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Flanked by his son Riley (left), trainer Bill Mott hoists the Kentucky Derby trophy after Sovereignty's 2025 Derby victory at Churchill Downs

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FATHER VS. SON: MOTTS SQUARE OFF IN KENTUCKY DERBY 152

By Byron King
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For Riley Mott, having horses he trains compete against those conditioned by his father, Bill, comes with both being racehorse trainers. The Motts have met as racing rivals before, across the calendar and at various tracks, with their shared profession occasionally placing them on opposite sides in search of a winning result.

But racing May 2 at Churchill Downs brings a different backdrop—and a far larger spotlight.

Their horses will square off beneath the famed twin spires in the $5 million Kentucky Derby (G1), the first leg of the Triple Crown and the sport's most visible race, expected to draw roughly 150,000 spectators to Churchill Downs and a television audience of around 20 million on NBC.

The family matchup—Riley with longshots Albus and Incredibolt, Bill with leading contender Chief Wallabee—adds a compelling layer to the 152nd Kentucky Derby, which will include 17 other 3-year-olds in a full starting gate.

While the Derby has previously featured family ties, those instances have more commonly involved jockeys or jockey-trainer combinations. Brothers Irad Ortiz Jr. and Jose Ortiz have frequently ridden horses against one another in the Derby over the last decade and, in 2024, Keith Asmussen was the jockey of Just Steel for trainer D. Wayne Lukas in the same race in which his father, Steve Asmussen, gave a leg up to Joel Rosario aboard Track Phantom.



Bill and Riley Mott ahead of the 2024 Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs

But a father and son training opposing horses in the same Derby hasn't happened in the historic race since 1964, when Red Wingfield's Dandy K finished eighth, and Bobby Wingfield's Wil Rad was 10th.

BH+ WATCH: Bill Mott on Son Riley Also Having Derby Starters

For the Motts, pride in reaching the Derby runs both ways. Still, sentiment yields to competition.

"Obviously, I've got to try to beat him on Saturday," the elder Mott said.

Though Riley has twice as many Derby starters as Bill, most observers give the family advantage to Bill's Chief Wallabee, owned by Michael and Katherine Ball and installed as the 8-1 fourth choice on the morning line. Second in the Fountain of Youth Stakes (G2) and third in the Florida Derby (G1), Chief Wallabee has gained pari-mutuel backers since arriving at Churchill Downs and working sharply in blinkers, which he will wear for the first time in a race in the Derby under regular rider Junior Alvarado.

Riley's entrants—Incredibolt at 20-1 and Albus at 30-1, both for Pin Oak Stud—arrive with less fanfare. Both come off victories, however, with Incredibolt taking the ungraded Virginia Derby and Albus the Wood Memorial Stakes (G2). Jaime Torres rides Incredibolt, and Manny Franco is aboard Albus.

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Riley said he is happy for his father to participate in the Derby, knowing the sentiment is mutual, but "once they load 'em in the gate, it's every man for himself."

There is, however, one rooting interest that appears less divided.

"I know that my wife's probably gonna be rooting for my son," Bill said of Tina, Riley's mother.

Riley offered a similar assessment: "I know who my mom's gonna be rooting for."

That they would utter such similar lines is unsurprising. Riley, 34, is a younger version of his 72-year-old father, not only in appearance but in his manner of speech and demeanor.

No wonder. From a young age, Riley was around Bill's barn, initially sent there as a self-described hyperactive child in need of an outlet. As he matured into an older boy and young man, he took on tasks at the barn.

After college, he assumed additional responsibilities, serving as his father's assistant for nine years. The experience provided him with the background to handle the many facets of being a horse trainer, from horse care to client relations.

BH+ WATCH: Riley Mott on His Dad: 'I Try to Emulate Him Every Day'



Riley Mott at Churchill Downs



Bill Mott at Churchill Downs

Observing his father's style—marked by patience and professionalism—helped prepare Riley for his own career, which began in late 2022. Since then, his stable has developed steadily, supported by clients such as Pin Oak Stud, now led by Dana and Ben Bernhard. Their backing has been instrumental.

"They've (provided) such a big push for my career," Riley said from the Churchill Downs backstretch. "So it's only fitting that we're here with their horses."

Even last spring, when Riley did not have a horse in the Derby, he joined his parents in cheering on Godolphin's Sovereignty, trained by Bill, to victory.

"It's something you wish everyone could experience," he said.

The victory gave Bill a second win in the race—and one he could more fully savor, as his first came when Country House was elevated from second to first in 2019 upon the disqualification of Maximum Security for interference.

Bill now bids to become just the seventh trainer to go back to back in the Derby, the last of which was Hall of Famer Bob Baffert with Silver Charm in 1997 and Real Quiet in 1998.

Regarding their similar mannerisms, Riley says he hears it all the time.

"He's my hero, my role model," he said. "I try to emulate him every day, not only as a trainer, but as a father and human being."

He further appreciates all those who have aided him and his stable in the Derby journey.

"It's all a function of having great owners and clients that provide us with very capable horses," he said. "And among all else, our team— I can't say enough about the ability of the horsemen or horsewomen that make up our team, and I feel very fortunate to have them on board." BH

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Rank	Stallion, YOB, (Sire) Farm, Stud Fee	Named Foals	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SW/ SHs	GSW	G1W	Chief Earner (Earnings)	'26 Earnings
1	Essential Quality, '18, (Tapit) Darley, KY, $25,000	171	62 / 19	4 / 7	1	0	The Puma $442,280	$2,135,501
2	Yaupon, '17, (Uncle Mo) Spendthrift Farm, KY, $60,000	226	74 / 22	4 / 9	1	0	Albus $419,200	$2,100,104
3	Charlatan, '17, (Speightstown) Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY, $25,000	218	68 / 27	5 / 8	2	0	Labwah $196,056	$1,792,335
4	Tacitus, '16, (Tapit) Taylor Made Stallions, KY, $5,000	139	51 / 14	1 / 1	1	0	Silent Tactic $998,750	$1,525,505
5	Rock Your World, '18, (Candy Ride) Spendthrift Farm, KY, $7,500	180	74 / 24	2 / 5	0	0	Taken by the Wind $208,750	$1,116,478
6	Maxfield, '17, (Street Sense) Darley, KY, $50,000	152	54 / 14	2 / 3	0	0	Holly's Holiday $158,000	$1,066,306
7	Knicks Go, '16, (Paynter) Korea Racing Authority, KOR, Private	143	67 / 18	0 / 3	0	0	Honey Dutch $174,100	$1,064,720
8	Independence Hall, '17, (Constitution) WinStar Farm, KY, $10,000	158	58 / 19	1 / 2	0	0	Victory Hall $92,450	$967,002
9	Modernist, '17, (Uncle Mo) Darby Dan Farm, KY, $5,000	114	36 / 14	2 / 2	1	0	Trendsetter $291,300	$693,289
10	Lexitonian, '16, (Speightstown) Calumet Farm, KY, $7,500	69	29 / 11	1 / 4	1	0	She Be Smooth $186,820	$659,319

Listed above are the top 10 leading second-crop sires by 2026 Northern Hemisphere earnings through April 27, 2026. Only stallions that stand, will stand, or stood in North America (excluding stallions that died or were exported prior to the 2022 breeding season), and have runners in North America are included. Racing statistics are 2026 Northern Hemisphere only.



