

JAPANESE HOPEFULS FOREVER YOUNG (JPN) AND T O PASSWORD (JPN) PUT IN FINAL WORKS FOR KENTUCKY DERBY 150; ENCINO SCRATCHED FROM DERBY 150

LOUISVILLE, KY (Tuesday, April 30, 2024) – Undefeated Japanese runners **Forever Young (JPN)** and **T O Password (JPN)** put the finishing touches on their major preparation for Saturday's \$5 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (GI) by working over a Churchill Downs main track rated as good Tuesday morning.

Later Tuesday morning, trainer **Brad Cox** reported **Encino** will scratch from Kentucky Derby 150 making **Epic Ride** draw into the field.

The two colts warmed up in the mile chute for a half-hour during the first harrow break of the morning in which the track was opened after being sealed when the track opened for training at 5:15.

Working on his own under training assistant **Yusaku Oka**, **Forever Young** worked five furlongs in 1:03. Fractions for the work were :14, :27, :39.60 and out six furlongs in 1:16.80.

T O Password, working with **Alysheba (GII)** entrant **T O Saint Denis (JPN)**, worked a half-mile in :46.80 under jockey **Kazushi Kimura**. Fractions for the work were :23.80 and out five furlongs in :59.60.

CATALYTIC – **Tami Bobo**, **Julie Davies** and **George Isaacs' Catalytic** was back on the track Tuesday at the 7:30 a.m. time reserved for Oaks and Derby horses following a harrow break.

With regular exercise rider **Olaf Hernandez** aboard, trainer **Saffie Joseph Jr.** had the Florida Derby (GI) runner-up jog a mile. He's hopeful that lightly tested **Catalytic** continues to improve in the Derby.

"On paper, it's hard to see that he can win," Joseph said. "But in racing, you have to have a hope and a dream. You need a perfect setup. He's a horse who's only had three starts, so you have to hope that there's improvement to come. How much improvement, we don't know."

And the Derby will present an opportunity to show how much the \$125,000 yearling purchase has come along.

"This is the most eyes we ever get," Joseph said. "There's pressure on the vets, pressure on the trainers, everyone wants everything to be perfect. That's our wish, that we have a perfect week. Everyone's watching, even those who don't watch racing. It's the biggest race in America, it's America's race, and the attention it gets for two minutes is second to none."

With jockey **Jose Ortiz** aboard, **Catalytic** was timed in :47.80 for the half-mile on Sunday. Ortiz will ride **Catalytic** in the Derby, starting from the No. 5 post as a 30-1 shot.

CATCHING FREEDOM/ENCINO/JUST A TOUCH – Trainer **Brad Cox** confirmed **Encino** will not run in Kentucky Derby 150 after being off after training this morning.

Cox's other two contenders, **Catching Freedom** and **Just a Touch** both galloped at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday and schooled in the paddock.

DOMESTIC PRODUCT/SIERRA LEONE - Grade 1 winner **Sierra Leone** and his stablemate, Tampa Bay Derby (GIII) victor **Domestic Product**, took to the track separately Tuesday for their morning training under the watch of trainer **Chad Brown**.

Blue Grass Stakes (GI) winner **Sierra Leone** headed out first, galloping twice around the Churchill Downs track during the 7:30 a.m. training period. Shortly after 8 a.m., it was **Domestic Product's** turn to get his legs moving as he also went twice around on the gallop days out from their expected run in the Kentucky Derby.

"Everyone's doing great, we had a nice day of training," **Brown** said. "The track is a little wet but it's in good condition considering. I was happy with that."

Sierra Leone specifically has gained his share of admirers with the strong impression he has made during the morning hours. Among those who have been on the colt's bandwagon for some time now is his jockey, **Tyler Gaffalione** who, like **Brown**, will be aiming to capture the roses for the first time.

Gaffalione's best finish in the Derby from six prior mounts came in 2019 when he guided **War of Will** to a seventh-place effort after the duo nearly went down due to inference from **Maximum Security**, who was disqualified from the victory.

