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MOTT DERBY, OAKS DUO RESILIENCE, JUST F Y I RETURN TO WORK TAB

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Thursday, April 18, 2024) – On a gorgeous Thursday morning at Churchill Downs, trainer **Bill Mott**'s barn was bustling with activity as **Emily Bushnell & Ric Waldman**'s Wood Memorial (Grade II) winner **Resilience** (4F, :50.20) along with **George Krikorian**'s Ashland (GI) runner-up **Just F Y I** (4F, :50) returned to the work tab to continue their preparations for the 150th running of the \$5 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (GI) and \$1.5 million Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI), respectively.

The accomplished duo began their work together at 7:30 a.m. ET after galloping about one mile. Just F Y I worked to the outside of Resilience and began one-length behind. By the quarter-pole, Just F Y I moved about a length in front of Resilience but, by the wire, the duo finished together. Resilience finished his five-furlong gallop out in 1:02.80 while Just F Y I completed five furlongs in 1:03.40, according to Churchill Downs Clocker **John Nichols**.

"I thought (Resilience) had a great trip in the Wood Memorial," Mott said. "I thought **Johnny (Velazquez)** rode him great. He might have gotten a little jammed up on the first turn but got clear down the backside. When he asked him, he responded and he finished up well. The best part is he looked good visually.

"The entire family of this horse has been very accomplished on the racetrack. Part of the family is **Courageous Cat**, who I trained for a Grade I win (in the Shoemaker Mile). The owners have been in the breeding business a long time and Resilience is just the result of their program."

Resilience was bred in Kentucky by **Pam** and the late **Marty Wygod**, the parents of Bushnell. This would be the first starter in the Kentucky Derby for the Wygod family along with Waldman, a longtime partner of the Wygods.

Resilience and Just F Y I are stabled in Mott's Barn 19.

LONGINES KENTUCKY OAKS CONTENDER TAPIT JENALLIE SCORCHES FIVE FURLONGS IN :58.40 – **Willis Horton Racing**'s Fantasy Stakes (Grade III) third-place finisher **Tapit Jenallie** made her first appearance working at Churchill Downs on Thursday when she and jockey **Rafael Bejarano** flew five furlongs in :58.40, the fastest of 19 works at the distance.

Trained by **Eddie Milligan Jr.**, Tapit Jenallie blitzed an opening quarter-mile in :22.80 and galloped out six furlongs in a solid 1:11.80, according to Churchill Downs Clocker **Adam Wallace**.

The speedy homebred daughter of Tapit was based this winter at Oaklawn where she finished fourth in the Martha Washington and second in the Honeybee (GIII) prior to her third-place finish in the March 30 Fantasy Stakes.

Milligan's Kentucky base is located at Churchill Downs' Trackside Louisville, located about three miles from the main track. However, Tapit Jenallie will remain at Churchill Downs, borrowing a stall in trainer **Bret Calhoun**'s Barn 28.

KENTUCKY DERBY MORNING WORKS SHOW TO BEGIN SATURDAY– The "Kentucky Derby Morning Works Show presented by TwinSpires.com" will begin its 13-day run on Saturday and feature Churchill Downs' expert handicappers **Joe Kristufek**, **Kaitlin Free**, **Tony Calo** and **Kevin Kilroy** along with an array of popular industry figures such as former leading rider **Rosie Napravnik**, Churchill Downs Track Announcer **Travis Stone** and TwinSpires.com handicapper **James Scully**.

The 20-minute program will be streamed live on Facebook, YouTube and X via @KentuckyDerby from 7:25-7:45 a.m. (all times Eastern) and will feature the 15-minute exclusive training period for Kentucky Derby and Oaks contenders from 7:30-7:45 a.m.

Fans will be invited to join in the discussion using the hashtag #KyDerby.

As of Wednesday, there were 12 Kentucky Derby contenders on-site at Churchill Downs and all are expected to be on-track Saturday: **Catching Freedom**, **Dornoch**, **Encino**, **Endlessly**, **Forever Young (JPN)**, **Honor Marie**, **Just a Touch**, **Just Steel**, **Mystik Dan**, **Resilience**, **Society Man** and **Track Phantom**.

TRAINERS WATCHING WEATHER FOR FRIDAY, SATURDAY WORKS – Many of the local Kentucky Derby and Oaks contenders are scheduled to return to the work tab either Friday or Saturday as trainers continue to watch the weather with a possibility of overnight rain Thursday into Friday.

The National Weather Service calls for a 90% chance of showers before 5 a.m. ET with the weather improving by Friday afternoon with sunny skies and a high near 67 degrees.

On Friday, Longines Kentucky Oaks hopefuls **Tarifa, Gin Gin** and **Into Champagne** could all have published workouts while Saturday's work tab is expected to include Kentucky Derby contenders **Catching Freedom, Dornoch, Endlessly, Just a Touch, Just Steel, Mystik Dan** and **Society Man** along with Oaks contenders **Lemon Muffin** and **Thorpedo Anna**.

DOWN THE STRETCH – Japan's UAE Derby (GII) winner **Forever Young** is scheduled to work Tuesday at Churchill Downs, according to **Kate Hunter**, Asia Correspondent for the Kentucky Derby. His trainer, **Yoshito Yahagi** is scheduled to be in Louisville on April 30. ... TwinSpires.com Louisiana Derby (GII) runner-up **Honor Marie** had a 1 ½-mile gallop early Thursday morning under **Maurilio Garcia** before enjoying a session in the equine salt-water spa. Honor Marie is slated to work Sunday. ... Jeff Ruby Steaks (GIII) runner-up **West Saratoga** is likely to work at Keeneland on Friday with jockey **Jesus Castanon** aboard, according to trainer **Larry Demeritte**. West Saratoga has done much of his training prior to the Kentucky Derby at the Thoroughbred Center, located about 12 miles east of Keeneland. ... The early stakes probables for Kentucky Derby week will be released Saturday morning. ... For more information about the Kentucky Derby, fans can follow [@KentuckyDerby](#) on all social media channels. For up-to-date information about the Kentucky Derby contenders and additional media information, follow [@DerbyMedia](#) and [@HorseRacingKK](#) on X (formerly Twitter).

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