountered an "off" track. After overnight rains, the track still had plenty of moisture in it and was listed as "muddy" when Dance With Fate trained Wednesday.

"I'm not really concerned about a wet track," Eurton said. "They like it or they don't. A little rain would make the track a little tighter and he likes tight tracks anyway."

When Dance With Fate was getting his morning bath, jockey **Corey Nakatani** came by to check on his Derby mount. Nakatani rode Dance With Fate for the first time in the Blue Grass.

**WICKED STRONG (No. 4)** – Centennial Farms' Wood Memorial (GI) winner **Wicked Strong** galloped 1 5/8 miles Wednesday morning during the 8:30 window reserved for Derby and Oaks runners.

"He's as good as I could hope," trainer **Jimmy Jerkens** said. "I still don't know how he is going to be on Derby Day, but I'm happy with how he is so far. Nothing else has bothered him. There's a lot of activity and that hasn't bothered him at all."

There are 28 members of the Wicked Strong partnership group. Twenty of them are new to racing ownership.

Centennial Farms was formed in 1982 by **Donald Little Sr.** and campaigned a number of top horses, including **Colonial Affair**, winner of the Belmont Stakes, Whitney and Jockey Club Gold Cup; sprint champion **Rubiano** and Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile winner **Corinthian**. After his father died in 2012, **Donald Little Jr.** restructured the company with partners **Peter** and **Peggy Horvitz** of Seattle and opened it to smaller investors. Wicked Strong was part of the first three-horse group purchased by the revamped Centennial Farms at the 2012 Keeneland September yearling sale. They purchased him for \$375,000.

"When they brought him out of the stall and stood him up, he was one of those that instantly sort of caught our eye," Little said. "What is that exactly? Well, he had a great presence. He stood over a good amount of ground. A very, very impressive shoulder angle.

"I put quite a bit of emphasis on their eye and he was very attentive, very aware of everything going on around him and had a wonderful stride in his walk. He had that shoulder angle and he would reach out. It's very obvious and you could see in prominently in the Wood. When **Rajiv (Maragh)** got him straightened out, literally his whole body dropped about a foot. He lowered in his running style and his stride lengthened about three feet.

The other important element in the selection was the colt's pedigree. He is by **Hard Spun** and is out of a mare sired by 1999 Derby winner **Charismatic**. Centennial's goal is to purchase horses with pedigrees that indicate they would be suited for classic races on dirt like the Kentucky Derby.

"It's definitely a distance pedigree," Little said. "His daddy was second in the Derby. Yeah, he won the King's Bishop (GI), but he was able to get a distance being by **Danzig** and the mother was by **Charismatic**.

"He trained like that, right from the get-go at the farm. He was the one guy in the group of yearlings we had in 2012 that kind of said, 'I'm the kingpin here.' And he was right from the beginning sort of the favorite of the group."

The colt received his name following the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing. The term Boston Strong quickly became popular as a show of support for the victims. Centennial is based in Beverly, Mass. and Don Little Jr. said he tried to rename the 2-year-old colt **Moyne Spun** as **Boston Strong**, but it already had been claimed by another New England partnership company, **Sovereign Stable** of Manchester, N.H. Boston Strong, a New York-bred son of **Pioneerof the Nile**, in training at Belmont Park, but has not made his first career start.

Little decided to go with the suggestion of a friend, Wicked Strong. In New England slang, wicked adds emphasis to adjectives: wicked cool, wicked fast, wicked funny, wicked strong. The 28-person partnership decided to contribute a portion of the colt's earnings to the One Fund, which aids victims of the bombing.

"When we named him, it was more out of anger," Little said. "Like Sovereign, we didn't do it as a promotional thing. It's more of a reaction to what had happened and what was going on in the city with the intention of something good coming out of it and being able to donate some money to the One Fund and be able to help the families and the victims. Here we are."

Jerkens will be saddling his first Derby starter. He was working for his father, Hall of Famer **H. Allen Jerkens**, in 1992 when **Devil His Due** ran in the Derby. One part of his Derby experience -- the parade of horses from the stable area through the first turn to the paddock -- remains a vivid memory.

"I'll never forget the walk over there," he said. "I'll never forget it as long as I live. I never saw anything like it. People are just up and around you. It was incredible."

Jerkens smiled when someone asked if he was ready to make the walk with his own horse.

"I guess as ready as I'll ever be," he said.

#### KENTUCKY DERBY JOCKEYS

Horse	Jockey	Derby Record
California Chrome	<b>Victor Espinoza</b>	<b>5-1-0-1</b>
Candy Boy	<b>Gary Stevens</b>	<b>19-3-2-1</b>
Chitu	Martin Garcia	2-0-0-0
Commanding Curve	Shaun Bridgmohan	5-0-0-0
Danza	Joe Bravo	2-0-0-0
Dance With Fate	Corey Nakatani	16-0-1-0
General a Rod	<b>Joel Rosario</b>	<b>4-1-0-0</b>
Harry's Holiday	Corey Lanerie	0-0-0-0
Hoppertunity	<b>Mike Smith</b>	<b>20-1-4-1</b>
Intense Holiday	<b>John Velazquez</b>	<b>15-1-1-0</b>
Medal Count	Robby Albarado	13-0-1-2
Pablo Del Monte	Jeffrey Sanchez	0-0-0-0
Ride On Curlin	<b>Calvin Borel</b>	<b>11-3-0-2</b>
Samraat	Jose Ortiz	0-0-0-0
Tapiture	Ricardo Santana Jr.	0-0-0-0
Uncle Sigh	Irak Ortiz Jr.	0-0-0-0
Vicar's In Trouble	Rosie Napravnik	2-0-0-0
Vinceremos	Joe Rocco Jr.	0-0-0-0
We Miss Artie	Javier Castellano	7-0-0-0
Wicked Strong	Rajiv Maragh	3-0-0-1
Wildcat Red	Luis Saez	1-0-0-0

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**SAMRAAT (No. 5) – My Meadowview Farm’s Samraat** had an eventful visit to the track Wednesday morning where he galloped 1 3/8 miles under exercise rider **Rodney Paine**.