Gaffalione rode **Sierra Leone** for the first time in the Feb. 17 **Risen Star Stakes (GII)** and the chemistry between the two was instant. After getting the colt to rally from ninth to score a half-length win that day, **Gaffalione** further showcased how well he got along with his mount during their victory in the **Blue Grass Stakes** when he was able to settle the son of **Gun Runner** following a prerace tantrum at the gate en route to a 1/2-length triumph.

"I love everything about him," **Gaffalione** said of **Sierra Leone**. "He was so impressive in the **Risen Star** making up all that ground, but I was even more impressed with him the last time in the **Blue Grass**. With that little bit of fit he threw behind the gate, for him to compose himself and get his mind back on running and put on the performance he did I thought was incredible. It shows the mind frame he has and the talent he has."

Gaffalione was able to get a feel for what the competition experiences when alongside Sierra Leone as he worked stablemate Domestic Product when the two Brown trainees went in company together on April 27.

“Every time I got up closer to him, he would stick his head out a little bit more,” Gaffalione said. “I’ve definitely never had these feelings before, it’s pretty special. That’s the thing, you get a horse like this and it’s just so exciting. I’m living the dream right now.”

DORNOCH/SOCIETY MAN – Keeping his two contenders healthy and happy is the goal for trainer **Danny Gargan** as he readies for Kentucky 150 on Saturday. On Tuesday morning after his charges traveled over the drying out Churchill Downs surface, the Louisville native deemed it another day of mission accomplished on that front.

With Gargan looking on, **Society Man** and **Dornoch** each put in solid gallops beneath the Twin Spires. Wood Memorial Stakes (GII) runner-up Society Man was first on the scene, coming out early to take advantage of the quieter setting as he stretched his legs.”

“Society Man is actually the tougher of the two to train. He’s stronger to gallop,” Gargan said. “That’s why we train him early because he’s more relaxed that way.”

The imposing frame of Remsen Stakes (GII) winner Dornoch was out and about during the 7:30 a.m. training session as he galloped twice around the Churchill Down main track.

“Everyone’s good. Everyone ate up well. They trained good,” Gargan said. “Dornoch always looks good out there on the track.”

ENDLESSLY – **Amerman Racing’s** homebred colt **Endlessly** galloped a mile and one-eighth Tuesday morning after standing in the starting gate during the special 7:30-7:45 training session for Derby and Oaks horses.

Assistant trainer **Justin Curran** noted further that the four-time stakes winner is likely to paddock school with horses in this afternoon’s fourth race, provided it wasn’t raining.

Trainer **Michael McCarthy** watched his charge’s exercises from the frontside grandstand, then returned to his Barn 35 headquarters.

He was asked for a short take on the dark bay, who has five tallies in six starts, though he has yet to race on a dirt surface.

“He’s always been a good-feeling horse,” the conditioner said. “He likes his work; he’s glad to do it.

“He’s continued in that fashion since he’s been here and, of course, that’s what we want to see.”

McCarthy will give rider **Umberto Rispoli** a leg up in the new \$200 million paddock Saturday in the lead up to Derby 150. The two then will get to start their 1 ¼-mile journey from post 14 in the 20-horse lineup.

EPIC RIDE – **Welch Racing’s Epic Ride** officially drew into Kentucky Derby 150 following the defection of **Encino** Tuesday afternoon.

Trainer **John Ennis** reported the colt will continue his normal training plus have some gate and paddock schooling.

Epic Ride jogged a mile this morning under **Sophie Doyle**.

FIERCENESS – The morning line favorite for Kentucky Derby 150 this Saturday – **Repole Stable’s** homebred **Fierceness** – got his morning exercise in during the special 7:30-7:45 training session designated for Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks horses at Churchill Downs on a track designated as “good” because of overnight rains in the Louisville area.

