

Kentucky Oaks Jockey Quotes



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Javier Castellano, rider of Cathryn Sophia (winner) – “She felt like she belonged with this group. What a filly! It feels great.”

Mario Gutierrez, rider of Land Over Sea (second) – “She broke just a little slow, but otherwise I had a good trip. She came running. It was a good race for her.”

Irad Ortiz Jr., rider of Lewis Bay (third) – “She surprised me. She was very keen. She was on her game today. She was pretty close, I didn't think she'd be that close. But, that's racing. She broke aggressive. She relaxed nicely. I had to move a little early for her style. Maybe could have run second, but she still ran a beautiful race. The trainer (Chad Brown) did a great job with her. She's a nice filly.”

Luis Saez, rider of Go Maggie Go (fourth) – “It didn't go very good. There was a lot of trouble in the race. I expected her to be a lot closer early, but she finished good.”

Joel Rosario, rider of Mo d'Amour (fifth) – “She broke well and I had a good trip. At the three-eighths pole, I asked her and she had a little trouble getting going. We lost some position, but then she fired and we started really going. I think she ran well.”

John Velazquez, rider of Rachel's Valentina (sixth) -- “We were in a good spot; she was cruisin' for me early. Then when we hit the three-eighths (pole), she started jumping up and down. She just didn't have it.”

Corey Lanerie, rider of Weep No More (seventh) – “She broke OK and then down the backside she got pushed around a little bit, but I don't think it really compromised her. We got bounced around a little bit, but she still got out and in the middle of the turn and I got to angle out, and then turning for home I had clear sailing. The track might not have played in her favor to close, but I thought she ran a great race.”

Brian Hernandez Jr., rider of Dream Dance (eighth) – “I thought my filly ran great. She settled in behind horses pretty good. We had a little traffic issue around the second turn, which you're going to have in these 14-horse fields like that. When I finally got her back out in the clear she ran on from there. She closed even more ground. She dug in and she impressed me for a young 3-year-old filly like she is. She ran against the best in the country and didn't disgrace herself. I thought she ran her race and she showed up.”

Emisael Jaramillo, rider of Paola Queen (ninth) – “She was running near the leaders until the stretch, but she wasn't able to make a run in the stretch.”

Ricardo Santana Jr., rider of Terra Promessa (10th) -- “She was really sharp today. She broke really sharp. I sat her down and she relaxed a little bit. She doesn't run like that (on the lead). It was pretty hard on her. No one broke with her.”

Florent Geroux, rider of Royal Obsession (11th) – “I got bumped at the start and from there I got too far back. I was able to save ground on both turns but was not able to accelerate down the lane.”

Shaun Bridgmohan, rider of Venus Valentine (12th) – “I was basically last. My filly gave me what she's got. I didn't have any issues. I was last throughout and she picked up some horses and she tried.”

Flavien Prat, rider of Mokat (13th) – “I got a good trip but she just didn't handle the dirt. She was swimming out there and never picked it up. I think she's much better on the turf.”

Mike Smith, rider of Taxable (14th) -- “I'm at loss for words to be honest. She didn't show up at all. We got away well, got around the first turn OK. After that, she was kind of lost. I tried to pick her up and get into the race and she wanted to part of it.”

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