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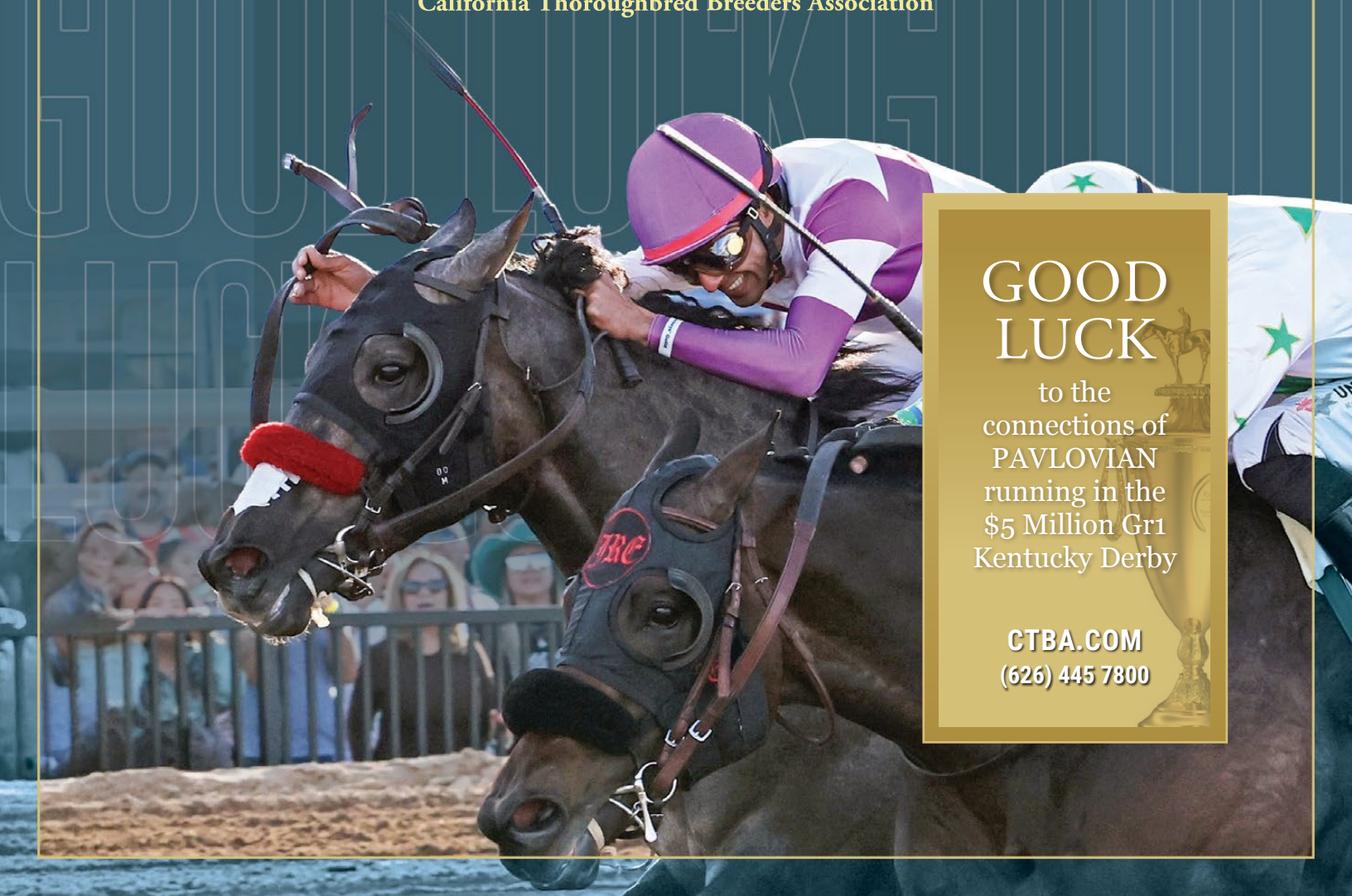
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1 | FURTHER ADO

Owner/Trainer: Spendthrift Farm/Brad Cox
Gun Runner—Sky Dreamer, by Sky Mesa
Breeder: John C. Oxley (KY)

Some pundits believe him to be a standout Keeneland performer, and not an all-around one. The opposite view is held here. While he has been spectacular in two starts over the Keeneland track surface, winning a maiden race last fall there by 20 lengths and the Blue Grass Stakes (G1) this spring by 11 lengths, the general ease of his subsequent training at Churchill Downs and his fluid stride, coupled with a past graded stakes win over the Churchill Downs surface, suggest that another high-class effort is forthcoming.

2 | COMMANDMENT

Owner/Trainer: Wathnan Racing/Cox
Into Mischief—Sippican Harbor, by Orb
Breeder: Lee Pokoik (KY)

Stablemate Commandment follows Further Ado in the final Derby Dozen rankings, climbing a spot, owing to Renegade's descent to fourth after drawing the dreaded inside post position for the May 2 Kentucky Derby (G1). Commandment has not wowed with his training the way that Further Ado and Chief Wallabee have, but he's been solid, and in light of his reputation for being an average work horse, it seems best to evaluate him mostly on the basis of his form, which, of course, is excellent. He proved narrowly best of a talented group in the 1 1/8-mile Florida Derby (G1), and the extra furlong of the Kentucky Derby should be to his liking.

3 | CHIEF WALLABEE

Owner/Trainer: Michael and Katherine Ball/ Bill Mott
Constitution—A La Lucie, by Medaglia d'Oro
Breeder: Mike Ball and Katherine Ball (KY)

If asked to identify which Derby horse has breezed best at Churchill Downs, Chief Wallabee would rank on top. He has been sensational in two local workouts while wearing blinkers, which will be added for Saturday's race. That training, coupled with Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott winning at a high percentage with the angle, points to an improved performance from him in Saturday's Kentucky Derby. He was narrowly beaten by Commandment in two Florida matchups this winter without blinkers, so any progress with the equipment change puts him squarely in the Derby picture.

4 | RENEGADE

Owner/Trainer: Repole Stable and Robert and Lawana Low/Todd Pletcher
Into Mischief—Spice Is Nice, by Curlin
Breeder: Robert and Lawana Low (KY)

Hall of Fame trainer Todd Pletcher, flying to Kentucky while Derby post positions were drawn April 25, quipped that, upon hearing the news of Renegade's rail draw, he reached for the air-sickness bag. Not since Ferdinand in 1986 has a horse won from that positioning, which can be intimidating, close to the fence and with 19 horses bearing down to secure position. Jockey Irad Ortiz Jr.—who chose to stick with Arkansas Derby (G1) winner Renegade rather than Further Ado



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Further Ado leaves the competition behind in the Blue Grass Stakes at Keeneland



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Renegade trains at Churchill Downs

(a couple weeks before post positions were drawn)—will hope for a clean break from Renegade to avoid early jostling that could take him out of position. Due to poor post position luck, he dips a couple of spots in the Derby Dozen rankings.

5 | THE PUMA

Owner/Trainer: OGMA Investments, JR Ranch, High Step Racing, TCC Stables, Bruce Zoldan/Gustavo Delgado
Essential Quality—Eve of War, by Declaration of War
Breeder: Hidden Brook Farm and Brian Kahn (KY)

Those who like Commandment have to similarly appreciate Florida Derby runner-up The Puma, who ran a near-equivalent race, a nose behind the winner. He simply lost a head-bobbing photo. He had a spirited gallop over the Churchill Downs strip April 28, giving off a favorable impression. A start before the Florida Derby, he won the Tampa Bay Derby (G3), becoming the only horse to defeat Further Ado at a route. He had the tougher trip of the pair, though Further Ado was perhaps rusty while returning from a layoff.

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6 | SILENT TACTIC

Owner/Trainer: John C. Oxley/Mark Casse
Tacitus—Magical Sign, by Gun Runner
Breeder: Don Alberto Corporation (KY)

Owner John Oxley, who won the 2001 Kentucky Derby with the John Ward-trained Monarchos, owns this talented prospect, who won the Southwest Stakes (G3) before runner-up finishes in the Rebel Stakes (G2) and Arkansas Derby. Interestingly, Oxley also bred Further Ado, who now races for owner Spendthrift Farm. Silent Tactic didn't seem to finish with the same gusto in his last two races as he did in the Southwest. He might be a horse who is best suited to be saved for a late-closing burst, as opposed to launching a sustained bid. Those tactics worked for 2009 Derby upsetter Mine That Bird, for example.

7 | EMERGING MARKET

Owner/Trainer: Klaravich Stables/Chad Brown
Candy Ride—Wild Empress, by Empire Maker
Breeder: Stoneriggs Farm (KY)

Flavien Prat, the Eclipse Award-winning rider the past two years, rides Emerging Market and not Florida Derby winner Commandment in the Derby, an endorsement of this colt and his potential for trainer Chad Brown. Prat's decision gave Luis Saez the opportunity to take the mount on Commandment. As for Emerging Market, he did something unique by winning the Louisiana Derby (G2) to improve to 2-for-2, though the waters get much deeper Saturday in the Kentucky Derby. Emerging Market will try to become the first Derby winner to win with only two starts since 1883 when Leonatus did it in the ninth Derby.