Danny Wright, the veteran British jockey who once rode for Queen Elizabeth II in England, was up on the City of Light colt, as he has been for the run up to his go in the \$5 million headliner.

“He’s feelin’ good,” Wright reported back at Barn 39 following the gallop. “He’s been like that since Day One. He’s a neat little horse.”

Trainer **Todd Pletcher** noted that his handsome colt was likely to follow a similar pattern morning Wednesday with a side trip for schooling in the starting gate.

FOREVER YOUNG (JPN) – **Susumu Fujita’s Forever Young (JPN)** turned in his final major preparation for the 150th Kentucky Derby by working five furlongs in 1:03 over a track rated as “good” Tuesday morning.

Fractions on the work were :14, :27, :39.60 and out six furlongs in 1:16.80 under training assistant **Yusaku Oka**.

It was the second work at Churchill Downs for Forever Young, who covered six furlongs in 1:19.60 last Wednesday under jockey **Ryusei Sakai**.

Oka was pleased with the work and Forever Young’s ability to handle the less than fast track condition.

“He handled it well and moved well over the track,” Oka said through a translator. “I think we did a good job for the final breeze.”

Yoshito Yahagi trains Forever Young and is scheduled to arrive in Louisville tonight to oversee final Derby preparations.

Oka, who was the morning partner for 2021 Breeders’ Cup winners **Marche Lorraine (JPN)** and **Loves Only You (JPN)** for Yahagi was asked about the confidence level with Forever Young going into the Derby.

After a pause, Oka grinned and said, “The Kentucky Derby is a difficult race to win but all I can is Team Yahagi Stable is undefeated in the United States and Forever Young is undefeated.”

Forever Young is scheduled to return to the track Wednesday with a trip to the paddock on the agenda.

GRAND MO THE FIRST – **Granpollo Stables’ Grand Mo the First** galloped a mile and a half under **Amel Macias** for trainer **Victor Barboza Jr.**

Grand Mo the First began his career on the all-weather surface at Gulfstream Park and concluded his 2-year-old campaign with a third-place finish in the Zuma Beach (GIII) on the grass at Santa Anita.

“We went to California for the Breeders’ Cup, but he didn’t get in,” owner **David Geoffrey** said. “He ran OK out there (in the Zuma Beach in which he was defeated by Derby rival **Endlessly**). After that we regrouped to see if could go on dirt and we put him in the Swale and he did OK.”

OK was a third-place finish in the Swale that was followed by a close third in the Tampa Bay Derby (GIII) and then third in the Florida Derby (GI).

“And now, here we are,” Geoffrey said.

HONOR MARIE – Ribble Farms, Michael Eisterman, Earl Silver, Kenneth and Dave Fishbein’s Honor Marie galloped 1 ½ miles at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday under regular rider **Maurilio Garcia**.

JUST STEEL – BC Stables LLC and Henry Schmueckle’s Just Steel hit the track early Tuesday morning along with stablemate and Kentucky Oaks contender **Lemon Muffin**, putting in an easy jog two days after breezing a half mile in his last series work before the Kentucky Derby.

Trainer **D. Wayne Lukas** was pleased with what he saw from the son of Justify on Tuesday as he believes the colt was wanting to do a little more than was being asked.

“That’s what I wanted to see today, he had very good energy,” the Hall of Fame trainer said. “Actually, watching him go around there, I was thinking we probably should have galloped him. He’s got a lot of energy.”

Just Steel was installed at 20-1 odds on the morning line and will break from post 6 on Saturday.

MYSTIK DAN –Lance Gasaway, 4 G Racing and Daniel Hamby III’s Mystik Dan was out for trainer **Kenny McPeek** for a typical gallop with exercise rider **Martin Reyes** on Tuesday.

“He galloped a mile-and-a-half and stood in the gate,” said McPeek.