“He was very sharp,” trainer Rick Violette said. “He had a horse doing a two-minute lick coming at him when he turned corner coming on the racetrack and almost lost his rider. It was all of four seconds, but ...”

Violette said his colt reared, ducked and tried to get away from the pony during that brief but frightening event. He then went on for gallop around the track for Paine.

“He moved great, was very sharp, handled the racetrack and was happy to be here,” Violette said. “No changes necessary.”

Violette said he will have the **Noble Causeway** colt school in the gate Thursday and perhaps again Friday.

Samraat won the first five starts of his career and was second to **Wicked Strong** in the Wood Memorial. In the Withers and Gotham, both Grade III races at Aqueduct, he engaged in extended duels with **Uncle Sigh**, who also is in the Derby. He showed grit to finish well in the Wood and Violette likes bringing a battle-tested runner to the Derby.

“I think it’s invaluable,” he said. “That he has won is great, but there is no question that he has been looked in the eye and has had the right response. And they are long drives, too.”

“In the Wood he passed a couple of little internal tests that he hadn’t been confronted with before. We’ve stalked but we’ve been in the clear and for the first time down the backside he had horses in front of him, horses outside of him, horses inside of him. You would be amazed how that dynamic makes 17-hand horses look like Shetland ponies. All of a sudden they are not the dominant horses. It wasn’t a factor.”

“The other little battle was at the half-mile pole. We kind of set sail and **Kristo** was on the outside of him and it took a good eighth of a mile to shake him. He was off the bridle and riding hard to get away from him so we could focus on **Social Inclusion**.”

Samraat did make up the ground, but the Wood favorite wasn’t done.

“Social Inclusion kind of busts chops and opens up two at the head of the lane,” Violette said, noting how that move can discourage the competition, but Samraat kept trying.

“He finally changed leads in the shadow of the wire and nailed him for second,” Violette said. “A lot of those little educational tests he was not only was confronted with but passed them. Coming into his next race you’re not going to be that concerned and he’ll deal with it even better.”

**DANZA (No. 6)/INTENSE HOLIDAY (No. 8)/WE MISS ARTIE (No. 10)/VICEREMOS (No. 18)** – The Derby quartet that races out of the **Todd Pletcher** barn had good gallops Wednesday morning at Churchill Downs as they head toward their date with destiny in Saturday’s 140th running of the Kentucky Derby.

**Danza**, a flashy chestnut – as opposed to the three others who are listed as dark bay or brown – galloped widest and strongest of the foursome. He had regular exercise rider **Ezequiel Perez** at the controls. **Intense Holiday** was handled by **Isabelle Bourez**; **We Miss Artie** partnered with **Nick Bush**, and **Vinceremos** was with his guy **Humberto Zamora**.

The four colts each went about a mile and three-eighths – give or take – around the big oval on an overcast morning.

Those wanting a good look at the Pletcher contenders can do so in the paddock with the horses from today’s fifth race.

**HOPPERUNITY (No. 7)/CHITU (No. 12)** – **Karl Watson**, **Mike Pegram** and **Paul Weitman**’s **Hoppertunity** jogged Wednesday morning while the **Tanma Corporation** colt **Chitu**

galloped. It was **Hoppertunity**’s first day back on the track after working a half-mile in :48 during a rain storm Monday morning.

Hall of Fame trainer **Bob Baffert** said **Chitu** galloped about 1 1/2 miles. He had his final timed work for the 140th Kentucky Derby on Sunday morning, breezing six furlongs from the gate in 1:13.20. Baffert entered the colt in the Derby Trial (GIII) Saturday night, but opted to scratch out of that race and work the Sunland Derby (GIII) winner Sunday morning to stay on course for the Derby.

“Every day he looks better and better and I really like the way he went around there,” Baffert said. “He needed a nice, stiff work, that’s why I wanted to run him in the Derby Trail, but I did get that stiff work out of him. He looks good. He’s going to run his race.”

**Hoppertunity**, a son of **Any Given Saturday**, was originally named **Anyway U Way**, and Baffert asked his longtime owners and friends, **Watson**, **Pegram** and **Weitman**, to consider a new name. He even offered a suggestion.

“Sometimes I’ll tell them to change a name, unless it is named after a child,” Baffert said. “I didn’t like the name, some friends of ours are **Chad** and **Kathleen Hopper** and we thought it would be a good to name him **Hoppertunity**. I guess it’s a term they use it a lot in their family. They are a really fun couple and are horse racing fans.”

The **Hoppers** are traveling from Southern California to Louisville this week to see **Hoppertunity** run in the Derby.

“As soon as we changed his name he woke up and started coming around,” Baffert said.

**WILDCAT RED (No. 9) – Honors Stable Corp.’s Wildcat Red** galloped 1 ½ miles under exercise rider **Juan Belmonte** Wednesday morning at Churchill Downs.

The son of **D’wildcat**, who won the Fountain of Youth (GII) and Hutcheson Stakes (GIII), will be saddled by **Jose Garoffalo**, a Gulfstream Park-based trainer who never has started a horse in the Kentucky Derby.

“I’m not nervous. I’m very optimistic. I’m a little bit surprised that I’m not nervous, but I’m a pretty calm person,” said Garoffalo, who began his training career in his native Venezuela before venturing to the United States in 1999.

Garoffalo’s calm demeanor before the Derby may be attributed in part to the success he had at the highest level in Venezuela.

“I have experience in big races. In Venezuela, trainers are very used to being in contact with the media – TV, radio, the press is always at the track. We’re pretty much used to that,” Garoffalo said. “And I’ve been involved in the big races there.”

