

**BloodHorse.com's "Race of the Week" Analysis,
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September 20, 2008

Louisiana Downs: Super Derby (gr. II)

Philadelphia Park: Fitz Dixon Cotillion Stakes (gr. II)

Arlington Park: Race 3

Louisiana Downs

Super Derby (gr. II), \$500,000, 3yos, 1 1/8 miles, dirt.

This year's edition of the Super Derby should be a good betting affair. **Macho Again**, the morning line favorite off his company lines, will probably be over bet in this spot. **Mambo Meister**, **Star Production**, and **My Pal Charlie** all rate upset chances. I will key off My Pal Charlie, who enters this race off a New Pace Top (NPT). This son of Indian Charlie who is trained by Albert Stall has shown beautiful development. He ran second to Pyro in the Louisiana Derby and also competed in the Arkansas, Lone Star, and West Virginia Derbies. He is primed to run a new final top and has the tactical speed to secure good early position from the two post.

The play: My Pal Charlie to win.
Box My Pal Charlie with Macho again, Mambo Meister, and Star Production in exactas.

Philadelphia Park

Fitz Dixon Cotillion Stakes (gr. II), \$750,000, 3yo fillies, 1 1/16 miles, dirt

In recent years, the Cotillion Stakes has proven to be a useful prep for the Ladies Classic (previously known as the Breeders Cup Distaff). This year's edition is no exception as **Proud Spell** gets her final tune-up. The Kentucky Oaks victress comes off a gut-wrenching win over Music Note in the Alabama Stakes at Saratoga. There is no denying her gameness, but Proud Spell may be a tad vulnerable in this race as trainer Larry Jones' goal is to have her run her best on Breeders Cup day.

The Dutrow boys have a tag team in here as Anthony runs **Seattle Smooth** and Richard runs **By the Light**. Both of these fillies have upset potential but I'll go with Seattle Smooth, who, although off a final top, has never taken a backward step in her life. Previously trained by Julio Canani, she goes second time for Dutrow. If she gets an honest pace, she should prove tough in the final furlong.

The play: Seattle Smooth to win.
Box Seattle Smooth with Proud Spell and By the Light in exactas.

Arlington Park

Race 3, \$17,000, Maiden Claiming, 2yos, 5 ½ furlongs, all-weather

With high profile trainers Wayne Catalano (**Thunderized**) and Ronny Werner (**Who's the Rockstar**) having the two morning line favorites, we should get a square price on **Kid Gusto**. Trainer James DiVito clicks at 30% rate with his two year olds and, more importantly, Kid Gusto has competitive final numbers and comes off a New Pace Top (NPT).

The play: Kid Gusto to win.
 Box Kid Gusto with Thunderized and Who's the Rockstar in exactas.

Thank you for your interest in BloodHorse.com's "Race of the Week." On the following pages, you'll find the Equiform ratings for the Super Derby at Louisiana Downs, the Fitz Dixon Cotillion at Philadelphia Park, and Race 3 at Arlington Park. The first set of information is called "The Shorts." Its condensed format is typically easier for novice handicappers and people new to Equiform to read. Following "The Shorts" is the same information in a different format, called "The Xtras," which simply a different format to view the same numbers shown in "The Shorts." Some handicappers find "The Xtras" format easier to read. For more information about Equiform system and for legends and pattern guides, click here or go to www.bloodhorse.com/equiform/.

