



Derby/Oaks Update

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KENTUCKY DERBY UPDATE

CALIFORNIA CHROME (No. 1) – Trainer **Art Sherman**, coming on strong despite running on very little sleep, and California Chrome, coming on strong, too, despite not being allowed to do much running, made the Churchill Downs scene Tuesday morning and proved big hits.

Both trainer and horse had jetted in from their Southern California headquarters Monday and both were ready to get on about the business of showing what the likely Kentucky Derby favorite does five days in front of America's foremost horse race. Wearing a simple green saddle cloth (his Derby cloth was back in the shop for some repairs) and with regular exercise rider **Willy Delgado** aboard, the chestnut colt started trackside from Barn 20 at approximately 6:45 a.m. with Art's son and assistant – **Alan Sherman** – guiding him on a shank through traffic and the five-furlong gap.

The California-bred son of **Lucky Pulpit** backtracked all the way around the big Churchill strip, hugging the rail all the way. Delgado reported afterward that his mount felt "more aggressive" than usual during the jog, though he responded positively to stout restraint and there were no incidents of note along the way.

"He shipped good and he's doing good, just like we thought," Art Sherman said afterward. "He's a laid-back colt, so we knew the trip wasn't going to bother him. And he's feeling awful good right now, so I'm not surprised to hear he was pulling hard."

Sherman said he'd have his horse back to galloping Wednesday, though he wasn't quite sure if he'd be out during the Derby/Oaks training period at 8:30 a.m., or come to the track earlier given the colt's strong want to get on with his business. He indicated he'd school in the paddock Wednesday, then stand in the gate Thursday.

"He's plenty fit to run," the trainer said. "It's mostly schooling now; getting him used to the place."

Sherman belayed his 77 years by working on about five or six hours sleep over the past two days, which included getting his horse to the airport in California at 1:30 in the morning, then dealing with a delayed plane trip of his own, social commitments in Louisville and dozens of phone calls along the way. Still, when he met a sizable contingent of media types near Barn 20 at 9 a.m. Tuesday, he was full of smiles, all the right answers and a feel-good vibe that has made him and his colt Derby 140's most popular story.

The whole California Chrome saga has just gone from good karma to better along the way, starting with owner/breeders' **Steven Coburn** and **Perry Martin** turning an \$8,000 mare and a \$2,000 stallion into a horse who has won more than \$1 million, allowing them to turn down \$6 million for 51 percent of him and taking them all to the edge of racing glory.

Even the seemingly bad luck turns to good for the "Chrome Boys," as Art Sherman tells the tale.

"So my wife **Faye** and I were flying on Southwest out of L.A. yesterday and wouldn't you know we wound up in a delay in Phoenix," he relayed. "They had an issue with a plane and had to go and get us a new crew. But that all turned out great. We meet up with (trainer) **Tom Proctor**, (jockeys) **Mike Smith** and **Gary Stevens** and (former jockey agent) **Ronnie Ebanks**. They were all headed to Louisville, too.

"So we get on the plane and we're all sitting together and we're telling stories. And I mean to tell you this crew of guys can spin stories with the best of them. I can't tell you half the tales that were

told, but there were some beauties. We are laughing and laughing and laughing. It was a riot. The people on the plane around us couldn't believe how much fun we were having.

"And then, to cap it all off, as we're starting to come into Louisville, Ronnie jumps up and gives a call of the Kentucky Derby. It was terrific; the man should be a race caller. And he knew his audience. He had the race between California Chrome, **Hoppertunity** (Smith's mount) and **Candy Boy** (Stevens' mount). And he takes us right up to the finish as the plane's coming in and he says: 'And it's too close to call at the wire!' Oh, I'm telling you the whole plane loved it. Everyone was cheering. And it was the best plane ride I'd ever had."

VICAR'S IN TROUBLE (No. 2)/GENERAL A ROD (No. 14)/HARRY'S HOLIDAY (No. 19) – **Starlight Racing and Skychai Racing's General a Rod** worked a half-mile Tuesday in 49.40 seconds to the satisfaction of trainer **Mike Maker** and jockey **Joel Rosario**.

The move was the 17th fastest of 27 at the distance over a fast track.

"I never worked him in the morning, and Mike asked me to be on him, and yeah, just to work for the race," said Rosario, who rode General a Rod to a victory in the Gulfstream Park Derby and a third-place finish in the Florida Derby (GI). "He looked good, steady going the whole way."

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
	Toast of New York	100	Jamie Osborne	\$1,200,000
5.	Samraat	100	Rick Violette Jr.	\$640,000
6.	Danza	100	Todd Pletcher	\$620,000
	Constitution	100	Todd Pletcher	\$600,000
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
	Midnight Hawk	52	Bob Baffert	\$420,000
	Ring Weekend	50	Graham Motion	\$260,000
	+Asmar IRE	40	Fawzi Abdulla Nass	\$557,500
14.	General a Rod	40	Mike Maker	\$240,000
15.	Medal Count	40	Dale Romans	\$226,500
	Albano	34	Larry Jones	\$190,000
16.	Candy Boy	30	John Sadler	\$380,000
	Cairo Prince	24	Kiaran McLaughlin	\$520,000
17.	Uncle Sigh	24	Gary Contessa	\$180,000
	+Emirates Flyer GB	20	Saeed bin Suroor	\$381,691
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
	Bayern	20	Bob Baffert	\$100,000
	Social Inclusion	20	Manny Azpurua	\$90,000
	Havana	14	Todd Pletcher	\$660,000
	Honor Code	14	Shug McGaughey III	\$340,000
22.	Big Bazinga	14	Katerina Vassilieva	\$92,149

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"He was his typical self today, into it the whole way, worked very smooth," Maker said.

General a Rod showed his competitive nature when he encountered a Kentucky Oaks filly galloping in the middle of the turn. Maker said. "He felt the pressure, jumped into the bit, worked just fine," Maker said.

Maker's other two Derby contenders – **Ken** and **Sarah Ramsey's Vicar's in Trouble** and **Skychai Racing, Terry Raymond** and **Jana Wagner's Harry's Holiday** – galloped under exercise rider **Joel Barrientos**.

Rosario won the Kentucky Derby last year on late-running **Orb**.

"It was something," Rosario said. "Last year I had a chance to win the race. A very good moment for me, and going to the race, I have a horse again. I'm excited just to be there again."