8 | POTENTE

Owner/Trainer: Speedway Stables/Bob Baffert
Into Mischief—Sweet Sting, by Awesome Again
Breeder: Pam and Martin Wygod (KY)

When Bob Baffert trainees work quickly, they often run to those workouts. Potente will try to follow suit in the Derby after blitzing 5 furlongs in :57 4/5 April 26. The belief is Potente is the top West Coast hopeful in the Derby, though not by much. He and So Happy aren't far apart, having traded decisions in stakes this spring. Given the undistinguished performances of West Coast horses headed east this spring—Pavlovian's runner-up finish in the Louisiana Derby notwithstanding—doubts remain that the California horses are on par with their counterparts from other regions.

9 | SO HAPPY

Owner/Trainer: Norman Stables and Saints or Sinners/Mark Glatt
Runhappy—So Cunning, by Blame
Breeder: Leverett S. Miller (KY)

Hall of Fame jockey Mike Smith flew from California to Kentucky to work So Happy last week. While the colt's 5-furlong time at Churchill Downs April 24 was a respectable 1:00 1/5, he needed some hand urging from Smith through the stretch. The two-time Derby-winning jockey describes him as a horse that will only do what's required during morning breezes. Still, he maintains a high confidence level in the Santa Anita Derby (G1) winner. "If he runs to the ability that I know that he has, he should run really well," Smith said.



Potente gallops at Churchill Downs

10 | PAVLOVIAN

Owner/Trainer: Reddam Racing/Doug O'Neill
Pavel—Mandy's Grace, by Bellamy Road
Breeder: Reddam Racing (CA)

The twice-raced Emerging Market is the least experienced Derby entrant in this year's race, while Pavlovian is the most experienced with 10 outings. After ordinary form much of his first eight starts, Pavlovian has turned the corner in his last two races. He prevailed in a photo in the Sunland Park Derby and then gave Emerging Market all he wanted in finishing second by a head to that rival in the Louisiana Derby. Two-time Derby-winning trainer Doug O'Neill points to several key changes, including adding blinkers, working out of the gate in his final prerace breeze, and jockey Edwin Maldonado.

11 | FULLEFFORT

Owner/Trainer: St. Elias Stable and Starlight Racing/Cox
Liam's Map—Callmethesqueeze, by Awesome Again
Breeder: Athens Woods (KY)

With strictly turf and all-weather form, he is a wild card on dirt in the 1 1/4-mile Kentucky Derby. That lack of dirt experience kept the Jeff Ruby Steaks (G3) winner out of this space previously, but he breaks through in the closing Derby Dozen of the season, owing to how he has trained over the Churchill Downs track. His dam, the Awesome Again mare Callmethesqueeze, has also produced both grass and dirt runners, one of which, Power Squeeze, took the 1 1/4-mile Alabama Stakes (G1) in 2024 on the Saratoga Race Course main track. How he reacts to dirt kickback—which no workout can simulate—may determine whether this late runner fires.

12 | INCREDIBOLT

Owner/Trainer: Pin Oak Stud/Riley Mott
Bolt d'Oro—Sapphire Spitfire, by Awesome Again
Breeder: Deann Baer and Greg Baer DVM (KY)

Incredibolt beats out his stablemate Albus for the final spot in the rankings based on the impression he has made locally, and with what seems to be a better draw (post 11 compared to post 2 for Albus). He is the most rested of the Derby participants, out of action since winning the March 14 Virginia Derby at Colonial Downs. He—like Further Ado—is also a graded stakes winner over the Churchill Downs main track, having won the Street Sense Stakes (G3) last year.



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PLETCHER, BROWN REGROUP AFTER LOSING DERBY FAVORITE

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Trainer Todd Pletcher (right) walks to the Churchill Downs track with Renegade

To reach the starting gate in the $5 million Kentucky Derby (G1), a wide array of good fortune is needed.

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"It can be frustrating," said Hall of Fame trainer Todd Pletcher, who has started a record 65 3-year-olds in the opening leg of the Triple Crown. "Sometimes you can hold a hot hand in January and February that can fall apart. Other times you feel you are behind schedule and everything falls into place at the right time. You just have to stay focused and do the best you can with all of them."

Both Pletcher and fellow trainer Chad Brown experienced both the highs and lows of life on the Triple Crown trail this year and each managed to find the proverbial light at the end of a long and twisting tunnel.

Pletcher and Brown both had the consensus Run for the Roses favorite at one point this year, only to have that star knocked off the trail because of injury. Yet both of them will be well-represented May 2 at Churchill Downs.

Pletcher trains Spendthrift Farm's undefeated Ted Noffey, who won last year's Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) and was named the 2-year-old champion male. The son of Into Mischief was the early Kentucky Derby favorite, but then was removed from training in late January because of bone bruising.

Yet, in a reflection of the stellar program for 3-year-olds he has built, Pletcher will still send out the morning-line favorite in Saturday's 152nd Kentucky Derby: Repole Stable and Robert and Lawana Low's Renegade.

Once Ted Noffey was removed from Triple Crown consideration, Brown's undefeated Paladin became the buzz horse in the 3-year-old division after taking the Risen Star Stakes (G2). Yet in another example of how fickle fate can be, the $1.9 million yearling buy suffered a condylar fracture in his right front ankle, ending his Triple Crown hopes in late March.

Nevertheless, Brown will send out Klaravich Stables' Emerging Market in the 1 1/4 classic and as proof that his stable can produce both dirt and turf stars, he trained four horses that earned enough qualifying points to run in the Kentucky Derby.

"It's a minefield and we stepped on one with one of our 3-year-olds, the biggest one," Brown said about Paladin. "I had a lot of nice colts and was able to get a lot of points with them. I had four horses who had enough points to run. I know what I am doing with dirt horses. Clearly I have figured out how to get the points with the right horse and get into the Kentucky Derby. The Kentucky Derby comes up early in a colt's career and I have a program that gets a horse to run over a lot of ground, whether it's dirt or turf."

Pletcher, a two-time winner of the Kentucky Derby, said the potential for injury and disappointment keeps him from taking success for granted.

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Chad Brown at Churchill Downs

"We've been blessed with some good opportunities. We've haven't gotten there with some horses that we were hoping we would, but we're just trying to focus on the one who remains on target. We've been in this situation before, so we don't take anything for granted," he said.

Renegade earned his role as the 4-1 morning-line favorite through a 4-length win in the Arkansas Derby (G1), but drew the rail for Saturday's classic and faces the specter of a tumultuous trip.

"I think what's been impressive is the way he's finished his last few races. That's his biggest strength," Pletcher said. "It's been well documented that in the final eighth in the Arkansas Derby and the final sixteenth in the Sam Davis Stakes he delivered a pretty strong closing kick. You also have to work out a good trip and he's been tactical enough to do that. In a big field like this, that's going to be everyone's concern."

As for Ted Noffey, Pletcher said he is doing fine in Ocala and expects to see him back at the stable's Saratoga Race Course barn in mid- to late-May with the hope of having him ready for a race at the Spa.

"He had a good recovery and looks well. He put some weight on and filled out. We may start him with a short race to get him ready for a longer one," he said.

Pletcher had another top Derby candidate in Centennial Farms' Nearly, who won the Holy Bull Stakes (G3). But the Not This Time colt was sidelined after tiring and finishing fourth as the favorite in the Florida Derby (G1).

"Nearly is getting some time off at Centennial's farm in Virginia for some freshening. Hopefully we'll see him back at Saratoga," Pletcher said. "We scratched our heads after the Florida Derby. He trained so perfectly into the race, but didn't run the race we expected. We'll give him some time, check him out, and come up with a game plan. But I don't think it was a distance limitation. He just didn't run his race. (Jockey John Velazquez) felt he didn't handle the track as well as he did the last time."

Like Pletcher, Brown will have only one starter in Saturday's showdown. In Emerging Market, he has a son of Candy Ride who is long on talent but short on experience. He comes off a narrow win in the 1 3/16-mile Louisiana Derby (G2) in just his second start.