11TH LAD SEPTEMBER 20 - 1 1/8 MILES DIRT

STUNGBYTHESTORM (124) 28

69¾ w69¾ 71¾ 67¾

67 65 77 67

PID8 FG8½ CD7 KEE-7

65 60 68 61

81 67

AUG23 01/01 11/24 10/17

MY PAL CHARLIE (124) 49

72¼ 74¾ 75¼ 73¼ 73 w72¾ w/71 66¾ 62¾ \65¼

NPT

84 67 75 76 73 68 73 77 67 76

MNR9 CD8½ LS8½ OP9 FG8½ FG8 FG8' FG6 FG8 CD6½

75 67 73 72 64 65 66 81 61 64

77

08/02 06/14 05/10 04/12 03/08 02/14 01/26 12/28 12/14 11/14

MACHO AGAIN (124) 28

69¾ w^75½ 71 75 w76¾ 69 w71¾ 70 71¼ w71¾ 63 65½

64 72 53 69 77 71 75 67 71 73 68 77

SAR10 SAR9 BEL12 PIM9½ CD7½ TP9 FG6 FG8 CD8 CD7 KEE6 SAR5½

64 70 55 69 72 64 65 64 67 75 70 85

75

08/23 07/27 06/07 05/17 04/26 03/22 02/28 01/12 11/24 10/28 10/07 08/15

MAMBO MEISTER (124) 21

/68 w76 73½ w72¾ 70 70½ 67½ w72¾ ^67¾ ^67 68

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CRC8 CRC8 CRC8½ CRC8½ GP9 GP9 GP8 CRC8 CRC8½ CRC8½ CRC8½

70 71 72 69 65 66 70 70 62 62 65

08/30 07/05 06/21 MAY18 03/01 02/04 01/04 11/25 11/04 10/14 09/28

KING DARIUS (124) 35

69¾ 68½ 69½ 70¼ 66 66¼ 65 w66¼

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LAD8½ LS8 LS8 LS8 LS8 LS8 LS8 HOU8½

62 64 62 70 59 60 61 59

08/16 07/26 06/28 06/14 05/24 05/04 04/13 02/15

NUMISMATIST (124) 35

72½ w70 69¾ w69¼ 66½ 64½ 62¾ 66 66¼ 66¾

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LAD8½ LS8 LS8 LS8 OP8½ OP6 RP7½ DMR6½ HOL5½ HOL5

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08/16 07/27 06/28 05/24 04/12 MAR22 09/07 08/11 07/07 06/10

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STAR PRODUCTION (124) 35

w73½	w77	72½	72¼	73¼	67	w/68¼	63¼	70	65¼	w65	60½	51½
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69	80	74	84	80	69	73	63	76	71	77	54	64
LAD8½	LAD8½	EVD8	EVD7	LAD6	FG-8½	FG6	FG-8½	FG6	FG5½	LAD7	LAD7½	LAD6
67	73	71	74		64		56			68	53	
			81	83		75		80	80	77		60
08/16	08/02	07/04	06/14	MAY17	03/01	02/21	01/06	12/08	12/01	10/20	09/21	08/11

REAL APPEAL (124) 49

72¼	w71¾	71	65¼	w73	72	w69¾	67½	65¾	64¼
NPT									
76	61	71	59	70	63	61	57	69	62
MNR9	LS8	LS8½	HAW9	HOU8	CD8½	CD8½	KEE8½	PID6½	ELP6
70	63	68	64	69	64	59	56	65	
								66	45
08/02	06/28	05/10	04/05	MAR01	11/24	10/28	10/06	09/19	08/18

GOLDEN YANK (124) 35

73¼	73½	74¾	73¾	72¾	73	74¼	w72¾	w70½	w70¾
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62	57	62	67	66	67	74	73	70	77
LAD8½	CD9	LS8½	LS8½	OP9	OP8½	DED8½	DED8	RP8	RP6
63	61	65	66	65	69	71	67	62	
									80
AUG16	06/14	05/26	05/10	04/12	MAR15	12/07	11/09	10/21	10/04

FOREST COMMAND (124) 42

w75¾	w/75¾	71¾
NPT		
81	76	75
SAR7	CD7	CD7
74	70	70
78	76	80
08/09	07/04	06/06

11TH LAD SEPTEMBER 20 - 1 1/8 MILES DIRT

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		LS 75+	73 (75)
		OP 73+	72 (76)
		FG 73	64 (73)
		FG 73-w	65 (68)
		FG /71w	66 (73)

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J			LD 73+	(80) 83	
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9TH PHA SEPTEMBER 20 - 1 1/16 MILES DIRT