Rosario said that General a Rod, who has raced close to the pace in his past four starts, is capable of rallying from farther back.

"It depends on how fast they go in front," Rosario said. "That's the key, I think. I think he can do anything. He can come off the pace, and I think he can be close. ... He's a big horse, good-looking, nice strong horse. So I think he can do anything."

On Monday, Starlight Racing and Skychai Racing completed the outright purchase of General a Rod from **J. Armando Rodriguez**. The horse will race in the orange and turquoise colors of **Jimmy Shircliff**, who was among several of the new owners watching the workout. Shircliff is involved in the ownership of three horses in this Derby field – General a Rod, Harry's Holiday and **Intense Holiday**. He joked about having small interests in each.

"I'm a stock buyer," he said. "We don't buy whole companies. Hey, buy a little piece of this, a little piece of this. ... The one (Harry's Holiday) got claimed for \$30,000 and I'm a 5 percent owner, so how much did that cost me."

DANCE WITH FATE (No. 3) – Sharon Alesia, Bran Jam Stable and **Ciaglia Racing's Dance With Fate** got acquainted with the Churchill Downs racing surface Tuesday morning, jogging a mile under exercise rider **Issac Muniz** for trainer **Peter Eurton**.

Dance With Fate arrived at Churchill Downs at 12:45 p.m. Monday after flying in from his Southern California base. Eurton arrived a few hours later.

Winner of the Blue Grass Stakes (GI) in his most recent start on April 12, Dance With Fate earned his second trip to the Eastern time zone with a good week following the Blue Grass back at Santa Anita.

"We made the decision a week after the race," Eurton said. "I wanted to see how his weight was and soundness and everything was good."

Dance With Fate galloped and jogged leading up to a half-mile work in :47 on Saturday at Santa Anita. Eurton said Dance With Fate would gallop the next three mornings and has paddock schooling sessions scheduled for Thursday and Friday.

Dance With Fate has not run on dirt since a troubled eighth-place finish in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile (GI) on Nov. 2 at Santa Anita.

"I just want to see that his appetite is good and he stays healthy," Eurton said of his hopes for the remainder of the week. "And, I want to see if he gets over the track as well as he does at home."

Corey Nakatani, who was aboard Dance With Fate for the first time in the Blue Grass, has the mount Saturday.

WICKED STRONG (No. 4) -- Centennial Farms' Wicked Strong schooled in the gate Tuesday morning and had a routine gallop at Churchill Downs under exercise rider **Kelvin Pahal**.

Trainer **Jimmy Jerkens** said he had Pahal jog the colt the wrong way -- clockwise -- from the gap on the backstretch to the gate at the head of the stretch. Since Wicked Strong acted up in the gate prior to the running of the Holy Bull at Gulfstream Park, Jerkens wants to make sure he is familiar with the gate at Churchill Downs.

"He's had a reputation for getting a little antsy in there," Jerkens said. "And the gate is situated pretty much where it's going to be when he runs, even though there isn't a soul in the grandstand now and there certainly will be a big difference (on race day). He was in there for about a minute and then it looked like he was going to start kicking at the gate a little bit. We backed him out and reloaded him and he stood perfectly still for another good minute. We were happy with that."

Pahal galloped the colt after the trip to the gate. Jerkens said Wicked Strong likely will be schooled in the paddock. He is considering giving the colt a "blow-out," a short workout through the stretch during training hours Thursday.

Jerkens said everything has gone smoothly with Wicked Strong since his impressive victory in the Wood Memorial (GI) at Aqueduct racetrack on April 5.

"I was glad to see him not lose a lot of weight and act like he's knocked out," Jerkens said. "That's not the case at all. His energy level is good, he's been eating good and he's just as raunchy as he always was in the stall. We're happy with him."

Wicked Strong is Jerkens' first Derby horse. He looked like he might have the Derby favorite in 2009, Fountain of Youth and Florida Derby winner **Quality Road**, but a quarter crack kept the colt out of the Derby. Jerkens worked for his father, Hall of Fame trainer **H. Allen Jerkens**, before opening his own stable in 1997. Like every horseman, Jerkens said he has thought about saddling a horse in America's biggest race.

"Yeah, it's been a dream," he said. "It's a lot of pressure, naturally. With everybody scrutinizing every move it makes it a little tough. He's helping things out a lot by doing good. It really gets nerve-wracking if you know in the back of your head they're not quite what you want them to be and you've still got to press on. That's when it gets really tough, when you've got to see it through. But I really happy with how he's doing. He's really helped us out a lot in that regard."

Centennial Farms purchased Wicked Strong for \$375,000 at the 2012 Keeneland September yearling sale. Jerkens did not hesitate when asked what he likes best about the colt.

KENTUCKY DERBY JOCKEYS

Horse	Jockey	Derby Record
Big Bazinga	TBA	
California Chrome	Victor Espinoza	5-1-0-1
Candy Boy	Gary Stevens	19-3-2-1
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	Joel Rosario	4-1-0-0
Harry's Holiday	Corey Lanerie	0-0-0-0
Hoppertunity	Mike Smith	20-1-4-1
Intense Holiday	John Velazquez	15-1-1-0
Medal Count	Robby Albarado	13-0-1-2
Pablo Del Monte	Jeffrey Sanchez	0-0-0-0
Ride On Curlin	Calvin Borel	11-3-0-2
Samraat	Jose Ortiz	0-0-0-0
Social Inclusion	Luis Contreras	0-0-0-0
Tapiture	Ricardo Santana Jr.	0-0-0-0
Uncle Sigh	Irada Ortiz Jr.	0-0-0-0
Vicar's In Trouble	Rosie Napravnik	2-0-0-0
Vinceremos	Joe Rocco Jr.	
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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"His athleticism," he said. "He's light on his feet. He's perfectly built for an athlete. He's got kind of a light frame in the middle, but he's got a nice shoulder on him and he's got nice hindquarters on him.

"We like the way he looks now, but most of the time as a 2-year-old and earlier he was a little light. You can see his ribs sometimes. But my father always said, and he's right, 'I never minded horses showing a little rib as long as their hindquarters are filled out nice and they've got good muscle tone in their hind end.' I never cared about ribs, but they've got to have muscle in their hind end. And he does. He's got a good engine back there and a big beautiful shoulder.