The last time a 3-year-old won the Kentucky Derby in his third start was 1883, but Brown sees much to like in the 15-1 shot.

"Knowing the horse and watching his first two starts, there's no doubt an extra race or two would have likely given him more experience and potentially a touch more fitness. But that said, he showed me a lot in his two starts. He has a mile and three-sixteenths race under his belt and has six weeks rest while some starters have four or five weeks. For me, the way I train, that's a big positive. My horses off six weeks rest tend to run very well. He has a great mind. He has a lot of miles on him even though he has two races on paper. He has been in my care and on the work tab on and off since June," said Brown, a two-time Preakness Stakes (G1) winner who is searching for his first win in the Run for the Roses.

"He's trained or raced at Belmont Park, Payson Park, Tampa Bay Downs, Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots, and now Churchill Downs. He's run off the van twice and it didn't bother him. He has some experience. He's not going in there like a first-time starter.

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"He may not have as much experience as history says you need," he added, "but he's been on the road, training, and seeing different scenery and been on plenty of different surfaces. He's a very athletic, light-framed, handy horse. He handles the turns well and has a good turn of foot for a dirt horse. He has multiple gears and a lot of stamina. He's been nearly a mile and a quarter and I have a top jockey on him (Flavien Prat). I have more positives than negatives."

Aside from Emerging Market, who racked up 100 qualifying points, Brown also had potential starters in Paladin (60 points), Ottinho (56), and Iron Honor (50), all of whom accumulated enough points to start in the Run for the Roses.

Ottinho and Iron Honor are both targeting the Preakness.

Brown said Paladin is recovering from surgery and will likely focus on a 4-year-old campaign.



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Emerging Market training at Churchill Downs

"We will give him every chance to return to the races," the five-time Eclipse Award winner said. "Making the Breeders' Cup seems tight for him. It will more likely be a 4-year-old campaign." BH

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DANON BOURBON, WONDER DEAN COMPLETE EASY BREEZES

By Gregory A. Hall

As Churchill Downs' liaison to recruit and assist Japanese horses for the Kentucky Derby (G1), Kate Hunter doesn't mince words about her role and her goal.



Danon Bourbon breezes April 28 at Churchill Downs

"My goal in life is to be some American trainer's worst nightmare," Hunter joked. "So, it's to bring over a Japanese horse that's gonna ruin their Kentucky Derby Day. So I apologize in advance for bringing over the Japanese."

Hunter spoke with the media after this year's Japan-based entrants in the Derby put in their final workouts April 28 at Churchill Downs. Danon Bourbon worked a half-mile in :52 4/5. UAE Derby (G2) winner Wonder Dean went a half-mile in :54 3/5, although Equibase did not record it as an official workout.

Hunter said the connections of both horses were pleased with the moves, which followed walking in their barn and then walking in the 1-mile chute.

"If they're happy, I'm happy," she said.

Next year will be her 10th working for Churchill, which reserves a spot in the 20-horse field for a 3-year-old that runs in the Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby points races. That horse is the Kentucky-bred Danon Bourbon. Japan-based Wonder Dean qualified through one of two slots through the Euro/Mideast Road to the Kentucky Derby races.

Hunter, a Nashville, Tenn., native, said she studied Japanese a bit before making it her major at Earlham College in Richmond, Ind. The Quaker-founded school had a Japanese studies program, she said.

On Tuesday morning, Hunter spoke outside the barn wearing a jacket honoring Forever Young, the horse that almost answered the question of what it would mean for a Japanese horse to win the Derby, finishing third by a head in the 2024 Derby. Last year, he won the Breeders' Cup Classic (G1).

In prior interviews a day earlier, representatives for both horses didn't offer much of an answer to the often-asked question of what would it mean to win the Kentucky Derby, in this case for Japan. Hunter said she wasn't surprised.

"That is the hardest question you can possibly ask a Japanese person, because it's such a broad question, they will not be able to give you a particularly good answer," she said. "They don't think about things quite that broadly. So, you've kind of, like, blown their mind with that question."

Many of the foundations of Japanese breeding and racing come from Kentucky Derby winners, such as Sunday Silence and Charismatic, who both appear in Wonder Dean's pedigree, and American mares.

"They've really played a heavy role in creating the modern Japanese Thoroughbreds, so I think winning the Kentucky Derby, for at least the Japanese industry people, would be a culmination of decades, maybe half a century, of effort to create the best Thoroughbred possible."

For decades, Hunter said Japanese breeders have come to Keeneland and sales across the globe "to buy the absolutely best mares, and then breed those best mares to their homegrown best Japanese stallions, and then getting something from there. And it's been a winning combination. ... The Japanese have really found that 'breed the best to the best.' And they're not just hoping for the best; they're getting the best."

Based on her experiences the past nine years, Hunter said she recommends that Japanese trainers gate and paddock school their horses at Churchill before the Derby. Japanese horses don't usually have an assistant starter in the gate in Japan.

"Most of these horses, because the Japanese crowds are usually pretty big, they've experienced decent crowds, but I keep trying to explain to them: 'You've never experienced a crowd until you've experienced a Kentucky Derby crowd,' so a Thurby would probably be a great day for a test run, mostly for the people."

Although Hunter's not connected with the Japan horses as a trainer or similar role, she said: "I want to win the Kentucky Derby vicariously through these people. So, any kind of information that I can gather over time and share, I'm absolutely gonna do that." BH

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MR. PROSPECTOR, NORTHERN DANCER LINES LEAD DERBY FIELD

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Since it is the race most North American Thoroughbred breeders aspire to win, the Kentucky Derby (G1) provides a useful snapshot of current commercial sire lines. With that in mind, we'll look at the sire lines of this year's runners, along with some recent historical context.

RAISE A NATIVE AND MR. PROSPECTOR

This century, the Mr. Prospector line has been the dominant force, with 12 Kentucky Derby winners, including three from the Smart Strike branch and three from the Fappiano line, including a Triple Crown winner, American Pharoah. The Mr. Prospector line first scored with Unbridled (by Fappiano) in 1990, followed by further 20th-century successes for Thunder Gulch (by Gulch) in 1995, Grindstone (by Unbridled) in 1996, and Real Quiet (by Quiet American, a son of Fappiano) in 1998. Remarkably, Mr. Prospector himself wasn't represented by his first Kentucky Derby winner until 2000, when Fusaichi Pegasus, conceived when Mr. Prospector was 26 years old, triumphed.

This year, at the time of writing, there are five Kentucky Derby contenders from the Mr. Prospector line. Three of these are from the Fappiano branch: Emerging Market is by Candy Ride, a son of Ride the Rails, who was by Fappiano's son Cryptoclearance; and Further Ado is by Candy Ride's son, Gun Runner. From the Unbridled branch comes Fulleffort, by Liam's Map, who is by Unbridled's Song (a son of Unbridled).

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Fulleffort is one of the five Mr. Prospector descendants in the Kentucky Derby field

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Golden Tempo comes from the Smart Strike branch via Curlin, whose sons Keen Ice and Good Magic are both sires of a Kentucky Derby winner, Rich Strike (2022) and Mage (2023). Finally, Japanese challenger Danon Bourbon is a son of Maxfield, by the 2007 Kentucky Derby victor Street Sense, whose own sire, Street Cry, was by Mr. Prospector's European-raced son, Machiavellian.

Mr. Prospector was by Raise a Native, and three other branches of Raise a Native appear in the sire line of Kentucky Derby winners. The only Kentucky Derby winner sired by Raise a Native himself was Majestic Prince (1969). Majestic Prince's grandson, Wavering Monarch, was responsible for Maria's Mon, the champion 2-year-old of 1995, and sire of a pair of Kentucky Derby winners in Super Saver and Monarchos. The line is represented in this year's Derby by Californian hopeful So Happy, who is by Super Saver's son, Runhappy, the champion male sprinter of 2015.



Chief Wallabee training at Churchill Downs

Two other branches of Raise a Native, which have effectively vanished from mainstream North American pedigrees, also provided Kentucky Derby winners. Exclusive Native had a historic impact with a Triple Crown winner, Affirmed in 1978, and the second-ever filly winner, Genuine Risk in 1980. Alydar, runner-up to Affirmed in all three legs of the Triple Crown, sired the winners in 1987 and 1991, Alysheba and Strike the Gold.