Brian Hernandez Jr. will ride Mystik Dan, 20-1 on the Derby morning line, from the No. 3 post. Last Saturday, Mystik Dan was timed for the five furlongs in 1:01.20 with Hernandez.

RESILIENCE –It was another good morning for Wood Memorial Stakes (GII) winner Resilience as he galloped twice around the Churchill Downs oval on Tuesday during the 7:30 p.m. training period for Oaks and Derby contenders.

For many horsemen, the Kentucky Derby represents the pinnacle achievement in Thoroughbred racing. In that respect, it would be especially fitting if Resilience is able to deliver a victory in the 10-furlong classic to the man who has been as responsible for equine excellence as anyone over the decades.

The **Bill Mott** trainee is co-owned by **Emily Bushnell**, daughter of longtime owners **Pam and Marty Wygod**, and renowned bloodstock consultant **Ric Waldman**, whose numerous achievements include managing the career of the legendary stallion Storm Cat at **Overbook Farm**. Through Waldman’s guidance, Storm Cat became a commercial powerhouse in the Thoroughbred industry, commanding a \$500,000 stud fee at the peak of his career en route to creating

a bloodline that has its finger prints over the best sires and runners to this day.

Throughout his career, Waldman has counted the Wygods among his top clients and closest friends. In a move that speaks to the level of camaraderie and respect he commands, the Wygods gifted partial ownership of Resilience to Waldman.

That generous gesture took on greater emotional importance when Marty Wygod passed away on April 12 at the age of 84 -- just six days after Resilience prevailed in the Wood Memorial. For Waldman, having the chance to become a Kentucky Derby-winning owner pales in comparison to the honor he has of being part of Marty Wygod’s legacy.

“For the historical perspective of it, that would be quite unique that someone years from now would look back on that and see my name (in the Derby),” Waldman said. “But I don’t get caught up in it. My mind hasn’t been trained in that way. How I came about owning this horse is so personal. I said this before and I still believe, I consider myself more of a steward of this horse for Marty and Pam Wygod.

“It was a very personal gift that they gave me,” Waldman continued. “It’s a continuation of our friendship that we’ve had the whole time. I’m grateful for that. Some people think, I’m sure even Bill (Mott) thought ‘Why would you give away the best horse that you might have ever had?’ And the answer to that, if I can put words in Marty’s mouth, is that is the only horse he would give because he would want it to be meaningful. He would want it be to a meaningful gift, something of significance. That’s how Marty would think.”

In Resilience, Waldman sees the culmination of years of diligence on the part of the Wygods - and himself.

Resilience’s dam, Meadowsweet, was bred by the Wygods and is herself the only filly produced from multiple Grade 1 winner Tranquility Lake. The colt is also by five-time leading sire Into Mischief, who counts Storm Cat as his great grandsire.

“I love the horse, I care about the horse, and I can’t wait for the horse’s second career,” Waldman said of Resilience. “As a stallion, it wouldn’t surprise me a bit if he ended up having some good turf horses as well as dirt horses. But I always get ahead of myself on this breeding thing. Emily is always in the present on racing and I’m always thinking way past that and forget to smell the roses.”

If the best case scenario happens for Waldman on Saturday, he will have ample chances take in that floral fragrance. Regardless, he believes the colt’s presence in the race itself is worthy of celebration.

“The difference between my emotional barometer on this between winning and losing is more narrow than most people,” Waldman said. “If he wins, I’m not going to jump over the barn and if he loses, I’m not going feel like the world has collapsed. If the horse comes back safely and soundly then there is nothing that could happen that could alter that barometer reading much from that.”

STRONGHOLD – The Santa Anita Derby (GI) winner **Stronghold** went trackside early Tuesday morning under exercise rider **Sherri Alexander**. The two entered the strip termed sloppy following overnight rains in the Louisville area just after 5:30 and did a 1-mile jog around the big oval.

“He’ll go back to galloping tomorrow,” Alexander said.