"He's got a nice long stride. Some horses have a long stride, but when you ask them to accelerate they get all sloppy. He's not like that. He has a long stride and when you ask him his stride stays long but it's the right way, it accelerates forward. Some horses when you ask them to run their legs look like a washing machine. I think he's a perfect size for a race horse. I really do."

SAMRAAT (No. 5) – My Meadowview Farm's Samraat went to the track for the first time Tuesday morning and jogged twice around the oval in the wrong direction under exercise rider **Rodney Paine**.

Samraat winner of his first five career starts before finishing second in the Wood Memorial (GI) on April 5 at Aqueduct, shipped from New York on Monday afternoon. Trainer **Rick Violette** said the trip on a charter flight took five hours, stall to stall.

"It was almost like he was beamed here," Violette quipped and said the son of **Noble Causeway** out of the **Indian Charlie** mare **Little Indian Girl** handled the journey well.

"He was squealing and throwing his head walking around here after we got unpacked," Violette said. "He likes traveling."

Samraat and **Uncle Sigh** will be the ninth and 10th New York-breds to run in the Derby since **Funny Cide** became the first winner from the Empire State in 2003. Violette noted that Funny Cide also finished second in the Wood.

"It's a horse race. This is a real horse," Violette said. "He's beat all but one horse in six starts. I think he's a high-quality horse, period, as is **Gary Contessa's** horse, Uncle Sigh. It's a little bit of a different breed than it might have been years ago."

That difference, Violette said, is that the New York program has continued to improve.

"I just think New York-breds and the breeders have stepped up their game," he said. "Little Indian Girl has three stakes horses. She's a pretty nice broodmare. Noble Causeway hasn't set the world on fire, but he's by Giants Causeway and that's been a pretty good combination. Uncle Sigh was a pretty expensive two-year-old purchase and was meant to be a nice horse."

Violette also brought along **Patsy Simons'** accomplished New York-bred filly **Effie Trinket** to run in a stake at Churchill Downs this weekend.

"You're not supposed to be surprised any longer when a good horse happens to be a New York-bred," he said.

DANZA (No. 6)/INTENSE HOLIDAY (No. 8)/WE MISS ARTIE (No. 10)/VINCEREMOS (No. 18) – Trainer Todd Pletcher chose to go light on his quartet of Derby contenders Tuesday morning at Churchill Downs and instructed his hands to simply walk the foursome around the shedrow at Barn 34 rather than take them to the track for exercise. The colts previously had worked half-miles Sunday, then jogged a full mile each on a "sloppy" track Monday.

In light of his "audible" call, Pletcher was asked about instructions and audibles for his crew of riders come Derby Day.

"Overall, I don't like to give riders too many instructions," the trainer noted. "My preference is to give them a general plan for

the race. I might tell them I think there's a whole lot of speed in the race and that we probably want to take back, for instance. Or maybe let them know about a little quirk or situation with a particular horse. Things like that.

"But I realize that races often don't come up the way you think they will. And that's why you've got to leave room for that 'audible' by a rider. I've got to have trust in my riders that they'll do the right thing. And they've got to have trust in me to understand that things don't always go as you've planned.

"In the case of a race like the Derby, the situation changes because of the multiple entries. With a regular race where I'd only have one runner going, you can talk your strategy in the paddock. But with the Derby, the paddock is just too busy. I talk to my riders ahead of time then, leaving me time to deal with all there is to do in the paddock that day."

Pletcher's four riders for the Derby are **Joe Bravo** (Danza), **John Velazquez** (Intense Holiday), **Javier Castellano** (We Miss Artie) and **Joe Rocco Jr.** (Vinceremos).

"You just do what you do," Asmussen said. "It's very comfortable to be here at Churchill. This racetrack handles water amazingly. It gives you a lot of confidence having had several horses run a lot in the afternoons here over the last 15 years or so."

Sheets of rain blew sideways and a deafening crack of lightning, which may have been the one that knocked out a bank of lights on the far turn, marked the start of the work as the Tapit colt broke off from the half-mile pole. Unfazed by the weather and seemingly relishing the sloppy surface, Tapiture stayed well off the rail, rolled through an opening quarter in :24.60 and finished the four-furlong move in :50. Clockers caught the five-furlong gallop-out in 1:04.80.

The work unfolded at 6:30 a.m. and by 6:45 Churchill official suspended training temporarily because of the dangerous circumstances.

Back at Barn 38, as the storm picked up yet again, Asmussen welcomed soaking reporters under the dry cover of his shedrow.

"I'm very happy to get it in," Asmussen said. "I loved how he moved over it. I can't say enough about Abel, under those conditions, being able to do what we wanted. He hit 50 right on and that's what we were aiming for with the horse."

Asmussen typically does not ask much of his workers in their final work before an important stakes engagement.

"He's got a beautiful stride to him," the trainer said. "He's an extremely efficient mover. I'm definitely happy to get it in before they announced the track's closed."

HOPPERUNITY (No. 7)/CHITU (No. 12) – Tanma Corporation's Chitu schooled in the gate and jogged about a mile for Hall of Fame trainer **Bob Baffert** Tuesday morning.

Meanwhile **Karl Watson, Mike Pegram** and **Paul Weitman's Hoppertunity** walked the morning after his final pre-Derby work. Baffert said the colt came out of the work in fine condition.

"I do a lot of gate (schooling); the gate is very important here," Baffert said. "I hate when they act up in the gate. I blame myself for it. It's like a coach who doesn't use his timeouts. It's the coach's fault, right? Use them wisely."

Sunland Derby winner Chitu runs in the colors of Tanma Corporation, owned by Boston residents **Susan Chu** and her husband **Charles**. Susan Chu is very active in international show jumping and decided to enter Thoroughbred racing after watching **Super Saver** win the 2010 Derby. Tanma owns **Super Ninety Nine**, a 2013 Derby prospect following a victory in the Southwest Stakes. He did not run in the Kentucky Derby and has resumed training in March after a long layoff.

Baffert said he did not realize he was being interviewed when Susan Chu had a meeting with him at Santa Anita.

"She actually interviewed a lot of trainers, she picked me and she wanted to go to the Kentucky Derby," Baffert said. "Here she is, her second horse and she's at the Kentucky Derby. It's not supposed to be happening like this, but it just worked out."