In 1991, Garoffalo saddled his father **Jose Garoffalo Sr.**’s champion homebred filly, **Climalba**, for a victory against the boys in the 1991 Clásico Simon Bolívar.

“It’s Venezuela’s biggest race,” he said.

Garoffalo, who completed law school before deciding to dedicate himself to training, always had a goal to venture to the U.S. to train Thoroughbreds.

“It was a personal challenge to prove that I could make it here,” he said. “I think it was a good decision.”

Garoffalo, who settled in South Florida, became a U.S. citizen four years ago.

**RIDE ON CURLIN (No. 11)** – Seeking his fourth Kentucky Derby victory, Hall of Fame jockey **Calvin Borel** is high on the chances of **Daniel Dougherty’s Ride on Curlin**

“I like him a lot,” Borel said Wednesday morning of the Arkansas Derby (GI) runner-up. “I think he’s coming up to the race at the best time, peaking a little bit. I think every race up to this race, he always had a little excuse. He wasn’t exactly ready, or, you know, had a bad trip or something. I think he’s peaking at the right time. He sure is training good.”

Borel, who won the Kentucky Derby on **Street Sense** in 2007, **Mine That Bird** in 2009 and **Super Saver** in 2010, said that Ride On Curlin has the mental make-up to handle Derby Day.

"He's pretty smart," Borel said. "He's not perfect at the barn. You don't want to pet him or nothing like that. But once he gets on the racetrack, he's all right. He's a hard horse to get along with at the barn. He'll bite you and stuff like that. But once he gets on the track, he's all business."

Trainer **Billy Gowan** said he has no concerns about Ride On Curlin's mind. "He's got the mind to handle it, believe me," Gowan said. "He's got the perfect mind for this because that's something you can't train in them. They've either got it or they don't. He's had it from Day One."

"When I ran him in the Iroquois (GIII) as a 2-year-old, it was night racing. They had live bands, people everywhere. Never turned a hair. I took him to the paddock yesterday and schooled him, never turned a hair. That's the least of my worries is his mind."

The mile and a quarter shouldn't be a problem for Ride On Curlin, either, Borel said. "I don't think it'll bother him. Sit and wait. Sit and wait. I think the more you sit and wait, he'll go as far as you want him to go."

"He's a smart horse. If he does how I think he's going to do – everything right – we'll be all right."

Ride On Curlin galloped Wednesday under exercise rider **Bryan Beccia**.

All that's left to do, Gowan said, is to bring Ride on Curlin to the race healthy and sound. "Every morning, I check his legs," Gowan said. "You always hold your breath when you check his legs. Man, they've been cold and tight. I'm tickled to death."

**TAPITURE (No. 13) – Winchell Thoroughbreds' Tapiture** galloped an easy one mile around 6:15 a.m. with regular exercise rider **Abel Flores** up. It was the Southwest Stakes (GIII) winner's first time back to the track since his memorable half-mile work through a violent thunderstorm Monday morning.

"First day back from our little water-soaked breeze and I thought he went really well," trainer **Steve Asmussen** said. "At this stage I think there's plenty in him. I just want to keep him nice and relaxed and loose."

Tapiture schooled in the paddock Tuesday afternoon during the seventh race and seemed especially concerned with the track's public address system.

"He was pretty anxious," Asmussen said. "It was the first time we were schooling him since we've been here this meet and I look for him to be a little bit more relaxed today. Whether he goes back one or two more times I don't know."

Tapiture is a special horse to Asmussen for reasons beyond his talent. Throughout his pedigree and history are links to former Asmussen-trained horses, including several broken and readied for the racetrack at the Asmussen Horse Center owned by the conditioner's parents, **Keith** and **Marilyn Asmussen**, near the border town of Laredo, Texas.

**Tapit**, sire of both Tapiture and the Asmussen-trained Kentucky Oaks favorite **Untapable**, was purchased by **Ron Winchell** as a yearling in 2002. Ron Winchell's father, donut king **Verne Winchell**, sent talented young horses to Laredo for breaking and educating for years, dating back to the late-1980s. Ron elected to continue the arrangement after Verne died that year and sent his talented gray to Keith and Marilyn Asmussen before the colt went on to win graded stakes at two and three, including the 2004 Wood Memorial (GI) under the care of **Michael Dickinson**.

Tapiture's dam, **Free Spin**, is a Winchell homebred and also was raised in Laredo. That mare is by **Olympio**, a six-time graded stakes winner in Southern California in the early 1990s, who also was

a Winchell homebred and, of course, learned to be a racehorse in Laredo.

Tapit's first U.S. winner was a Winchell homebred named **Retap**, who Asmussen trained to a debut win at Churchill Downs as a juvenile in May 2008 and who would go on to win that year's Riley Allison Futurity at Sunland Park.

"It's a fabulous story," Asmussen said. "It's just such a family tree that our family is so connected with, with all of those horses going through my parents' place in Laredo. And then Dad sends [Tapiture] up to me in the summer and Dad was so high on him. The horse was such a good athlete. For him to be down to the select 20 of his foal crop, it's very special."

In the five years his progeny have been racing, Tapit has sired 13 Grade I winners. If there is any quality in common between Tapiture, Untapable and most of the other Tapits that Asmussen has been around, it's simply their "immense ability," he said.

"When you have a good Tapit, they're faster than the rest," Asmussen said. "They just are. I think we've seen races like that from several of them through the years and what we're looking to do is just get better at handling them and keeping them around and get more of those types of races out of them."

**MEDAL COUNT (No. 15) – Spendthrift Farm's Medal Count** galloped 1 ½ miles under exercise rider **Faustino Aguilar** during the Oaks and Derby training session.