The exercise rider triples as stable foreman and wife of trainer **Phil D’Amato**, who had headed back to California Sunday to take care of their large string at Santa Anita. Tuesday she took all five of the D’Amato contingent on board for races this weekend to the track for a bit of leg stretching.

D’Amato is scheduled to return to Kentucky this afternoon.

T O PASSWORD (JPN) – **Tomoya Ozasa’s T O Password (JPN)** worked a half-mile in :46.80 under jockey **Kazushi Kimura**.

Working in company with Alysheba (GII) entrant **T O Saint Denis (JPN)**, T O Password produced fractions of :23.80 and out five furlongs in :59.60 over track rated as “good” following overnight rain in Louisville.

“Everything was smooth this morning,” Kimura said. “I put him behind his workmate to get some kickback. We got everything we wanted this morning.”

With rain a possibility for Saturday, Kimura was asked if he was confident that T O Password could handle conditions similar to this morning.

“He was OK with the mud this morning,” Kimura said, “but with 20 horses, you never know.”

Trainer **Daisuke Takayanagi** agreed with his rider’s assessment and indicated that T O Password would return to the track in the morning.

TRACK PHANTOM – Lecomte Stakes (GIII) winner **Track Phantom** had an early training session where he jogged about a mile at 5:30 a.m.

The **Steve Asmussen** trainee is likely to school in the gate Wednesday.

WEST SARATOGA – **Harry Veruchi’s West Saratoga** galloped two miles under Donte Lowery and visited the paddock Tuesday morning for trainer **Larry Demeritte**.

West Saratoga never has raced on an off track and with a chance of rain Saturday, Demeritte was asked about how his colt would fare on sloppy going.

“I don’t want to ruin the day for anybody (with rain), but I’d take it,” Demeritte said. “I know his daddy liked it.”

That would be **Exaggerator**, runner-up in the 2016 Kentucky Derby and subsequent winner of the Preakness (GI) and Haskell (GI), both of which were run on sloppy tracks and made up a good chunk of Exaggerator’s \$3.5 million in earnings.

ALSO-ELIGIBLE – **Average Joe Racing Stables** and **Dan Wells’ Mugatu** (No. 21) walked the shedrow for trainer **Jeff Engler**.

THE KENTUCKY DERBY FIELD – Here is the field for the 150th running of the \$5 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (Grade I) in order of post positions (with rider and morning line odds): **Dornoch** (Luis Saez, 20-1), **Sierra Leone** (Tyler Gaffalione, 3-1), **Mystik Dan** (Brian Hernandez Jr., 20-1), **Catching Freedom** (Flavien Prat, 8-1), **Catalytic** (Jose Ortiz, 30-1), **Just Steel** (Keith Asmussen, 20-1), **Honor Marie** (Ben Curtis, 20-1), **Just a Touch** (Florent Geroux, 10-1), ~~**Encino** (Axel Concepcion, 20-1)~~, **T O Password (JPN)** (Kazushi Kimura, 30-1), **Forever Young (JPN)** (Ryusei Sakai, 10-1), **Track Phantom** (Joel Rosario, 20-1), **West Saratoga** (Jesus Castanon, 30-1), **Endlessly** (Umberto Rispoli, 30-1), **Domestic Product** (Irad Ortiz Jr., 30-1), **Grand Mo the First** (Emisael Jaramillo, 50-1), **Fierceness** (John Velasquez, 5-2), **Stronghold** (Antonio Fresu, 20-1), **Resilience** (Junior Alvarado, 20-1), **Society Man** (Frankie Dettori, 50-1), **Epic Ride** (Adam Beschizza, 50-1). Also-Eligible: **Mugatu** (Joe Talamo, 50-1). All starters will carry 126 pounds.

LONGINES KENTUCKY OAKS UPDATE

EVERLAND – **Foster Family Racing, William Wargel, R.K. Eckrich Racing** and **Maxis Stable’s Everland**, winner of the Bourbonette Oaks (Listed) in her most recent start for trainer **Eric Foster**, walked the shedrow Tuesday.