Baffert chuckled as he recalled the conversation with Chu.

"I passed the interview. That's a big thing," he said. "She goes by stats and reads every article. She said she picked me because I'm a very kind person."

Chitu, named after a famous horse in Chinese history, is the son of **Henny Hughes** out of the **A. P. Indy** mare **Sea Gift**. He will be ridden by jockey **Martin Garcia**.

"He's one of those horses that is quiet and low-key," Baffert said. "He's got a great mind. He'll walk into the paddock and he's quiet. Nothing really stirs him up. That's what I loved about him when I bought him, he was just so quiet. He would make a great riding horse and he's beautiful to boot. And he's fast. He really runs. He's not bred to go that far, but the bottom side, the A.P. Indy, just carries him a little bit farther. He likes a fast racetrack, we know that."

WILDCAT RED (No. 9) – Honors Stable Corp.'s Wildcat Red returned to the Churchill Downs racetrack Tuesday morning for a strong 1 1/8-mile gallop under exercise rider **Juan Belmonte**.

"The way he went today was amazing. I'm very happy with it," trainer **Jose Garoffalo** said. "We're still very optimistic."

The Fountain of Youth (GII) and Hutcheson (GIII) winner had walked the shedrow Monday morning after breezing five furlongs in 1:04 2/5 at Churchill Sunday morning.

"It seems he likes the track. I saw a big difference between today and Sunday," Garoffalo said. "He's full of himself."

Wildcat Red, who finished second in the Florida Derby (G1) at Gulfstream Park last time out, is slated to be ridden by **Luis Saez**, who was aboard for his Fountain of Youth score.

RIDE ON CURLIN (No. 11) – Daniel Dougherty's Ride On Curlin galloped Tuesday under exercise rider **Bryan Beccia** for trainer **Billy Gowan**.

Gowan is quick to praise the legendary trainer **Jack Van Berg** for bringing him up in the business. Gowan completed an internship under Van Berg as the final requirement for Gowan to receive an equine degree from Louisiana Tech. He wound up working 4 1/2 years for Van Berg.

"He makes you learn," Gowan said. "He wants you to learn. Where a lot of people won't tell you anything, Jack, he will explain stuff to you. He'll feel the horse's legs, and he'll make you feel the horse's legs, and he'll ask you, 'What did you feel?' And then, if you don't see what he sees, he'll call you a dumbass, and he'll show you what it is. You just learn."

"And I remember one time we were going to look at horses' legs, walking down, he'd check 60 horses' legs every morning. And the grooms had to stand there with the webbing open, and he'd go in there and check them, and there was a note pad, and he'd write down what to do them up in – ice, this, blah, blah, blah. I walked in there one morning, probably about half-asleep or whatever. He slapped me on the back and he said: 'You look at that horse when you walk in that stall. See what you see.' It's attention to detail. And he would explain everything. ... We'd be out on the pony. I galloped a lot of horses for him. And he'd tell you about times, or why you do this, or why you gallop this way. Always just telling you. Always teaching. He loved to teach."

TAPITURE (No. 13) – Winchell Thoroughbreds' Tapiture walked the shedrow at trainer **Steve Asmussen's** barn and was reported to be in fine shape the morning after his steady half-mile

maintenance move in :50. Since arriving at Churchill Downs in mid-April with both Tapiture and Oaks favorite **Untapable**, the barn has strived to keep their surroundings and their patterns consistent with what they were accustomed to in Hot Springs, Ark., and New Orleans, respectively.

"I love a routine," Asmussen said. "I love consistency. I think it measures where you're at. It takes some of the variables out."

"When you get here, to the Oaks or the Derby, with the new TV screen for instance, there's just a lot to take in. You just want to mentally be in a position where they can show their talent."

Tapiture will be the first Derby mount for 21-year-old **Ricardo Santana Jr.**, who was fourth in the standings at last year's Churchill Downs spring meet and boasts leading rider titles at Oaklawn Park and Delaware Park.

Santana is a native of Panama, a country that has produced several successful jockeys, including **Laffit Pincay Jr.**, **Alex Solis**, **Braulio Baeza** and **Cornelio Velasquez**.

MEDAL COUNT (No. 15) – Spendthrift Farm's Medal Count galloped 1 1/2 miles under exercise rider **Faustino Aguilar** during the Oaks and Derby training session. Prior to the exercise, the Blue Grass Stakes (GI) runner-up stood motionless by the half-mile gap for five minutes, enjoying another opportunity to acclimate to his surroundings.

"Everything went fine," trainer **Dale Romans** said.

Medal Count is very likely to be the last Derby starter by **Dynaformer**, the hugely influential stallion who died two years ago today – April 29, 2012.

"I think he was a very good sire," Romans said. "If we could get a good Dynaformer colt in the breeding shed I think it would be important for the future of racing. Those are good, rugged, hearty horses."

Dynaformer most famously sired ill-fated 2006 Kentucky Derby winner **Barbaro**. His other top progeny include Melbourne Cup winner **American** and the hard-knocking gelding **Perfect Drift**. Overall Dynaformer sired 130 stakes winners, including 61 graded stakes winners, 25 Grade I winners and 18 millionaires.

"It's just a shame what happened with Barbaro, that he couldn't get to the breeding shed with those bloodlines," Romans said.

CANDY BOY (No. 16) – Trainer John Sadler sent his Kentucky Derby charge **Candy Boy** to the track Tuesday morning just as the special Derby/Oaks training period began following the mid-morning renovation break. Exercise rider **Jelani Grant** was at the controls and steered the husky colt through a strong gallop of a mile and one-half on the big Churchill oval.

Back at Barn 43 afterwards, Sadler was pleased with the exercise for his son of **Candy Ride** and said everything was moving forward in their quest for honors in Derby 140.

"He's doing well here," Sadler said. "Tomorrow and Thursday, I'll stand him in the gate. He'll school with horses for the first race this afternoon."

The trainer also noted that his owners – **Lee** and **Susan Searing** of the **C R K Stable** – would return to Louisville today from Southern California and stay through the Derby. The Searings bred Candy Boy in Kentucky from their **In Excess** mare **She's an Eleven**. Obviously hoping to catch lightning in the jar twice, they currently have She's an Eleven back in foal to Candy Ride again.