Back at trainer **Dale Romans**'s barn, Medal Count's breeder, **Barbara Banke** of **Stonestreet Thoroughbreds**, admired the **Dynaformer** colt out of her successful broodmare **Brisquette** (who has now produced two graded stakes winners, Medal Count and **Garden District**).

"I'm proud I raised him, although I'm a little sorry I'm not here as his owner," Banke said. "But I'm so glad that my friend has him and they've done well with him."

Having watched Medal Count's exercise a few minutes earlier, Banke said she could envision a Derby win that would be her first as a breeder primarily because of the colt's stamina.

"He's got plenty of room to go the distance and he's fit," she said. "I'm happy with the way he looks and I'm looking forward to the race."

At Stonestreet, a band of nearly 100 broodmares produces an average of 70 foals per year.

"We sell a lot," Banke said. "I tend to keep more fillies than colts and if I do keep colts I like to have partners, because often it doesn't work out. We have some very, very well-bred fillies that I want to keep in my program."

**CANDY BOY (No. 16) – The dark Candy Ride colt Candy Boy** galloped during the Derby/Oaks training period at 8:30 following the renovation break at Churchill Downs Wednesday morning. Exercise rider **Jelani Grant** was aboard for a solid bit of exercise that covered a mile and three-eighths. They also did a session of standing in the gate.

Trainer **John Sadler** watched the proceedings, as did the Candy Boy's owner and breeder, **Lee Searing**.

Sadler was happy with most everything his horse has done in Kentucky so far.

"He's doing fine," Sadler said. "He paddocked well (Tuesday during the races). He looked around a lot, but he was fine with it. You can't duplicate that Derby crowd, of course, but I want him to have a feel for it. I've got him booked to paddock again today and right on through the week, even Oaks day."

Hall of Fame jockey **Gary Stevens** will ride Candy Boy Saturday.

**UNCLE SIGH (No. 17) – Trainer Gary Contessa sent Wounded Warrior Stables and Anthony Robertson's Uncle Sigh** to the racetrack for a "mini breeze" at Churchill Downs Wednesday morning.

"I just let him stretch his legs a little bit. He wound up going a half in 52 and 3. It was exactly what I was looking for," Contessa said. "He did it on his own. His body language was outstanding. He just steadily picked it up every eighth, but never turned his head loose."

The New York-bred colt was not credited for an official workout by the Churchill clockers.

"To the eye it was an open gallop. To the horse it was an open gallop. To the clocker, I guess it would be right on the borderline of being a breeze. It was exactly what I was looking for," Contessa said. "I wanted him to get a feel for the track. He worked last Friday; I wanted him to do a little something. It's three days before the Derby. I wanted him to open up his lungs a little bit and I got exactly what I was looking for him."

Exercise rider **Benito Alvarado** was aboard for what turned out to be an impromptu "work."

"It didn't start out to be, but it definitely ended up being one. It was a mini breeze," Contessa said. "I backed him up at the quarter pole, galloped him around. I broke him off at the half. He went 14 seconds from the half to the three-eighths. Then he picked it up to almost 12 and 4, so he went 26 and change for the quarter. Then – I was on the walkie with the rider – I said, 'Don't move.' Then he went 13, 13 home, so he went 52-and-3."

Uncle Sigh was equipped with blinkers, with which he'll run for the first time in Saturday's Kentucky Derby.

**COMMANDING CURVE (No. 20)** – Trainer **Dallas Stewart** said he decided to take a patient approach with **West Point Thoroughbreds' Commanding Curve** after he broke his maiden as a 2-year-old on the last day of the Churchill Downs fall meet.

Commanding Curve won that mile-and-a-sixteenth race Nov. 30 by 1 1/2 lengths in his fourth start, and Stewart discussed his plan with West Point president **Terry Finley**.

"I told Terry, 'Man, now we need to approach this like we've got a good horse,' " Stewart said. "That's why we gave him enough time. We didn't run him until the Risen Star (GII). Just trained him. Ran pretty good there, got beat eight lengths coming out of a maiden race and time off. And the Louisiana Derby (GII), here we are. Hopefully, we've got him tight enough and fit enough for a mile and a quarter."

Commanding Curve finished sixth in the Risen Star (GII), 8 1/4 lengths behind winner **Intense Holiday**. After being impeded at the start in the Louisiana Derby (GII), Commanding Curve finished third, five lengths behind winner **Vicar's in Trouble**.

Commanding Curve galloped Wednesday morning under exercise rider **Emerson Chavez**, and Stewart said he was planning to school him in the paddock in the afternoon.

**PABLO DEL MONTE (No. 21)** – **Susan Magnier, Derrick Smith, Michael Tabor** and trainer **Wesley Ward's Pablo Del Monte** was vanned from Keeneland Race Course to Churchill Downs Wednesday, arriving shortly before the 8 a.m. deadline set for Kentucky Derby entrants to be on the grounds.

Pablo De Monte sat 21<sup>st</sup> in the points standings when entries were taken Wednesday morning and will be the only horse on the Derby also-eligible list. He could draw into the field in the event of a scratch prior to Friday at 9 a.m.

Due to an unexpected delay in his morning commute, the son of **Giant's Causeway** didn't go to the track with other Kentucky Derby candidates at the appointed 8:30 a.m. time.

Pablo Del Monte went to the track at 9:45 a.m. for a jog around Churchill with jockey **Jeffrey Sanchez** aboard.

**BIG BAZINGA** – **Robert Bates**, head of **Derby Dreamers Racing Stable**, did not enter **Big Bazinga** for Kentucky Derby 140 and

instead supplemented the gelding into Saturday's \$250,000-added American Turf (GII) Presented by Ram Trucks.

## LONGINES KENTUCKY OAKS UPDATE

**AURELIA'S BELLE** – Trying to ensure that **Jim Miller's Aurelia's Belle** won't be bothered by the hoopla on Kentucky Oaks Day, trainer **Wayne Catalano** scheduled two schooling sessions Wednesday for her.