“She’ll go out tomorrow, to keep her fresh,” said Foster, who claimed the daughter of Arrogate for \$30,000 in a Dec. 30, 2023, race at Turfway Park. She drew the No. 9 post for the Oaks, and was 30-1 on the morning line, with **Abel Cedillo** to ride.

FIONA’S MAGIC – **Stonehedge LLC’s homebred Fiona’s Magic** galloped a mile and three-eighths under **Alejandro Mariano** for trainer **Michael Yates** at 9:30.

With rain chances in the long-range forecast at better than 50 percent for Friday, Yates was asked how an off track would affect his filly, who finished second in her debut on a track listed as good.

“I hate to run on an off track with any of my horses,” Yates said. “Today she looked good out there (over a track rated as ‘good’).”

GIN GIN/TARIFA – **Calumet Farm’s Gin Gin** along with **Godolphin’s Tarifa** both galloped about 1 ½ miles Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. for trainer **Brad Cox**.

“Just going through the normal motions right now,” Cox said. “All good.”

INTO CHAMPAGNE – **Six Column Stables, Randy Bloch, Jim Gladden, Mike Davis** and **Michael Steele’s Into Champagne** went to the track Tuesday at the 7:30 a.m. training time for trainer **Ian Wilkes**.

“She galloped about a mile-and-three-eighths today with her exercise rider, **Adelso Orantes**,” Wilkes said. “It’s probably one of the strongest Oaks’ fields that I’ve seen in a long time. Top to bottom, it’s very strong.”

The filly drew the No. 10 post with jockey **Julien Leparoux** and is 30-1 on the morning line.

JUST F Y I – Champion filly **Just F Y I** used Tuesday's training session to show how little her last workout took out of her. **George Krikorian's** homebred daughter of Justify visited the paddock and proceeded to skip over the track as she galloped twice around during the 7:30 a.m. training session, two days after working a half mile in :49.40.

"She's got some stride on her," trainer **Bill Mott** commented of the 2023 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (GI) winner.

The Oaks will mark just the second start for Just F Y I this season as she had her seasonal bow delayed due to illness. She most recently finished second to fellow Oaks contender **Leslie's Rose** in the Ashland Stakes (GI) on April 5.

LEMON MUFFIN - As has been customary for the **D. Wayne Lukas** trainee, Oaks contender **Lemon Muffin** was among the early risers at Churchill Downs on Tuesday. The Honeybee Stakes (GIII) headed out along with her stablemate, Derby entrant Just Steel, for a routine gallop over the drying out surface.

Among those present at the track on Tuesday was Lemon Muffin's jockey **Keith Asmussen**. The son of Hall of Fame trainer **Steve Asmussen** arrived on the scene as he is set to be aboard both the daughter of Collected and Just Steel for Lukas when the due try to put their names in the history books Friday and Saturday, respectively.

"I couldn't be more excited to be here given the gravity of the week," Keith Asmussen said. "Now I get to be here as a race rider and experience this week in a different dimension. For many years we've been here and...I'm certainly used to being around racing of this caliber. But as a rider it's definitely a different experience. I'm not too nervous or anxious. Just couldn't be more excited for the experience."

When Lemon Muffin prevailed by 3 1/2 lengths over **Tapit Jenallie** in the Honeybee on Feb. 24, it marked the first career graded stakes victory of the younger Asmussen.

"I really loved the filly heading into that race. I was excited to stretch her out," Asmussen said. "She ran in there as a maiden but I always thought the world of her. When she ran the way she did, it was definitely exciting but we weren't surprised."

LESLIE'S ROSE/CANDIED – The two Grade I stakes winners out of the **Todd Pletcher** barn, **Leslie's Rose** and **Candied**, each galloped a mile and a quarter during the 7:30-7:45 training session for horses eyeing the Kentucky Derby or the Kentucky Oaks. Both had their regular exercise riders up – **Joel Osorio** aboard Leslie's Rose and **Carlos Quevedo** on Candied.