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

UNCLE SIGH (No. 17) – Wounded Warrior Stable and **Anthony Robertson's Uncle Sigh** galloped about two miles under exercise rider **Benito Alvarado** Tuesday morning before schooling in the Churchill Downs starting gate.

The son of Indian Charlie is scheduled to school in the paddock for the fifth race Thursday afternoon and, tentatively, Friday.

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"If he goes over there on Thursday and does nothing wrong, I don't think I'll school him again," trainer **Gary Contessa** said.

Although Uncle Sigh is scheduled to be Contessa's first Derby starter, the New York-based trainer already has saddled a horse for the Run for the Roses. He subbed for trainer **Stanley Hough** in 1982 and saddled **Harbor View Farm's Reinvested**, who closed from far back to loom boldly in the stretch before settling for third behind **Gato Del Sol** and **Laser Light**.

"Reinvested was (part of the mutual field), and I don't think I did a single interview. After he finished third, everyone wanted to talk to me," Contessa said. "Stanley had been here the year before with **Proud Appeal** and didn't do well. He didn't want to come back for Reinvested, so he sent me down here. It was cool."

Contessa also had a rooting interest in 2003 in **Peace Rules**, whom he sold after he broke his maiden at Belmont in his third lifetime start.

"I owned Peace Rules and sold him to (trainer) **Bobby Frankel**," Contessa recalled. "I had kids and had to put another kid through college. I was pleased that he ran well."

Peace Rules, who carried **Edmund Gann's** colors to a third-place finish behind **Funny Cide** and **Empire Maker**, went on to win multiple Grade I stakes and more than \$3 million in earnings.

COMMANDING CURVE (No. 20) – When **Robby Albarado** committed to ride Medal Count in this Derby, veteran jockey **Shaun Bridgmohan** landed the mount on **West Point Thoroughbreds' Commanding Curve** for trainer **Dallas Stewart**.

"It's always nice to ride in the Derby," said Bridgmohan, who will be riding in his sixth Derby. His best finish was sixth on **Santiva** on 2011.

Bridgmohan called Commanding Curve "a very improving 3-year-old that's coming into himself at the right time."

"Definitely, the distance is in his favor," Bridgmohan said. "He's such a kind horse. He does everything nice and easy."

Commanding Curve was impeded at the start of the Louisiana Derby (GII) before finishing third. The experience might benefit him, Stewart said.

"The horse that was on his outside just came over on him, and Robby had to take him up, couldn't do anything, had to just get himself back together," Stewart said. "And then as he went around the turn and down the backside, he kind of geared him up. Geared him up on the turn and dropped him on the rail, then came back outside, and the horse handled it great. So hopefully, that'll all play in good for this race."

On Tuesday, Commanding Curve galloped under exercise rider **Emerson Chavez**.

PABLO DEL MONTE (No. 21) – **Susan Magnier, Derrick Smith, Michael Tabor** and trainer **Wesley Ward's Pablo Del Monte** continued to train strongly at Keeneland Tuesday morning.

"He galloped around the track here at Keeneland unbelievably," Ward said.

Ward's homebred son of **Giant's Causeway** is scheduled to arrive at Churchill Downs Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning.

Pablo Del Monte sat 21st on the points list Tuesday and needs one horse to defect by Friday morning in order to make it into Saturday's 20-horse Derby field. Ward will continue to train his colt the next few days with a run in the Derby as the goal.

"If he gets in Friday morning, schooling in the paddock Friday afternoon is something we'd probably do," Ward said.

SOCIAL INCLUSION – **Rontos Racing Stable Corp.'s Social Inclusion**, who currently sits 22nd, two spots away from qualifying

for the 20-horse Kentucky Derby field, will not ship to Churchill Downs, his connections reported Tuesday morning.

"We're going to keep the horse here at Gulfstream Park. We ran out of time. It wouldn't be fair to the horse," **Ron Sanchez** of Rontos Racing Stable Corp said. "We have no time. It doesn't look like he'll get into the field."

The **Manny Azpurua**-trained **Social Inclusion**, who finished third in the Wood Memorial (G1) after launching his career with two dazzling victories at Gulfstream, will be pointed to the Preakness Stakes (G1) at Pimlico on May 17.

"We'll probably look for a prep. We're going to have a meeting with Manny tomorrow morning," Sanchez said.

BIG BAZINGA (No. 22) – **Derby Dreamers Racing Stable's Big Bazinga** galloped 1 ½ miles after the morning renovation break with **Loren Diego** up for trainer **Katerina Vassilieva**.

Vassilieva said unless there were a couple of defections from the anticipated Derby field at entry time Wednesday, Big Bazinga would be supplemented into Saturday's \$250,000-added American Turf (GII) and **Brian Hernandez Jr.** would have the mount.

"My owner wants to hold on to the last bit of hope," Vassilieva said of making the Derby field that is limited to the top 20 entrants from the Road to the Kentucky Derby Presented by TwinSpires.com.

LONGINES KENTUCKY OAKS UPDATE

UNTAPABLE (No. 1) – **Winchell Thoroughbreds' Untapable** returned to the track for the first time since her :48.60 half-mile breeze Sunday. The Kentucky Oaks favorite hit the track with regular exercise rider **Angel Garcia** shortly after 6 a.m. with trainer **Steve Asmussen's** second set of horses, per her routine.

Garcia took a hard hold on Untapable, who was clearly eager to do more than the easy gallop her trainer sent her on. Leaving Asmussen and his pony behind at the half-mile pole, Garcia tried to find a rhythm while keeping her relaxed in the middle of the track. As they finished their gallop down the backside, Untapable tossed her head and continued to give the impression of an aggressive filly who can't wait for Friday.

"I think keeping her on the ground between here and Friday is completely the issue," Asmussen said.

Untapable will school in the paddock today during the fifth race.

"How she schools today will determine if we go back, most likely once or, if necessary, all three days previous," Asmussen said.

Untapable drew the outside post 13 for the Kentucky Oaks, which Asmussen said he was not concerned about, unlike his Kentucky Derby entrant, **Tapiture**, for whom he would prefer a stall toward the outside of the gate.

"I'll save all my draw luck for the Derby," Asmussen said.

Rosie Napravnik, an Oaks winner in 2012 aboard **Believe You Can**, has the mount in Untapable and will break from post position 13.