She went to the paddock in the morning, and Catalano said he also intended to school her in the afternoon.

"She doesn't care for the crowd a little bit," he said. "But we're going to go ahead and school her. She's getting better about it. So we're working on it."

Before the race, Catalano, a former jockey, will be giving instructions to his son-in-law, jockey **Channing Hill**.

"Being an ex-jockey, it's a little easier to give instructions," Catalano said. "And when you know the horse, like we always do, being the trainer and everything, it's a lot easier to do."

**Aurelia's Belle** galloped Wednesday morning under exercise rider **Calamity Compton**.

**EMPRESS OF MIDWAY** – **Daniel Kramer** and **Rick Pitino's Empress of Midway** galloped 1 1/2 miles after the renovation break with exercise rider **Humberto Gomez** aboard.

Empress of Midway, who has been at Churchill Downs since April 21, drew post position 10 for the Oaks and will be ridden by **Corey Nakatani**.

"We like the post," said **Jack Sinsterson**, assistant to trainer **Doug O'Neill**. "She has not missed a beat since she has been here. She has adapted well, just like she was home."

Sinsterson said Empress of Midway may make a pass through the paddock Thursday after her morning activity.

"That's what we did two years ago with **I'll Have Another** and that worked out well," Sinsterson said, referring to the 2012 Kentucky Derby winner. "That is sort of a ritual with us."

**FASHION PLATE** – **Arnold Zetcher** and **Michael Tabor's Fashion Plate** backtracked once around and then galloped a mile under exercise rider **Paul Eddery** after the Wednesday morning renovation break.

Fashion Plate started her career on all-weather surfaces but has prospered on the dirt, a surface on which she is undefeated in three starts.

"She really transformed when she got on the dirt and she was more mature," trainer **Simon Callaghan** said. "In her first start at Del Mar (on Polytrack) she got bumped around but she was third in her next race."

Winner of the Grade I Los Virgenes and Santa Anita Oaks in her two most recent starts, Fashion Plate will break from post position seven in the Oaks under **Gary Stevens**.

"I was hoping for something in the middle and the seven is ideal," Callaghan said. "She will be forwardly placed."

**GOT LUCKY/MY MISS SOPHIA** – Trainer **Todd Pletcher's** Oaks-bound fillies galloped at Churchill Downs Wednesday morning during the special Derby/Oaks training period. **My Miss Sophia** had exercise rider **Humberto Zamora** aboard for strong bit of exercise of about a mile and three-eighths, while **Amy Mulen** was in the saddle for a mile and a quarter spin with **Got Lucky**.

Tuesday, when entries were taken, "Sophie" drew post No. 11 in the 13-horse field, while "Lucky" was just outside her in post No. 12.

"Not an ideal draw for us," Pletcher said. "But we can adjust to it. My Miss Sophia has enough speed that she'll be able to find a good position. And Got Lucky is going to drop back and make a run, so post isn't that important. They'll both be fine."

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**Javier Castellano** has the call on My Miss Sophia, while Hall of Fame rider **John Velazquez** will handle Got Lucky.

**KISS MOON** – **Carl Pollard's Kiss Moon** galloped 1 ¼ miles under **Otto Thorwarth** after the morning renovation break for trainer **David Vance**.

Kiss Moon did not make her racing debut until Dec. 13 at Turfway Park. Only two other Oaks entrants started their careers later: **Empress of Midway** and **My Miss Sophia**.

"She's a big filly and we just took our time with her," Vance said. "We thought she would be better going two turns and on grass in the long run. With her (half) sister (**Kiss Mine**, a graded stakes-placed runner on grass), everything is a bonus now on the main track."

Second in the Fantasy (GIII) in her most recent start, Kiss Moon will be ridden in the Oaks by **Victor Espinoza** and break from post position six.

**PLEASE EXPLAIN** – **Niall Racing's Please Explain** jogged once around before the renovation break for trainer **Tom Proctor**.

Please Explain drew post position one for the Oaks and will be ridden by **Jose Lezcano**.

**RIA ANTONIA** – **Christopher Dunn** and **Looch Racing Stable's Ria Antonia**

jogged Wednesday during her return to the track after she breezed a half-mile in :47.70 Monday morning.

The **Rockport Harbor** filly was transferred to trainer **Bob Baffert's** care over the winter following her victory via disqualification in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (GI) for New York trainer **Jeremiah Englehart**. In her lone start for Baffert, she was second to **Fashion Plate** in the Santa Anita Oaks (GI).

"She came to me in really great shape. I really can't take any credit for that," Baffert said. "She won the Breeders' Cup and I'm trying to keep her at that level. It's a very tough race. There are some really good fillies in there, like **Untapable** and **Rosalind**. It's a strong field.

"Since I've had her, she's probably doing the best. She seems to like the track. She just needs to get away from the gate a little bit better than last time and just get in her groove. She's got a certain groove that she needs to be in. I put blinkers back on here because I think she needs them. I tried without blinkers last time and she wasn't quite as aggressive as I wanted her, but she got beat by a nice filly."

**ROSALIND** – **Landaluce Educe Stables' Rosalind** galloped 1 1/2 miles, starting from the eighth-pole and looping around the Churchill Downs oval before finishing at the five-eighths pole. A planned visit to the starting gate was abandoned when the Broken Vow filly refused to cooperate.

"We pulled the plug on that," trainer **Kenny McPeek** said. "She just gets balky. After she pulls up from the gallop she wants to come home. We want to take her to the gate but she wants to go the other way."

Regular exercise rider **Danny Ramsey** will attempt another gate visit Thursday, this time with an outrider alongside to coax and educate.

"She's done it a few races in a row and I'm not sure why she does it," McPeek said. "We haven't quite figured it out but as long as she's doing everything else right..."