The two will school in the paddock with the horses for this afternoon's sixth race.

Leslie's Rose has been assured a spot in the \$1.5 million Kentucky Oaks Friday. She'll come out of the 14-hole in the 14-horse field with regular rider Irad Ortiz Jr. attached. Candied, unfortunately, is on the also-eligible list and will need two withdrawals if she's to make the field in the nine-furlong classic.

POWER SQUEEZE – **Lea Farms'** Kentucky-bred Power Squeeze went out Tuesday onto a Churchill Downs track listed as good after overnight rains for trainer **Jorge Delgado**, with her regular exercise rider, **Edwin Castro**.

"She went a mile-and-a-half, galloping," Delgado said. "It's her routine, we'll follow it the next two days. She's eating well, resting well, resting good, so no complaints."

Delgado, who is regularly stabled in New Jersey, Delaware Park and Gulfstream Park, said this is his first time at Churchill Downs.

"This is my first time at Churchill, my first time at the Oaks and the Derby," he said. "It's all new to me. We're looking forward to enjoying every day to the fullest, and that our horses will perform the way they've been training."

The upset winner of the Gulfstream Park Oaks (GII) is looking to extend her win streak to five in the Kentucky Oaks. The filly, a 12-1 morning-line pick, breaks from the No. 12 post with **Daniel Centeno**.

"She's training really good," Delgado said. "We're getting really excited, because she's doing everything better than expected. She looks like a winner ... it's difficult to control my excitement about her."

With a balanced field of 14 entered in the Oaks, Power Squeeze hasn't received as much attention as some of her competition.

"I really don't mind," Delgado said. "It's really better to let her do the talking."

Delgado said it's hard to believe that his horses are in Louisville going up against those of trainers he remembers from his childhood.

"Some of the trainers that are competing in this race, I saw them as a child," he said. "Trainers like (**D. Wayne Lukas**, (**Todd Pletcher**, (**Bill Mott**, and a few others. To be here with a horse running against them, it means a lot. But it'll mean a lot more if I beat them."

REGULATORY RISK/WAYS AND MEANS – Just as trainer **Chad Brown** has two strong contenders for the Kentucky Derby in **Sierra Leone** and **Domestic Product**, the four-time Eclipse Award winning trainer has also been confident in the two fillies he is set to saddle in the Kentucky Oaks on May 3.

Regulatory Risk and Ways and Means, both owned by **Klaravich Stables**, added to the good feelings their conditioner has for them as they each galloped twice around during the 7:30 a.m. training period on Tuesday.

"It was another good day of training," Brown said.

Both fillies were set to paddock school Tuesday as they ready for their respective runs in the signature race for 3-year-old fillies. Regulatory Risk is coming into the race off a runner-up finish in the Gazelle Stakes (GII) while Ways and Means returned from a seven-month layoff to place second in the Gulfstream Park Oaks (GII).

TAPIT JENALLIE – Willis Horton Racing’s Tapit Jenallie walked the shedrow Tuesday for trainer **Eddie Milligan Jr.** in preparation for Friday’s Oaks.

“She’s doing good,” said Milligan, who is training an Oaks entry for the first time.

Tapit Jenallie, who will start in the Oaks from the No. 1 post at 30-1 morning-line odds, worked a half-mile last Thursday with jockey **Manny Esquivel**, in :49.40.

THORPEDO ANNA – Brookdale Racing, Mark Edwards, Judy Hicks and Magdalena Racing’s Thorpedo Anna went out Tuesday morning with her Oaks jockey, **Brian Hernandez Jr.**, for trainer **Kenny McPeek**.

“She did the same thing as Mystik Dan, galloping a mile-and-a-half and then stood in the gate,” McPeek said.