SUGAR SHOCK (No. 2) – **On Cloud Nine LLC's Sugar Shock** galloped 1 ½ miles after the morning renovation break with **Seth VanDyke** aboard for trainer **Doug Anderson**.

Anderson said it did not matter where Sugar Shock and jockey **Calvin Borel** wound up in the starting gate for Friday's Kentucky Oaks (GI).

"She will put herself in position," Anderson said before Sugar Shock landed in post position three. "She is very quick from the gate and I can see her being in front if she draws inside. If she draws outside, she can sit and stalk a little."

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ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY OAKS LEADERBOARD

#	Horse	Points	Trainer	NRSE
1.	Untapable	160	Steve Asmussen	\$521,125
2.	Sugar Shock	120	Doug Anderson	\$270,000
3.	Fashion Plate	110	Simon Callaghan	\$420,000
	Awesome Baby	110	Bob Baffert	\$309,250
	In Tune	100	Todd Pletcher	\$180,000
4.	My Miss Sophia	100	Todd Pletcher	\$180,000
5.	Rosalind	78	Kenny McPeek	\$536,311
	Euphrosyne	74	Steve Asmussen	\$150,000
	Room Service	70	Wayne Catalano	\$270,000
6.	Got Lucky	64	Todd Pletcher	\$180,000
7.	Aurelia's Belle	64	Wayne Catalano	\$142,850
	Only for you	60	Todd Pletcher	\$240,000
	House Rules	60	Allen Jerkens	\$100,000
8.	Ria Antonia	55	Bob Baffert	\$1,211,791
9.	Kiss Moon	50	Dave Vance	\$95,400
	Intimal IRE	40	Saeed bin Suroor	\$448,298
	Fiftyshadesofgold	40	Bret Calhoun	\$166,090
10.	Unbridled Forever	30	Dallas Stewart	\$115,000
	Sweet Reason	25	Leah Gyarmati	\$430,000
	Stopchargingmaria	22	Todd Pletcher	\$526,000
11.	Thank You Marylou	20	Mike Maker	\$178,200
12.	Empress of Midway	15	Doug O'Neill	\$32,000
12.	Please Explain	0	Tom Proctor	\$80,867

Anderson, who has the remainder of his stable housed at Prairie Meadows, has not done a lot of scouting of the opposition.

"I am familiar with **Kiss Moon** (from Oaklawn) and I have watched (**Wayne**) **Catalano's** filly (**Aurelia's Belle**) train," Anderson said. "Kiss Moon has looked very well, but they are the only ones I have paid attention to."

FASHION PLATE (No. 3) – Arnold Zetcher and Michael Tabor's Fashion Plate jogged a mile under exercise rider **Paul Eddery** after the morning renovation break for trainer **Simon Callaghan**.

Undeclared in three starts on dirt that include victories in the Las Virgenes (GI) and Santa Anita Oaks (GI), Fashion Plate arrived at Churchill Downs at 12:45 p.m. Monday. Callaghan is scheduled to be here Tuesday afternoon.

Fashion Plate, who will be ridden Friday by **Gary Stevens**, is scheduled for a light gallop Wednesday according to Eddery.

The filly, second choice on the morning line at 6-1, drew post position seven.

MY MISS SOPHIA (No. 4)/GOT LUCKY (No. 6) – The Kentucky Oaks (GI) duo of My Miss Sophia and Got Lucky took advantage of the Derby/Oaks training session starting at Churchill Downs Tuesday morning to turn in smart gallops of about a mile and one-half.

Got Lucky, from the final crop of **A.P. Indy**, had regular exercise rider **Amy Mulen** aboard, while **Humberto Zamora** was at the controls for My Miss Sophia, a daughter of **Unbridled's Song**. Both females went through their exercise in strong fashion and both appear to be coming up to top efforts in the \$1 million classic.

Trainer **Todd Pletcher** has given the call on Got Lucky to Hall of Famer **John Velazquez**, while he'll give a leg up to **Javier Castellano** for My Miss Sophia. Between them the fillies have been first or second in all eight of their starts, including a one-two finish in the April 5 Gazelle Stakes (GII) at Aqueduct with "Sophia" besting her stablemate by more than seven lengths that afternoon.

My Miss Sophia drew post position 11 and Got Lucky has the 12 hole.

ROSALIND (No. 5) – Landaluce Educe Stables' Rosalind full-galoped on the main track during the Oaks and Derby training session, hitting the track at 8:30 a.m. with regular exercise rider **Danny Ramsey** aboard.

"We've just got to keep an even keel," trainer **Kenny McPeek** said. "It's basic stuff; the hard stuff is over with."

The **Broken Vow** filly drew post four for the Oaks at Tuesday morning's draw.

"It's a good spot," McPeek said. "I'm pleased. I wasn't too concerned one way or another, inside or outside. We just need the speed to set up for her."

Rosalind will be ridden Friday by **Joel Rosario**, last year's Kentucky Derby-winning rider whose best finish in the Oaks is a third in 2011 aboard **Zazu**. The Dominican native has been Rosalind's regular rider since November's Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (GI), a race in which they finished a fast-closing third.

"He knows her real well," McPeek said. "She's a little tricky to get to the gate but that's something he's obviously aware of by now. She's not a tough filly to ride."

AURELIA'S BELLE (No. 7) – Owner Jim Miller and his wife, Terry, were at Churchill Downs on Tuesday to watch **Aurelia's Belle** gallop Tuesday under exercise rider **Calamity Compton** for trainer **Wayne Catalano**.

"It's where I've always wanted to be," said Jim Miller, who works in infrastructure finance. "It's a lifelong dream to be here."

The Millers, who are from Hagerstown, Md., own 47 horses. "Just had one the night before last at Mill Ridge (Farm)," Terry Miller said of a foal born there.

Jim Miller spoke highly of the pedigree of Aurelia's Belle, a daughter of **Lemon Drop Kid** and the Danzig mare **Aurelia**. Aurelia, she's part of the **Courtly Dee** family," Jim Miller said. "It's a very good family, probably one of the better families."

Courtly Dee was the dam of **Althea**, who won the Arkansas Derby in 1984.

Aurelia's Belle drew the No. 8 post position for the Oaks and is 50-1 in the morning line. At the Oaks post draw, Catalano joked about linemaker **Mike Battaglia**.