Rosalind's antics didn't seem to impact her effort last time out, when she dead-heated for a win in Keeneland's Ashland Stakes (GI).

"She's a quiet filly and she's all class," McPeek said. "The only trouble we ever have with her is going to the gate."

Rosalind will school in the paddock during Wednesday's seventh race.

**SUGAR SHOCK** – **On Cloud Nine LLC's Sugar Shock** galloped 1 ½ miles after the renovation break under **Seth VanDyke**.

"We let her stretch her legs a little through the stretch," trainer **Doug Anderson** said.

Sugar Shock has been at Churchill Downs for more than two weeks since winning the Fantasy (GIII) at Oaklawn Park and Anderson has liked what he has seen.

"There have been no bumps at all," Anderson said. "She hasn't missed an oat or any training."

**Calvin Borel**, who won the Oaks in 2009 aboard **Rachel Alexandra**, has the mount on Sugar Shock and will break from post position three.

"That's all right," Anderson said of the draw in the 13-horse field. "A good spot."

**THANK YOU MARYLOU** – Trainer **Mike Maker** sees **Ken** and **Sarah Ramsey's Thank You Marylou** as a possible stalker in the Kentucky Oaks on Friday.

"It looks like there's plenty of speed in there, not looking at it closely," Maker said Wednesday. "I just think she'll be maintaining a stalking position."

Thank You Marylou, who will be ridden by **Julien Leparoux**, will break from the No. 5 post position in the 13-filly field.

Maker said he doesn't expect the Oaks crowd to bother Thank You Marylou. "She's been good about everything, so I don't see any problems with it," Maker said.

The filly galloped Wednesday under exercise rider **Joel Barrientos**.

**UNBRIDLED FOREVER** – **Charles Fipke's Unbridled Forever** galloped Wednesday morning under exercise rider **Pedro Velez**, and trainer **Dallas Stewart** planned to school her in the paddock in the afternoon.

"She's got a really good mind," Stewart said. "She's nice that way."

Unbridled Forever typically behaves well in the paddock, Stewart said, and he doesn't expect her to have issues with the crowd on Oaks Day.

Breaking on Unbridled Forever from the No. 9 post position, jockey **Robby Albarado** will have options, Stewart said. "She's real easy to ride, looks to be a rateable, kind filly," he said. "She can go either way – press the pace, lay back. It doesn't matter."

**UNTAPABLE** – **Winchell Thoroughbreds' Untapable**, the 4-5 morning line favorite for Friday's Kentucky Oaks, visited the starting gate Wednesday around 7:30 a.m. and then enjoyed a light 3/4-mile jog from the head of the stretch to the half-mile pole over the muddy main track.

"Just looking to be very relaxed," trainer **Steve Asmussen** said. "Little bit sticky going this morning and just wanted her to come back in and stay happy."

Untapable schooled in the paddock during Tuesday's fifth race and never completely settled down.

"She'll go back over there today," Asmussen said. "Hopefully this will be it for her."

During the schooling session, Team Asmussen saddled the filly with the same Oaks saddle towel she'll wear Friday, as well as tack nearly identical to what jockey **Rosie Napravnik** will use in the race.

"We do school with an elastic girth and a jock's saddle," Asmussen explained. "If you're going to school, you know, simulate what's going to happen."

Untapable drew the outside post 13, a spot of debatable consequence.

“You don’t know if a draw’s good until after the race runs,” Asmussen said. “So many times you can think, oh, that’s a perfect spot for one when they draw, and then they get eliminated at the start or they step back when they kick it (open the gates) or just something of their own doing or something around them affects them. If she’s away cleanly, finds herself a nice spot going into the first turn, you can see how it’s ideal. If somebody blows the turn and takes her into the parking lot, then it’s not the spot to be!”

Napravnik, an Oaks winner in 2012 (**Believe You Can**), has the return mount after piloting Untapable to a perfect two-for-two record in 2014 with dominant wins in the Rachel Alexandra Stakes (GIII) and Fair Grounds Oaks (GII).

“I’ve been watching her train every morning and she looks just unbelievable,” Napravnik said. “She’s doing everything exactly the right way. She’s just always been improving since the first race that she ran.”

### BARN LIST – KENTUCKY DERBY

Horse	Trainer	Date	Barn
California Chrome	Art Sherman		20
Candy Boy	John Sadler		43
Chitu	Bob Baffert		33
Commanding Curve	Dallas Stewart		48
Danza	Todd Pletcher		34
Dance With Fate	Peter Eurton		42
General a Rod	Mike Maker		27
Harry’s Holiday	Mike Maker		27
Hoppertunity	Bob Baffert		33
Intense Holiday	Todd Pletcher		34
Medal Count	Dale Romans		4
Pablo Del Monte	Wesley Ward		9
Ride On Curlin	Billy Gowan		47
Samraat	Rick Violette Jr.		28
Tapiture	Steve Asmussen		38
Uncle Sigh	Gary Contessa		41
Vicar’s in Trouble	Mike Maker		27
Vinceremos	Todd Pletcher		34
We Miss Artie	Todd Pletcher		34
Wicked Strong	Jimmy Jerkens		31
Wildcat Red	Jose Garoffalo		21

### BARN LIST – KENTUCKY OAKS

Horse	Trainer	Date	Barn
Aurelia’s Belle	Wayne Catalano		30
Empress of Midway	Doug O’Neill		45
Fashion Plate	Simon Callaghan		41
Got Lucky	Todd Pletcher		34
Kiss Moon	Dave Vance		32
My Miss Sophia	Todd Pletcher		34
Please Explain	Tom Proctor		20
Ria Antonia	Bob Baffert		33
Rosalind	Kenny McPeek		6
Sugar Shock	Doug Anderson		27
Thank You Marylou	Mike Maker		27
Unbridled Forever	Dallas Stewart		48
Untapable	Steve Asmussen		38

### STAKES ENTRIES

#### LONGINES KENTUCKY OAKS (GI)

Friday, May 2, \$1 million, f, 3yo, 1 1/8 M, Churchill Downs (Race 11), 5:49 p.m. ET. Television: NBC Sports Network.