NORTHERN DANCER

Northern Dancer was retired to stud seven years earlier than Mr. Prospector, but he took longer to make an impact on his first classic, and it wasn't until 1986 that the first Northern Dancer-line horse wore the roses, Ferdinand (by Nijinsky II). The line then added just two more in the rest of the century: Sea Hero in 1993, by Danzig son Polish Navy, and Charismatic in 1999, by Summer Squall.

After that, the next Northern Dancer-line representative didn't appear until 2008, when Big Brown, by another Danzig horse, Boundary, won. Since then, however, five of the last 17 winners—all in the last eight years—have sprung from the Northern Dancer line, all five descending from Storm Cat, who himself never sired a Derby winner. Three of those, Authentic (2020), Mandaloun (2021), and Sovereignty (2025), are by Into Mischief, by Harlan's Holiday, by Harlan; and a fourth, Mystik Dan (2024), is by Into Mischief's son Goldencents. Before that quartet, however, came Triple Crown hero Justify (2018). He was by Scat Daddy, a very successful sire but otherwise most noted for his turf runners, by "world champion 2-year-old" Johannesburg, a son of Hennessy.

This year's Derby lineup will feature seven Northern Dancer-line horses, six from the Storm Cat line. Four of those stem from the Into Mischief branch: Renegade, Commandment, and Potente by Into Mischief himself, and Intrepido by Into Mischief's son Maximus Mischief. The other two Storm Cat-line hopefuls are descendants of three-time leading sire Giant's Causeway: the likely pace factors Pavlovian (Pavel, by Creative Cause) and Six Speed (by Not This Time).

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The seventh Northern Dancer-line horse in the field is Incredibolt. He descends from Northern Dancer's greatest stallion son, Sadler's Wells, through 1991 Irish champion 2-year-old El Prado, Medaglia d'Oro, and Bolt d'Oro.

NASRULLAH

Nasrullah, champion sire in England and Ireland in 1951 and five-time leading sire in North America, is in the sire line of five 21st-century Kentucky Derby winners. Through his eight-time leading sire son Bold Ruler, via Boldnesian, Bold Reasoning, and Seattle Slew, he is represented by A.P. Indy. Second favorite at the time, A.P. Indy was scratched on the morning of his intended Derby start in 1992 because of a foot problem, but he returned to take the Belmont Stakes (G1) and Breeders' Cup Classic (G1). Despite his outstanding success at stud with classic-distance runners, A.P. Indy never sired a Kentucky Derby winner, the closest being Aptitude, second in 2000. Ultimately, it wasn't until 2013, 21 years after A.P. Indy's own 3-year-old season, that the first horse from the A.P. Indy male line captured the Derby, that being Malibu Moon's son, Orb. The following year, an A.P. Indy-line horse from a less-expected source carried the day, with the victory of California Chrome, by the California-based Pulpit son Lucky Pulpit.

Pulpit is also the channel through which A.P. Indy appears in the direct sire line of four of Saturday's intended runners. All four go back to Pulpit's son Tapit. Two of these are via the Tapit horse Constitution, his sons Chief Wallabee and Right to Party. The other A.P. Indy-line representatives are The Puma, from the first crop of Tapit's dual champion Essential Quality, and Silent Tactic, from the first crop of Tapit son Tacitus.

The other branch of Nasrullah represented in this year's Run for the Roses is that of Caro, a grandson of Nasrullah's foul-tempered sprinting son Grey Sovereign, a three-quarter brother to the 1949 Epsom Derby victor Nimbus. The French-raced Caro was imported to the U.S. and notably sired Winning Colors, who, in 1988, became only the third filly to capture the Kentucky Derby. His sire line comes down through Siberian Express, In Excess, Indian Charlie, and Uncle Mo. Champion 2-year-old male of 2010, Uncle Mo sired a Kentucky Derby winner in Nyquist (2016), and Nyquist is the sire of this year's Kentucky Derby runner Litmus Test. Uncle Mo is also responsible for Yaupon, the leading freshman sire of 2025 and current leading second-season sire, who will be represented by Albus.

Nasrullah's three-quarter brother Royal Charger was also imported, and he founded a sire line that comes down via Turn-to/Hail to Reason. Hail to Reason's son Halo sired a pair of Kentucky Derby winners: Sunny's Halo (1983) and Sunday Silence, who scored in 1989 before his export to Japan, where he became a breed-shaping influence. The Sunday Silence branch of Halo came extremely close to a Derby triumph in 2024 with Forever Young (by Real Steel, by Sunday Silence's outstanding son Deep Impact), and this year the line is represented by another Deep Impact grandson, Wonder Dean (by Dee Majesty).

END OF THE LINE

Equally interesting as the sire lines supplying this year's Kentucky Derby runners is the identity of lines that recently supplied winners of the race but appear unlikely to do so again. In the last 20 years of the 20th century, there were three from the Buckpasser line (Spend a Buck in 1985, Lil E. Tee in 1992, and Silver Charm in 1997), two winners from the Ribot line (Pleasant Colony in 1981 and Go for Gin in 1994), and, as a real outlier, the Chilean-bred Cougar II, a grandson of the 1944 English St. Leger winner Tehran.

In this century, Kentucky Derby winners who may well be the last of the line include Barbaro (2006), from the Roberto branch of Hail to Reason; Animal Kingdom (2011), from the Blushing Groom branch of Nasrullah; and Giacomo (2005), from America's oldest native sire line—Eclipse via Alarm and Himyar—and a son of Holy Bull, who does still have a proven grandson in Mucho Macho Man, who has sired two grade 1 winners. BH

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Sire	Standing Info	Accomplishment	Runner (Broodmare Sire)	Race (Purse, Track, Distance, Surface)
Adios Charlie	Ocala Stud, FL; $3,000	BTW	Tank (Brethren)	FHBPA Turf S. ($100k, GP, 8.5f, turf)
Bated Breath 🏆	Banstead Manor Stud, ENG; £8,000 (2025)	G3W	Take A Breath (Nayef)	Royal Heroine S. (G3T, $100k, SA, 8f)
Bucchero	Ironhorse Stallions, NY; $12,500	New BTW	My Boy Star (Adios Charlie)	FHBPA Sophomore Sprint S. ($100k, GP, 6f, dirt)
Charlatan	Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY; $25,000	New BTW	Arbiter (Tiznow)	Woodstock S. ($125k, WO, 6f, aw)
Charlatan	Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY; $25,000	New BTW	Fitz Right (Henny Hughes)	Memories Of Silver S. ($150k, AQU, 8f, turf)
Curlin	Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY; $225,000	BTW	Cornishman (Bernardini)	Gus Fonner S. ($110k, FON, 8.5f, dirt)
Curlin	Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY; $225,000	BTW	Souper Zonda (Scat Daddy)	FHBPA Fillies and Mares Turf S. ($100k, GP, 8f, turf)
Eastwood	Mountain Springs Farm, PA; $2,500	New BTW	Shane's Wonder (First Defence)	Wait For It S. ($75k, PRX, 6f, dirt)
Girvin	Airdrie Stud, KY; $30,000	BTW	Damon's Mound (Stroll)	FHBPA Sprint S. ($100k, GP, 6.5f, dirt)
Good Magic	Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY; $125,000	BTW	One Magic Philly (Empire Maker)	Roxelana S. ($200k, CD, 6f, dirt)
Justify	Ashford Stud, KY; $200,000	BTW	Scandinavia (Galileo)	Vintage Crop Stakes (Listed) ($62k, NAV/IRE, 14f, turf)
Maximus Mischief	Spendthrift Farm, KY; $20,000	BTW	Carmelina (St Averil)	Unique Bella S. ($100k, PRX, 6f, dirt)
Medaglia d'Oro	Darley, KY; Pensioned	G3P (2nd)	Golden Sunshine (Dubawi)	Bewitch S. (G3T, $350k, KEE, 12f)
Mucho Macho Man	Adena Springs North, ON; CA$4,500	New BTW	Queen's Martini (Value Plus)	Dig A Diamond S. ($200k, OP, 8f, dirt)
Munnings	Ashford Stud, KY; $45,000	New BTW	Mony Mony (Super Saver)	Star Shoot S. ($125k, WO, 6f, aw)
Not This Time	Taylor Made Stallions, KY; $250,000	G3P (3rd)	Way to Be Marie (Henrythenavigator)	Bewitch S. (G3T, $350k, KEE, 12f)
Not This Time	Taylor Made Stallions, KY; $250,000	New BTW	Blackmail (Street Cry)	Woodhaven S. ($150k, AQU, 8f, turf)
Quality Road 🏆	Lane's End, KY; $100,000	G3W	Speed Shopper (Malibu Moon)	Bewitch S. (G3T, $350k, KEE, 12f)
Smiling Tiger	CA; Died 2024	G3P (3rd)	Grand Slam Smile (Grand Slam)	Royal Heroine S. (G3T, $100k, SA, 8f)
St Patrick's Day	Journeyman Stallions, FL; $3,500 (2025)	BTW	Mythical (Brethren)	FHBPA Sophomore Fillies Sprint S. ($100k, GP, 6f, dirt)
Tapit	Gainesway, KY; $185,000	G3P (2nd)	May Day Ready (More Than Ready)	Royal Heroine S. (G3T, $100k, SA, 8f)
The Big Beast	McDowell Farm, AR; $2,000	New BTW	Spring Dancer (Include)	Majestic Overnight S. ($135k, OP, 6f, dirt)
Uncaptured	South Korea, KOR; private (2020)	BTW	Nic's Style (Street Sense)	FHBPA Fillies and Mares Sprint S. ($100k, GP, 6.5f, dirt)
Vekoma	Spendthrift Farm, KY; $100,000	New BTW	Have Faith (Wildcat Heir)	Southern Hospitality Overnight S. ($135k, OP, 6f, dirt)
Weigelia	WynOaks Farm, PA; private	BTW	Ninetyprcentmaddie (Private Interview)	Page McKenney H. ($100k, PRX, 6f, dirt)