"What's wrong with him?" Catalano said with a laugh. "Maybe it's time for a new odds-maker."

RIA ANTONIA (No. 8) – Christopher Dunn and Looch Racing Stable's Ria Antonia walked Tuesday, the morning after she breezed a half-mile in :47.70.

Trainer **Bob Baffert** said she came out of the work in good condition. She drew post position two in the Kentucky Oaks and will be ridden by Hall of Fame jockey **Mike Smith**.

KISS MOON (No. 9) – Carl Pollard's Kiss Moon visited the starting gate, jogged to the seven-eighths pole and then galloped a mile under exercise rider **Otto Thorwarth** for trainer **Dave Vance**.

Victor Espinoza will have the mount on Kiss Moon, who enters the Oaks off a second-place finish to Sugar Shock in the Fantasy (GIII).

Vance was hoping for post position five or six for the Malibu Moon homebred, "but I wouldn't cry if she got the one. That might make somebody else do something they might not want to do."

Vance got his wish: Kiss Moon drew post position six.

UNBRIDLED FOREVER (No. 10) – Trainer Dallas Stewart said he expects **Charles Fipke's Unbridled Forever** to run better in the Kentucky Oaks than she did in the Fair Grounds Oaks (GII). She finished third in that Oaks prep race, 9 1/2 lengths behind winner **Untapable**.

Unbridled Forever was returning from a 10-week layoff when she ran in the Fair Grounds Oaks.

"I thought she ran pretty good off a layoff," Stewart said. "I actually thought she was a little bit fitter than she was. She worked a couple of really good three-quarters, and I came back two weeks before and just worked her half-miles, easy, and I guess that might have been a little short on fitness looking back. But she came out of it very healthy. ... She had a black-letter work here the other day, did it very easy. So she seems like she's moved her game up since the last race to me."

On Tuesday, Unbridled Forever galloped under exercise rider **Pedro Velez**.

She drew No. 9 and is 12-1 in the morning line for the Oaks. **Robby Albarado** will ride.

Stewart said he likes that Unbridled Forever's starting position is inside of favorite **Untapable**, who drew No. 13 in a 13-filly field. "I'll talk to Robby, see what he thinks, but I think it's OK."

THANK YOU MARYLOU (No. 11) – Exercise rider **Joel Barrientos** galloped **Ken and Sarah Ramsey's Thank You Marylou** on Tuesday for trainer **Mike Maker**.

She drew No. 5 for the Oaks and is rated at 30-1 in the morning line.

Julien Leparoux, who will ride her, said he thinks she might step forward from her performance in the Ashland on the synthetic surface at Keeneland. She finished third in that race, her first around two turns.

"I think it was a good race for her at Keeneland," Leparoux said. "The first race I rode her going short at Gulfstream, I think she might handle the dirt a little better than the Polytrack. I mean, she handled the Polytrack good, but I think the dirt might be where she likes it better.

"The distance I think is still a little question, but I think the race at Keeneland definitely set her up for it here."

EMPRESS OF MIDWAY (No. 12) – **Daniel Kramer** and **Rick Pitino's Empress of Midway** galloped 1 ½ miles after the morning renovation break with **Humberto Gomez** aboard.

"Much better track today," Gomez said as he gave the morning activity a big thumbs up.

Empress of Midway is trained by **Doug O'Neill** and will be ridden in the Oaks by **Corey Nakatani**. O'Neill is scheduled to arrive in Louisville Thursday afternoon.

Jack Sinsterson, assistant to O'Neill, said post position would not be a concern to the filly.

"Wherever we draw is fine," Sinsterson said before Empress of Midway drew post 10. "She's a classy filly and the post won't matter."

PLEASE EXPLAIN (No. 13) – Trainer **Tom Proctor** said that he planned to enter **Niall Racing's Please Explain** in Friday's Kentucky Oaks and that **Jose Lezcano** would have the mount.

The **Curlin** filly broke her maiden in her fourth start at 1 1/16 miles at Gulfstream Park. In her next start, Please Explain won the Suncoast Stakes at Tampa Bay by six lengths.

Following the Suncoast victory, Please Explain finished third in the Honeybee (GIII) and seventh in the Fantasy (GIII).

"She ran a good race in the Honeybee but the Fantasy was just a bad race," Proctor said. "Maybe she just didn't like the track. You can just throw that last race out."

Please Explain has had two works here since the Fantasy, the first being a 1:01.20 move on April 19.

"She worked head and head with **Myositis Dan** and you saw how he ran the other night," Proctor said of the colt who was beaten two noses in a third-place finish in the Derby Trial (GIII). "That kind of sealed the deal."

Please Explain had her final Oaks work on Saturday, going five furlongs in 1:01.60.

Please Explain drew post position one.

KENTUCKY OAKS JOCKEYS

Horse	Jockey
Aurelia's Belle	Channing Hill
Empress of Midway	Corey Nakatani
Fashion Plate	Gary Stevens
Got Lucky	John Velazquez
Kiss Moon	Victor Espinoza
My Miss Sophia	Javier Castellano
Please Explain	Jose Lezcano
Ria Antonia	Mike Smith
Rosalind	Joel Rosario
Sugar Shock	Calvin Borel
Thank You Marylou	Julien Leparoux
Unbridled Forever	Shaun Bridgmohan
Untapable	Rosie Napravnik

BARN LIST – KENTUCKY DERBY

Horse	Trainer	Date	Barn
Big Bazinga	Katerina Vassilieva		35
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 McPeck		6
Sugar Shock	Doug Anderson		27
Thank You Marylou	Mike Maker		27
Unbridled Forever	Dallas Stewart		48
Untapable	Steve Asmussen		38

STAKES POSSIBLES

LONGINES KENTUCKY OAKS (GI)

Friday, May 2, \$1 million, 3yo, 1 1/8 M, 140th running

Horse	Trainer	Status
Untapable	Steve Asmussen	Confirmed
Sugar Shock	Doug Anderson	Confirmed
Fashion Plate	Simon Callaghan	Confirmed
My Miss Sophia	Todd Pletcher	Confirmed
Rosalind	Kenny McPeck	Confirmed
Got Lucky	Todd Pletcher	Confirmed
Aurelia's Belle	Wayne Catalano	Confirmed
Ria Antonia	Bob Baffert	Confirmed
Kiss Moon	Dave Vance	Confirmed
Unbridled Forever	Dallas Stewart	Confirmed
Thank You Marylou	Mike Maker	Confirmed
Empress of Midway	Doug O'Neill	Confirmed
Please Explain	Tom Proctor	Confirmed