#	Horse	Jockey	Trainer
1.	Please Explain	Jose Lezcano	Tom Proctor
2.	Ria Antonia	Mike Smith	Bob Baffert
3.	Sugar Shock	Calvin Borel	Doug Anderson
4.	Rosalind	Joel Rosario	Kenny McPeek
5.	Thank You Marylou	Julien Leeparoux	Mike Maker
6.	Kiss Moon	Victor Espinoza	Dave Vance
7.	Fashion Plate	Gary Stevens	Simon Callaghan
8.	Aurelia’s Belle	Channing Hill	Wayne Catalano
9.	Unbridled Forever	Robby Albarado	Dallas Stewart
10.	Empress of Midway	Corey Nakatani	Doug O’Neill
11.	My Miss Sophia	Javier Castellano	Todd Pletcher
12.	Got Lucky	John Velazquez	Todd Pletcher
13.	Untapable	Rosie Napravnik	Steve Asmussen

#### LA TROIENNE (GI)

Friday, May 2, \$300,000-added, f & m, 4 & up, 1 1/16 M, Churchill Downs (Race 5), 12:43 p.m. ET. Television: HRTV.

#	Horse	Jockey	Trainer
1.	Molly Morgan	Corey Lanerie	Dale Romans
2.	Liberated	Stuart Elliot	Victoria Oliver
3.	Unlimited Budget	John Velazquez	Todd Pletcher
4.	Magic Union	Jose Lezcano	John Sadler
5.	Devil’s Cave	Javier Castellano	Marty Wolfson
6.	On Fire Baby	Joe Johnson	Gary Hartlage

#### ALYSHEBA PRESENTED BY BESILU STABLES (GII)

Friday, May 2, \$300,000-added, 4 & up, 1 1/16 M, Churchill Downs (Race 10), 4:52 p.m. ET. Television: HRTV.

#	Horse	Jockey	Trainer
1.	Moonshine Mullin	Calvin Borel	Randy Morse
2.	Will Take Charge	Gary Stevens	D. Wayne Lukas
3.	Mylute	Rosie Napravnik	Tom Amoss
4.	Coin Broker	Corey Lanerie	Dale Romans
5.	Normandy Invasion	Javier Castellano	Chad Brown
6.	Golden Soul	Robby Albarado	Dallas Stewart
7.	Golden Ticket	Joel Rosario	Kenny McPeek
8.	Appealing Tale	Victor Espinoza	Peter Miller
9.	Bradester	Jose Lezcano	Eddie Kenneally

#### TWIN SPIRES TURF SPRINT (GIII)

Friday, May 2, \$150,000-added, 4 & up, 5 F (I), Churchill Downs (Race 6), 1:26 p.m. ET. Television: HRTV.

#	Horse	Jockey	Trainer
1.	Ancil	Calvin Borel	Joan Scott
2.	Undrafted	Gary Stevens	Wesley Ward
3.	Stormofthecentury	Rosie Napravnik	Louis Ruberto Jr.
4.	Marchman	Corey Lanerie	Bret Calhoun
5.	Scatman	Javier Castellano	Eddie Kenneally
6.	Positive Side	Robby Albarado	Grant Forster
7.	Googlead (ARG)	Joel Rosario	Randy Morse
8.	Sum of the Parts	Victor Espinoza	Tom Amoss
9.	Havelock	Jose Lezcano	Darrin Miller

#### EIGHT BELLES (GIII)

Friday, May 2, \$175,000-added, 3yo f, 7 F, Churchill Downs (Race 8), 3:02 p.m. ET. Television: HRTV.

#	Horse	Jockey	Trainer
1.	Whomping Willow	Corey Lanerie	Dale Romans
2.	Lady Paradime	Rajiv Maragh	Kelly Breen
3.	Designer Legs	Shaun Bridgmohan	Dallas Stewart
4.	Our Amazing Rose	John Velazquez	Todd Pletcher
5.	Jojo Warrior	Rosie Napravnik	Bob Baffert
6.	Cash Control	James Graham	Steve Margolis
7.	Fiftyshadesofgold	Mike Smith	Bret Calhoun
8.	Mufajaah	Joe Johnson	Daniel Peitz
9.	Milam	Jose Lezcano	Eddie Kenneally
10.	She’s A Tiger	Gary Stevens	Jeff Bonde

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**EDGEWOOD PRESENTED BY FORCHT BANK**

Friday, May 2, \$150,000-added, 3yo f, 1 1/16 M (I), Churchill Downs (Race 9), 4:02 p.m. ET. Television: HRTV.

# Horse	Jockey	Trainer
1. Miss Machiavelli	Kent Desormeaux	Keith Desormeaux
2. Courageous Julie	Rosie Napravnik	D. Wayne Lukas
3. Granny Mc's Kitten	Joel Rosario	Chad Brown
4. Candy Kitty	John Velazquez	Todd Pletcher
5. Little Journey	Jose Lezcano	Chad Brown
6. A Little Bit Sassy	Luis Saez	Michael Matz
7. Istanbul	Javier Castellano	Michael Stidham
8. V V Goodnight	Alan Garcia	Tom Proctor
9. Fonepferesh (IRE)	Joe Rocco Jr.	Eric Reed
10. Resisitivity	Julien Leparoux	Mark Casse