COLOR ME UP (114) 48

^66	w72	64¼	62	69¼	69¾	70½	68½	45½	62¼
74	75	77	79	74	72	69	81	70	67
SAR6½	CD7	CD8	CD7½	OP8	OP8	AQU8	AQU8	BEL8	TP8
67	69	69	62	69	66	64	71	56	61
71	75		80						
08/03	07/03	06/07	MAY03	02/17	01/20	11/25	11/01	10/06	09/23

MILLION DOLLAR RUN (114) 35

70	w73½	68¾	w75¼	69½
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69	64	60	80	74
DMR9	HOL8½	HOL8½	HOL7	SA6
65	63	63	74	
			81	72
08/16	07/13	06/08	05/11	03/30

NEVER RETREAT (114) 63

68¾	71¾	72	w72½	w70
65	62	59	73	70
BEL10	BEL9	DEL8½	BEL6½	AQU6½
62	62	65	71	68
			74	66
07/19	06/28	06/14	05/11	04/06

SEATTLE SMOOTH (119) 21

w77½	71½	\73½	w73½	69¼	69¼	w66½	66¼	66
DTOP	////							
76	70	64	66	63	58	64	70	68
DEL8½	DMR8	PIM9	BM8½	SA8½	GG8½	HOL8½	OSA6½	OSA6
76	66	63	64	61	61	61	65	
							71	58
08/30	JUL26	05/16	04/12	03/08	02/02	12/07	10/28	09/30

PICKER (114) 19

w70	>70½	69½	71½	w68¾	w65¾	61¾	64¾
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67	64	66	74	75	77	74	73
MTH8"	DEL8½	DEL8½	DEL8"	DEL6	PHA6	CNL5½	PHA5
64	65	68	71				
				74	82		77
09/01	08/11	07/04	JUN15	10/16	09/03	08/05	07/16

PROUD SPELL (124) 35

w75	w74¾	72¾	w/77½	70¾	w75½	75¾	/71¾	w69¼	w75¼	w70
SOFT										
56	65	61	66	60	71	74	76	74	81	74
SAR10	DEL8½	BEL9	CD9	KEE8½	FG8½	FG8½	MTH8½	BEL7	DEL6	DEL5
59	69	61	67	60	67	70	72	67		
								72	82	71
08/16	07/12	06/28	05/02	04/05	03/08	FEB09	10/27	09/15	08/25	07/30

BY THE LIGHT

(114)

33

w72	\77¼	w74¾	w71	w71¾	w70¾	w69
SOFT						
77	88	79	72	87	77	78
SAR6	BEL6	BEL6	DED8	FL6	FL6	BEL5½
			68			
69	88	74		98	86	80
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BE 69- 62 (65)

BE 72- 62 (62)

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BE 72"w 71 (73) 74

AQ 70w 68 (70) 66

9TH PHA SEPTEMBER 20 - 1 1/16 MILES DIRT

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DE 77"w 76 (76)

DM =71" (70) =

PI \73" 63 (64)

BM 73"w 64 (66)

SA 69+ 61 (63)

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9TH PHA SEPTEMBER 20 - 1 1/16 MILES DIRT

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3RD APX SEPTEMBER 20 - 5 1/2 FURLONGS DIRT

THUNDERIZED (118) 13

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DON PIETRO (118) 21

56½ 60½ 58¾ 51¼

63 66 65 59
 AP5 AP6 AP5 AP5

55 62 63 43
 08/30 08/10 07/18 07/06

BUBBI (118) ???

SUNDAY COACH (116) 31

56¾ 58½ **52½** 56¾

61 65 **64** 63
 AP6 AP5½ **AP8** AP4½
59

48 53 50
 08/20 07/25 **07/03** 05/26

SWEET FLEET FEET (113*) ???

BIG REECE (116) ???

ARDANWOOD (118) ???

KID GUSTO (118) 21

64¼ 53½ 65¾
NPT
74 63 71
AP5 AP5½ AP4½

77 74 55
08/30 07/27 06/22

VERILY TRUE (118) ???

WHO'S THE ROCKSTAR (118) 87

67¼
NEG
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06/25

3RD APX SEPTEMBER 20 - 5 1/2 FURLONGS DIRT

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