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HORSE OWNERS COULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR TARIFF REFUNDS

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RICK SAMUELS
A plane landing at Blue Grass Airport in Lexington

Owners who paid tariffs on horses imported to the United States in 2025 could be eligible for a refund of those payments following a Feb. 20 ruling by the Supreme Court of the United States.

That 6-3 ruling found that President Donald Trump did not have the authority to impose tariffs under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act. Customs and Border Protection has set up a process for affected businesses to request refunds of those tariffs, which Forbes reports totaled $166 billion in tariffs with Brazil, Canada, China, European Union countries, Mexico, and the United Kingdom.

The U.S. International Trade Commission's ITC Dataweb reports tariff collection on all horses increasing from $0 in 2024 to $28.5 million in 2025.

Equine businesses involved in overseas transactions note that these tariffs most assuredly impacted horse owners and believe many of them will be eligible for refunds. One of those companies helping affected owners is Horseflight, which mostly serves sport horses but also has Thoroughbred clients.

Natasha Klingenstein, business operations manager for Horseflight, said the Florida- and New Jersey-based company specializing in international and domestic horse shipping is working with its customs broker Reliance Customs Brokerage in an effort to secure refunds for clients.

> *"You can't get what you don't ask for."*
>
> —EMILY STEARNS

"We are in the process of getting refunds for all of our clients who have flown under those tariffs," Klingenstein said. "All of our horses, our entries at this point, have been submitted through that system for refunds."

Reliance Customs Brokerage, as the importer of record for Horseflight's horses, is submitting requests through the CBP's Automated Commercial Environment system, which is where refund requests are placed. The process is being launched in phases and first started April 20.

Klingenstein said there are quite a few questions out there about how the ACE portal will work. For instance, will all refunds be paid at the same time or will tariffs collected when they first went online in April 2025 be refunded first, followed by more recent dates?

Emily Stearns, health, welfare, and regulatory affairs liaison for the American Horse Council, encourages owners to contact their customs broker if they believe they might be eligible for tariff refunds.

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"You can't get what you don't ask for," Stearns said. "We would encourage them to contact the broker they used and see what happens. A lot of this will fall under 'wait and see.'"

Stearns noted that horse owners may also have been affected by tariffs on horseshoes, tools, hay, straw, bedding, equipment, etc. She mentioned that, unfortunately, seeking refunds for those types of items may only be worthwhile for larger operations.

The AHC currently has an intern researcher looking into the impact of the tariffs on the equine industry and she is scheduled to present at the AHC Conference and National Issues Forum June 21-24 in Washington.

It should be noted that the Supreme Court ruling only applies to tariffs issued under the IEEPA, and not other duties levied through the Trade Act or Trade Expansion Act. Businesses or individuals that were importers of record on goods that had IEEPA tariffs, meaning they were the purchasers who paid the fees to bring them into the U.S. and meet the Phase 1 criteria, are eligible to apply for a refund.

If a horse owner used a customs broker to manage the processing of importing and paying tariffs, the broker can apply for the refund on the owner's behalf.

Beginning April 9, 2025, sales horses sent to the U.S. from a European Union country, such as Ireland or France, saw new tariffs of 20%. Horses being imported from the United Kingdom, which broke away from the EU, were subject only to the 10% tariff. While significant trade that has existed with Japan and South Korea has largely been one-sided with the bulk of American horses being sent overseas, the new tariffs provided even less incentive for horses, particularly those bred in Japan, to be sold in the U.S. After April 9, 2025, the tariff for horses bred in Japan and sold in the U.S. was 24%. The tariff for horses bred in South Korea became 25%. BH

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Mares graze at Mill Ridge Farm near Lexington

LEXINGTON LAWMAKERS KEEP SAME SEWER PUMP STATION SITE

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Supporters of a strong urban service boundary as a means to protect farms from development in Lexington-Fayette County, Ky., celebrated an April 28 decision by lawmakers to renovate and upgrade a sewer pump station at its current location rather than build one at a new location on the Mill Ridge Farm property.

In a decision that pitted one Lexington area Thoroughbred farm against other farm owners and industry leaders concerned about development, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council voted 10-5 April 28 to approve a plan that will see an overhaul of a sewer pump station at its current Mint Lane location. Because of overflows during rain, the current sewer pump station needed renovation or a new one would have been required.

Council members considered these two plans, as well as a third plan of locating the pump station on Blue Grass Airport property. That third plan was much more expensive than the other two options and was set aside.

Included in council packets Tuesday was a report from acting commissioner of environmental quality and public works Charles Martin that projected the cost of the Mint Lane location at $19.6 million and the Bowman Mill (Mill Ridge Farm) site at $27.3 million-$29.3 million. (Those prices are ranges based on options. There also was a $25 million estimate for Bowman Mill cited during Tuesday's meeting.)

In updates from that report, Martin said the Bowman Mill site would have served future development and would not need a developer-built pumping station. It said the Mint Lane site does not allocate capacity for future expansion (not already on the books), while the Bowman Mill site would allocate that additional capacity. He said both options allow for current planned development.

Ahead of Tuesday's vote, Mayor Linda Gorton expressed her support of upgrading the sewer pump station at its current Mint Lane location. Much of that support was tied to the lower projected cost of the Mint Lane option.

"I look at this through many lenses... but most importantly at this time when our city had to right-size its own budget—and our residents continue to feel the strain of increasing costs for basic needs—for me, the decision is clear.

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"Every one of these three proposals has its issues. There is no perfect proposal, so we need to focus on the most fiscally responsible choice that checks all the boxes, and that is Mint Lane, which has been the original plan all along because of cost concerns," Gorton added. "Although no negotiations have happened on any of these plans, the cost estimate for the current Mint Lane site is $5.3 million less than the Bowman Mill site, and $28.8 million less than the airport estimate. Mint Lane will allow us to address the odor, the flooding problems. It meets the consent decree requirements, which is the original reason this needed to get done, and it would accommodate future planned growth and expansion, all at a significantly lower cost to our taxpayers."

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Brittany Roethemeier, executive director of the Fayette Alliance, said the Mint Lane plan would provide the needed upgrades to address overflows and end the odor. She said it would do so at a lower cost than the Bowman Mill Road location. She said the Bowman Mill Road plan would see the public pay the expense of a sewer pump station that would pave the way for future development of the farm.