**KENTUCKY DERBY PRESENTED BY YUM BRANDS (GI)**

Saturday, May 3, \$2 Million-added, 3yo, 1 1/4 M, 140<sup>th</sup> running

Horse	Trainer	Status
California Chrome	Art Sherman	Confirmed
Vicar's In Trouble	Mike Maker	Confirmed
Dance With Fate	Peter Eurton	Confirmed
Wicked Strong	Jimmy Jerkins	Confirmed
Samraat	Rick Violette, Jr.	Confirmed
Danza	Todd Pletcher	Confirmed
Hoppertunity	Bob Baffert	Confirmed
Intense Holiday	Todd Pletcher	Confirmed
Wildcat Red	Jose Garoffalo	Confirmed
We Miss Artie	Todd Pletcher	Confirmed
Ride On Curlin	Billy Gowan	Confirmed
Chitu	Bob Baffert	Confirmed
Tapiture	Steve Asmussen	Confirmed
General a Rod	Mike Maker	Confirmed
Medal Count	Dale Romans	Confirmed
Candy Boy	John Sadler	Confirmed
Uncle Sigh	Gary Contessa	Confirmed
Vinceremos	Todd Pletcher	Confirmed
Harry's Holiday	Mike Maker	Confirmed
Commanding Curve	Dallas Stewart	Confirmed
Pablo Del Monte	Wesley Ward	Possible

**WOODFORD RESERVE TURF CLASSIC (GI)**

Saturday, May 3, \$500,000-added, 4 & up, 1 1/8 M (I), Churchill Downs (Race 10), 4:44 p.m. ET. Television: NBC

# Horse	Jockey	Trainer
1. Wise Dan	John Velazquez	Charlie LoPresti
2. Bright Thought	Victor Espinoza	Jorge Gutierrez
3. Guys Reward	Corey Lanerie	Dale Romans
4. Admiral Kitten	Julien Leparoux	Mike Maker
5. Kaigun	Alan Garcia	Mark Casse
6. Moro Tap	Rosie Napravnik	Mike Maker
7. Boisterous	Javier Castellano	Todd Pletcher
8. Finnegans Wake	Mike Smith	Dale Romans
9. Skyring	Joe Rocco Jr.	D. Wayne Lukas
10. Seek Again	Joel Rosario	Bill Mott

**HUMANA DISTAFF (GI)**

Saturday, May 3, \$300,000-added, f & m, 4 & up, 7 F, Churchill Downs (Race 7), 2:08 p.m. ET. TV: NBC Sports Network

# Horse	Jockey	Trainer
1. Street Girl	Julien Leparoux	Eddie Kenneally
2. Heart Stealer	Joel Rosario	Marty Wolfson
3. Judy the Beauty	John Velazquez	Wesley Ward
4. Saturday nthe Park	Robby Albarado	Tevis McCauley
5. Scherzinger	Mike Smith	Jerry Hollendorfer
6. Iotapa	Victor Espinoza	John Sadler
7. Speedinthrucecity	Ricardo Santana Jr.	Steve Asmussen
8. Midnight Lucky	Rosie Napravnik	Bob Baffert

**CHURCHILL DOWNS (GII)**

Saturday, May 3, \$400,000-added, 4 & up, 7 F, Churchill Downs (Race 9), 3:46 p.m. ET. Television: NBC Sports Network.

# Horse	Jockey	Trainer
1. Capo Bastone	John Velazquez	Todd Pletcher
2. Clearly Now	Javier Castellano	Brian Lynch
3. Broadway Empire	Gary Stevens	Robertino Diodoro
4. Sahara Sky	Joel Rosario	Jerry Hollendorfer
5. Quiet Force	Julien Leparoux	Mike Maker
6. Laugh Track	Miguel Mena	Mark Casse
7. River Bear	Tim Thornton	Rusty Hellman
8. Falling Sky	Luis Saez	George Weaver
9. Central Banker	Corey Nakatani	Al Stall Jr.
10. Delaunay	Rosie Napravnik	Tom Amoss
11. Shakin It Up	Mike Smith	Bob Baffert

**CHURCHILL DISTAFF TURF MILE PRESENTED BY LONGINES (GII)**

Saturday, May 3, \$300,000-added, f & m, 4 & up, 1 M (I), Churchill Downs (Race 6), 1:19 p.m. ET. Television: NBC Sports Network.

# Horse	Jockey	Trainer
1. Tapicat	Joel Rosario	Bill Mott
2. Coffee Clique	Javier Castellano	Brian Lynch
3. Miz Ida	Shaun Bridgmohan	Steve Margolis
4. Dame Marie	Irad Ortiz Jr.	Eddie Kenneally
5. Absolute Crackers (IRE)	Alan Garcia	Graham Motion
6. I'm Already Sexy	Florent Geroux	Wayne Catalano
7. Ready Signal	Joe Bravo	Amy Tarrant
8. Effie Trinket	Luis Saez	Richard Violette Jr.
9. Centre Court	Julien Leparoux	Rusty Arnold

**AMERICAN TURF PRESENTED BY RAM TRUCKS (GII)**

Saturday, May 3, \$250,000-added, 3yo, 1 1/16 M (I), Churchill Downs (Race 8), 2:59 p.m. ET. Television: NBC Sports Network.

# Horse	Jockey	Trainer
1. Cleburne	Mike Smith	Dale Romans
2. Chief Barker (IRE)	James Graham	Larry Rivelli
3. Quotient	Victor Espinoza	John Sadler
4. Long on Value	Joel Rosario	Bill Mott
5. Global View	Gary Stevens	Tom Proctor
6. Craftsman (IRE)	Corey Nakatani	Simon Callaghan
7. Big Bazinga	Brian Hernandez Jr.	Katerina Vassilieva
8. Storming Inti	Javier Castellano	Chad Brown
9. General Jack	Rosie Napravnik	Mike Maker
10. Picozza	John Velazquez	Todd Pletcher
11. Woodfield Springs	Julien Leparoux	Rusty Arnold

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