Thorpedo Anna, winner of three of her four career starts including the Fantasy Stakes (GII) at Oaklawn Park, drew the No. 5 post for the Oaks, and is 5-1 on the morning line. Last Friday, Hernandez guided her to a five-furlong work in :59.40.

WHERE’S MY RING – Trainer Val Brinkerhoff stuck to pattern with his Kentucky Oaks filly Where’s My Ring and had exercise rider **David Rodriguez** take his bay daughter of Twirling Candy trackside at 7:30 a.m. to stretch her legs for a mile and a half gallop. The Gazelle (GIII) winner accomplished her assignment in good order.

“She had issues with ulcers when she was a 2-year-old,” Brinkerhoff said. “We gave her a bit of time off and got that sorted out and she’s been good since. She’s come good at the right time.”

Where’s My Ring will break from post 3 in the nine-furlong Oaks and have the saddle services of New York veteran **Jose Lezcano**, who was aboard for her handy tally in the Gazelle.

ALSO ELIGIBE – Our Pretty Woman galloped 1 ½ miles at 5:30 a.m. for trainer **Steve Asmussen**. The filly still needs one defection to make the body of the Oaks.

SHAPING UP: THE KENTUCKY OAKS – Here is the field for the \$1.5 million Longines Kentucky Oaks (Grade I) in order of post position (with jockey and morning line odds): The field for the Kentucky Oaks, from the rail out with riders and morning line odds, is: **Tapit Jenallie** (Manny Esquivel, 30-1), **Gin Gin** (Florent Geroux, 30-1), **Where’s My Ring** (Jose Lezcano, 15-1), **Regulatory Risk** (Jose Ortiz, 20-1), **Thorpedo Anna** (Brian Hernandez Jr., 5-1), **Lemon Muffin** (Keith Asmussen, 30-1), **Fiona’s Magic** (Luis Saez, 30-1), **Tarifa** (Flavien Prat, 7-2), **Everland** (Abel Cedillo, 30-1), **Into Champagne** (Julien Leparoux, 30-1), **Ways and Means** (Tyler Gaffalione, 5-1), **Power Squeeze** (Daniel Centeno, 12-1), **Just F Y I** (Junior Alvarado, 9-2), **Leslie’s Rose** (Irad Ortiz Jr., 4-1). Also-eligible: **Our Pretty Woman** (Joel Rosario, 15-1), **Candied** (Luis Saez, 20-1).

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KENTUCKY DERBY MORNING WORKS PROGRAM AIRS DAILY – The Kentucky Derby Morning Works Show will air daily through Thurby 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** and Churchill Downs Track Announcer **Travis Stone**.

The 20-minute program will be streamed live on @KentuckyDerby on YouTube, Facebook and X.

KENTUCKY DERBY, OAKS MORNING WORKOUTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – Starting Thursday and continuing through Wednesday, May 1, Churchill Downs will be open free-of-charge daily from 7-10 a.m. so guests can watch the nation’s top 3-year-old Thoroughbreds train toward their engagements in this year’s Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks.

Horses train on Churchill Downs’ main track daily from 5:15-10 a.m. There will be an exclusive training window only for Derby and Oaks participants from 7:30-7:45 a.m. following the 7-7:30 a.m. renovation break. Those horses will be identified by special saddle towels which include their names: yellow saddle towels for Derby horses and pink saddle towels for Oaks contenders.

Guests can enter Churchill Downs through the Clubhouse Gate and should park for free in the nearby Yellow Lot for convenient entry. Guests will be directed to Sections 115-117 to watch the morning workouts.

On Sunday and Monday, fans can enjoy a premium breakfast in Millionaires Row or the Stakes Room for Dawn at the Downs. Tickets and more information can be found on www.KentuckyDerby.com/DerbyWeek.

The 150th runnings of the \$1.5 Longines Kentucky Oaks (Grade I) and \$5 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (GI) will be held Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4, respectively. Opening Night of Derby Week and the 44-day Spring Meet is Saturday.

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