Mill Ridge Farm supported the plan to place a new sewer pump station on its property because it believed it was the best option to address current environmental problems and provide for the community. At Tuesday's meeting, Mill Ridge co-owner Price Bell suggested that because of some factors that are difficult to determine ahead of time, the estimated costs of the two plans likely were closer together.

"The Dunbar cost estimate already assumes an expensive rock anchor foundation, but the report makes clear, if conditions are worse than anticipated, costs will increase," Bell said.

Also, the Bowman Mill location would have allowed for a 25-acre wetlands area on the farm property that would be donated by Mill Ridge. Council members, who also noted they would expect $2 million in state funding in a grant the LFUCC would oversee if those wetlands were created.

Oddly enough, Martin confirmed that because of a mistake years ago, the current location actually was Mill Ridge property all along and beyond the urban service boundary.

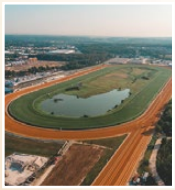
Darby Dan Farm owner John Phillips, who is a member of the Lexington-Frankfort Scenic Corridor board of directors, opposed the Mill Ridge location. He has noted that the urban service boundary has effectively protected Lexington farms and did not want to make an exception in this case. He said if future development occurs that needs added sewer services, developers should cover that expense.

"If you approve relocating the pump station and tank to Bowman Mill at taxpayers' expense, you will reduce the sewer infrastructure costs that the Bells would otherwise incur (in any future development)," Phillips said. "This represents a private benefit at public expense, a benefit all developers would seek. This is inappropriate." BH

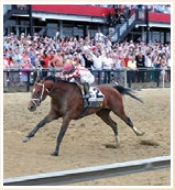
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GOSGER RECOVERING FROM CAREER-ENDING INJURY

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JAVIER MOLINA
Gosger wins the 2025 Lexington Stakes at Keeneland

Grade 3 winner and dual grade 1 placed Gosger is recovering from surgery to repair a career-ending injury sustained during a morning workout April 24 at Churchill Downs, owner Scott Clarke said.

Clarke said the 2025 Lexington Stakes (G3) winner and Preakness Stakes (G1) and Haskell Stakes (G1) runner-up broke both sesamoids in his right front leg. The sesamoids, which sit on the back of the fetlock, anchor the suspensory apparatus that allows a horse's foot and fetlock to move properly. Because of their location and anatomy, the injuries can be difficult to repair and even catastrophic, according to the UC Davis Weill School of Veterinary Medicine website.

Following the injury, Gosger was sent to Kentucky Equine Hospital in Shelby County, Ky., where Dr. Wes Sutter completed a fusion surgery.

Despite the life-threatening nature of the injury, Clarke said doing everything possible to save Gosger's life was never a question. Clarke, his mother, Donna, and their family race as Harvey A. Clarke Racing Stables in honor of his late father, Harvey Clarke, who died in 2019.

Gosger stems from one of Harvey Clarke's most successful families. His dam, Gloria S, is a half sister to 2012 Kentucky Derby (G1) and Preakness Stakes (G1) winner I'll Have Another, who was also bred by Harvey. Gosger's half sister, Harvey's Lil Goil, took the 2020 Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup Stakes (G1T) at Keeneland just a year after Harvey's passing.

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That family connection made the Clarkes want to pay back Gosger for all the joy he brought the family last year competing on racing's highest level, giving him a chance to overcome the odds.

"They all deserve every chance, but he deserves even extra," Clarke said. (Gosger) is as important as it gets. We're not a gigantic operation; we have a small string of horses. So to have a horse of his ability is hard to replace."

The surgery went well and Gosger was in good spirits the morning of April 28, with Clarke reporting he was "bright, alert, and eating well."

Should all go well over the next few days, Clarke said it is expected that Gosger would spend about two weeks in the hospital before the cast comes off.

"From there, it'll be months of podiatry," Clarke said.

Luckily for Clarke, Gosger's personality and intelligence should help aid his recovery.

"Something that's going to really help him out with this is he's always had a really good brain, and he's a calm and cool guy," Clarke said. "He's not a high-strung horse that's going to do something stupid. He's been a good patient, got right up, and went right to the hay bag."

Trained by Brendan Walsh, the son of Nyquist raced to a record of 2-4-1 from nine starts for earnings of $960,865. BH

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NINE MAIDEN WATCH GRADUATES ENTER DERBY FIELD

By Lizzy Madden

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Nine of the horses that will step into the starting gate May 2 in the Kentucky Derby (G1) at Churchill Downs are graduates of BloodHorse's Maiden Watch.

The 4-1 morning-line favorite, Renegade, leads the way. The Todd Pletcher trainee did not earn his first victory in a traditional maiden special weight. While he did cross the line first in front of Paladin in a maiden race in October, he was disqualified to second for interference in the stretch run. This still gave his connections enough confidence to run him in stakes company, and he earned his maiden victory Feb. 7 in the Sam F. Davis Stakes at Tampa Bay Downs. The son of Into Mischief is out of grade 3 winner Spice Is Nice, and was purchased at the 2024 Keeneland September Yearling Sale for $975,000 by Repole Stable, which co-owns the colt with his breeders Robert and Lawana Low.



COADY MEDIA/KURTIS COADY

Renegade gallops at Churchill Downs

The Brad Cox trainee Further Ado broke his maiden in runaway fashion. After losing his first two starts, the son of Gun Runner entered the gate Oct. 10 at Keeneland and demolished the field by 20 lengths. He is a half brother to grade 2 winner Kimbear, and was purchased at the 2025 Ocala Breeders' Sales Spring 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale for $550,000 by his owner Spendthrift Farm. He is the winner of the Blue Grass Stakes (G1), a race in which he once again opened up on the field, and is expected to be a top-three betting choice come Derby time.

Cox's other two entries, Commandment and Fulleffort, also met BloodHorse's Maiden Watch criteria, which is 2- and 3-year-old maidens who have made no more than five starts and who either sold for more than $500,000 at public auction, have siblings who are graded/group winners, or have dams who are graded/group winners.

Commandment broke his maiden in his second start, scoring by 5 1/4 lengths at Churchill Downs. Owned by Wathnan Racing, he is by perennial leading sire Into Mischief and is out of the grade 1 winner Sippican Harbor. The Florida Derby (G1) winner, a $500,000 yearling purchase, is expected to be among the favorites in the betting pool by the time the Kentucky Derby goes off.

A son of Liam's Map, Fulleffort earned his maiden victory Sep. 10 at Kentucky Downs. The half brother to the grade 1-winning Power Squeeze will be making his first start on dirt in the Kentucky Derby. He is owned by St. Elias Stable and Starlight Racing.

The "late bloomer" of the bunch is Pin Oak Stud's Wood Memorial Stakes (G2) winner Albus, who broke his maiden Feb. 27 at Tampa Bay Downs. The Riley Mott-trained colt is a half brother to grade 3 winner Song of Spring. He is one of two entered for owner Pin Oak Stud, which also will send Incredibolt into the starting gate. BH

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BloodHorse Maiden Watch

Previous Maiden Watch 2- and 3-year-old maiden winners that are entered in the May 2 Kentucky Derby (G1)

Horse	Date/Track of Maiden Win	Sire	Dam	Maiden Watch Eligibility Criteria
Fulleffort	Sept. 10 at Kentucky Downs	Liam's Map	Callmethesqueeze	Half brother to G1W Power Squeeze
Further Ado	Oct. 10 at Keeneland	Gun Runner	Sky Dreamer	$550,000 2-year-old purchase, half brother to G2W Kimbear
Litmus Test	Aug. 16 at Del Mar	Nyquist	Study Hard	$875,000 yearling purchase
Renegade	Feb. 7 at Tampa Bay Downs	Into Mischief	Spice Is Nice	Out of a G3W, $975,000 yearling purchase
Commandment	Nov. 1 at Churchill Downs	Into Mischief	Sippican Harbor	Out of a G1W, $500,000 yearling purchase
Silent Tactic	Oct. 10 at Woodbine	Tacitus	Magical Sign	$500,000 2-year-old purchase
Albus	Feb. 27 at Tampa Bay Downs	Yaupon	Adream	Half brother to G3W Song of Spring
Golden Tempo	Dec. 20 at Fair Grounds Race Course	Curlin	Carrumba	Out of a G3W
Potente	Jan. 31 at Santa Anita Park	Into Mischief	Sweet Sting	$2.4 million yearling purchase

ALYSHEBA STAKES LURES SKIPPYLONGSTOCKING, BAEZA

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For the second time in two weeks, trainer Saffie Joseph Jr. aims to win a grade 2 race with a grade 1-caliber field.