LA TROIENNE (GI)

Friday, May 2, \$300,000-added, f & m, 4 & up, 1 1/16 M, 29th running

Horse	Trainer	Status
Devil's Cave	Marty Wolfson	Likely
Don't Tell Sophia	Phil Sims	Likely
Magic Union	John Sadler	Likely
Ondine	Bob Baffert	Likely
On Fire Baby	Gary Hartlage	Likely
Unlimited Budget	Todd Pletcher	Likely

ALYSHEBA PRESENTED BY BESILU STABLES (GII)

Friday, May 2, \$300,000-added, 4 & up, 1 1/16 M, 11th running

Horse	Trainer	Status
Appealing Tale	Peter Miller	Likely
Bradester	Eddie Kenneally	Likely
Dynamic Sky	Mark Casse	Likely
Golden Ticket	Kenny McPeck	Likely
Moonshine Mullin	Randy Morse	Likely
Normandy Invasion	Chad Brown	Likely
Will Take Charge	D. Wayne Lukas	Likely

TWIN SPIRES TURF SPRINT (GIII)

Friday, May 2, \$150,000-added, 4 & up, 5 F (I), 20th running

Horse	Trainer	Status
Ancil	Joan Scott	Likely
Gooleado (ARG)	Randy Morse	Likely
Marchman	Bret Calhoun	Likely
Positive Side	Grant Forster	Likely
Stormofthecentury	Louis Ruberto Jr.	Likely
Sum of the Parts	Tom Amoss	Likely

EIGHT BELLES (GIII)

Friday, May 2, \$175,000-added, 3yo f, 7 F, 59th running

Horse	Trainer	Status
Bajan	Simon Callaghan	Likely
Cash Control	Steve Margolis	Likely
Designer Legs	Dallas Stewart	Likely
Fiftyshadesofgold	Bret Calhoun	Likely
Hot and Dangerous	Jacquelin Higgins	Likely
Lady Paradime	Kelly Breen	Likely
Milam	Eddie Kenneally	Likely
Our Amazing Rose	Todd Pletcher	Likely
She's a Tiger	Jeff Bonde	Likely
Silk Purse	Brad Cox	Likely
Whomping Willow	Dale Romans	Likely

EDGEWOOD PRESENTED BY FORCHT BANK

Friday, May 2, \$150,000-added, 3yo f, 1 1/16 M (I), 29th running

Horse	Trainer	Status
A Little Bit Sassy	Michael Matz	Likely
Annulment	Victoria Oliver	Likely
Fonepferesh (IRE)	Eric Reed	Likely
Istanford	Michael Stidham	Likely
Little Journey (FR)	Chad Brown	Likely
Miss Machiavelli	Keith Desormeaux	Likely
Resistivity	Mark Casse	Likely
V V Goodnight	Tom Proctor	Likely

KENTUCKY DERBY PRESENTED BY YUM BRANDS (GI)

Saturday, May 3, \$2 Million-added, 3yo, 1 1/4 M, 140th 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
Big Bazinga	Katerina Vassilieva	Possible

WOODFORD RESERVE TURF CLASSIC (GI)

Saturday, May 3, \$500,000-added, 4 & up, 1 1/8 M (I), 28th running

Horse	Trainer	Status
Admiral Kitten	Mike Maker	Likely
Bright Thought	Jorge Gutierrez	Likely
Guys Reward	Dale Romans	Likely
Little Mike	Carlo Vaccarezza	Likely
Seek Again	Bill Mott	Likely
Skyring	D. Wayne Lukas	Likely
Wise Dan	Charlie LoPresti	Likely

HUMANA DISTAFF (GI)

Saturday, May 3, \$300,000-added, f & m, 4 & up, 7 F, 28th running

Horse	Trainer	Status
Funny Proposition	Mark Casse	Likely
Heart Stealer	Marty Wolfson	Likely
Iotapa	John Sadler	Likely
Scherzinger	Jerry Hollendorfer	Likely
Speedinthruthecity	Steve Asmussen	Likely
Street Girl	Eddie Kenneally	Likely
Warm Breeze	Grant Forster	Likely

CHURCHILL DOWNS (GII)

Saturday, May 3, \$400,000-added, 4 & up, 7 F, 80th running

Horse	Trainer	Status
Broadway Empire	Robertino Diodoro	Likely
Capo Bastone	Todd Pletcher	Likely
Clearly Now	Brian Lynch	Likely
Counterccyclical	Gary Scherer	Likely
Delaunay	Tom Amoss	Likely
Falling Sky	George Weaver	Likely
Laugh Track	Mark Casse	Likely
Risk Factor	Angel Rodriguez	Likely
Sahara Sky	Jerry Hollendorfer	Likely
Sensational Slam	Patrick Quick	Likely

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

Saturday, May 3, \$300,000-added, f & m, 4 & up, 1 M (T), 28th running

Horse	Trainer	Status
Centre Court	Rusty Arnold	Likely
Coffee Clique	Brian Lynch	Likely
Effie Trinkett	Richard Violette, Jr.	Likely
English Class	Brian Lynch	Likely
Every Way	Michael Stidham	Likely
I'malreadysexy	Wayne Catalano	Likely
Miz Ida	Steve Margolis	Likely
Ready Signal	Amy Tarrant	Likely
Tapicat	Bill Mott	Likely

AMERICAN TURF PRESENTED BY RAM TRUCKS (GII)

Saturday, May 3, \$250,000-added, 3yo, 1 1/16 M (T), 23rd running

Horse	Trainer	Status
Chief Barker (IRE)	Larry Rivelli	Likely
Craftsman (IRE)	Simon Callaghan	Likely
General Jack	Mike Maker	Likely
Global View	Tom Proctor	Likely
Long On Value	Donnie Von Hemel	Likely
Picozza	Todd Pletcher	Likely
Pleuven (FR)	Chad Brown	Likely
Quotient	John Sadler	Likely
Storming Inti	Chad Brown	Likely
Woodfield Springs	Rusty Arnold	Likely

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