Following White Abarrio's April 18 score in the $1.25 million Oaklawn Handicap (G2)—where he defeated Sovereignty and Journalism—Joseph returns to the graded spotlight with Pegasus World Cup Invitational Stakes (G1) winner Skippylongstocking and the improving Navajo Warrior in the $750,000 Alysheba Stakes (G2) May 1 at Churchill Downs. Awaiting them are top-level stakes winners Baeza, Tappan Street, and East Avenue.

A $5.7 million earner and veteran campaigner for owner Daniel Alonso, Skippylongstocking is riding a three-race win streak. He narrowly prevailed in the Dec. 20 Harlan's Holiday Stakes (G3) at Gulfstream Park, followed that with his defeat of White Abarrio in the Pegasus World Cup there in January and, most recently, delivered a 5 1/4-length victory in the March 21 Essex Handicap (G3) at Oaklawn Park. The 7-year-old son of Exaggerator has since trained in South Florida, where Joseph is based.

"After the Essex, this made sense timing-wise," Joseph said of the Alysheba, and a potential follow-up appearance at Churchill Downs in the $1 million Stephen Foster Stakes (G1) June 27.



COADY MEDIA/ANDREW STAUFFACHER

Skippylongstocking wins the Essex Handicap at Oaklawn Park

C2 Racing Stable, Gary Barber, La Milagrosa Stable's White Abarrio could also be a candidate for the Stephen Foster, Joseph said. That race is a 1 1/8-mile event scheduled for Godolphin's reigning Horse of the Year Sovereignty, trained by Bill Mott.

Skippylongstocking, with Tyler Gaffalione named to ride, is 7-2 on the morning-line for the 1 1/16-mile Alysheba, trailing the 5-2 favorite Baeza, one of last year's leading 3-year-olds.

Former claimer Navajo Warrior, a recent second-level allowance optional claiming winner for a partnership headed by BAG Racing Stables, Miller Racing, and others, is a 20-1 outsider under Francisco Arrieta.

Baeza, third last year in the Kentucky Derby (G1) in his only race at Churchill Downs, competes for the first time in 2026 in Friday's race, making his initial start for Mott. Baeza joined Mott's stable this year following the death of his former trainer, newly elected Hall of Fame trainer John Shirreffs.

The 4-year-old son of McKinzie is unraced since finishing sixth in the Nov. 1 Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) at Del Mar, a race that followed a breakthrough triumph in the Pennsylvania Derby (G1) at Parx Racing.

Mott gives the mount to Sovereignty's regular rider, Junior Alvarado.

Another 4-year-old, 2025 Florida Derby (G1) winner Tappan Street, attempts to rebound for trainer Brad Cox after a disappointing 12th in the Pegasus.

East Avenue, who took the 2024 Breeders' Futurity Stakes (G1) at Keeneland and was a nose runner-up in the Blue Grass Stakes (G1) there last year, starts for the second time this year after a runner-up finish to fellow Alysheba competitor Nu What's New in the March 28 Oaklawn Mile Stakes (G3).

The Alysheba's nine-horse field could be reduced by post time. Challenger Stakes (G3) winner Disruptor is cross-entered in the $1 million Churchill Downs Stakes (G1) over 7 furlongs on Kentucky Derby Day, and could instead race there.

A race decision may not be made until Wednesday, trainer Todd Pletcher said. If Disruptor runs in the Alysheba, that could reroute Pletcher's other entrant, Grande, to the May 15 Pimlico Special Stakes (G3) at Laurel Park, the Hall of Fame trainer said.

Corporate Power, runner-up in a swiftly run New Orleans Classic Stakes (G2) last time out, completes the field. BH

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SHISOSPICY RETURNS IN UNBRIDLED SIDNEY STAKES

By Karen M. Johnson

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While the Kentucky Oaks (G1) will receive the majority of the attention May 1 at Churchill Downs, there is another leading lady who will definitely steal some of the spotlight.

Shisospicy, the reigning champion female sprinter, returns to the races for the first time since her blowout victory over males in the Nov. 1 Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (G1T) at Del Mar. The fleetfooted 4-year-old daughter of Mitole is among a field of nine fillies and mares entered in the 5 1/2-furlong Unbridled Sidney Stakes (G2T) on the turf.

With Irad Ortiz Jr. in the saddle, Morplay Racing's Shisospicy drew post 6 and is the 9-5 morning-line favorite.

Morplay became the sole owner of the Jose D'Angelo-trained filly when it bought her back for $5.2 million at Fasig-Tipton's The November Sale after her Breeders' Cup win, dissolving the partnership with Qatar Racing.

The gray or roan filly would have been seen earlier this year had it not been for an infection she contracted while preparing for a trip to race in the 1351 Turf Sprint (G2T) in Saudi Arabia in mid-February.

D'Angelo said April 28 that he expects the filly to be fully ready for her assignment in the $500,000 Unbridled Sidney.

"I'm very confident about her this Friday," the trainer said. "She's a very special horse. These good horses make your job easier. Of course, I'm sure like every horse, the hardest race is coming off the layoff or running as a first-timer. But we prepared her very well, and she responded. We've brought her to the gate. She has enough gallops, so she's going to be all right."

Shisospicy likes to let it roll on the front end, but also has shown the ability to sit off her rivals. Given the length of time between races, though, she figures to be blazing out of the gate.

SoCal shipper Queen Maxima appears to be Shisospicy's most formidable opponent. Last year, the daughter of Bucchero showed her supremacy in the Unbridled Sidney while winning the turf sprint by 3 1/2 lengths under Juan Hernandez, who has the mount here for trainer Jeff Mullins.

The leading Arkansas-bred of all time, Haulin Ice, has been cross-entered by Saffie Joseph Jr. in both the Unbridled Sidney and the May 2 Derby City Distaff Stakes (G1) at 7 furlongs on the main track. She's only raced once on turf, finishing second to fellow rival here, Moon Spun, and is 4-1 in the Distaff versus 6-1 in Friday's race.



SKIP DICKSTEIN

Shisospicy wins the 2025 Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint at Del Mar

The Brian Lynch-trained Moon Spun looks to rebound off an eighth-place finish as the favorite in the Captiva Island Stakes on Tapeta at Gulfstream Park in March. Outside that effort, the Hard Spun mare has been fairly consistent, but will have to step it up against the likes of Shisospicy and Queen Maxima.

The Wesley Ward-trained Shoot It True has been cross-entered in an April 29 allowance optional claimer where she is 7-5 on the morning line.

Completing the field are Mae Town, Buttercream Babe, Time To Dazzle, and Creed's Gold. BH

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GEZORA SET FOR SEASON DEBUT IN MODESTY STAKES

By Olivia Newman

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Peter Brant's Gezora, winner of the 2025 Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf (G1T), will make her 2026 debut in the $500,000 Modesty Stakes (G3T) May 1 at Churchill Downs.

The 4-year-old filly by Almanzor was last seen taking the Filly and Mare Turf by a 1/2 length over eventual 2025 Eclipse Award champion turf female, She Feels Pretty, in her first start in America for trainer Francis-Henri Graffard. Gezora was then transferred to the barn of trainer Chad Brown, so she could focus on a career in the United States.

"She's had a wonderful, uncomplicated winter down at Payson Park," trainer Chad Brown said. "She was handed over in excellent shape by Francis-Henri Graffard, and she's been just clicking along and ready to get her campaign started."

Gezora was bred in France by Haras d'Etreham. Brant bought the filly privately in 2024 after a promising 2-year-old season. She won the Prix de Diane (G1) in her third start of 2025, and finished the year strong with a Breeders' Cup win, bringing her total career earnings to $2,037,412.

The 1 1/8-mile race should be no problem for Gezora, who won the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf at 1 3/8 miles.

"A mile and an eighth Modesty, quite a cutback off the three-turn Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf that she just won," Brown said. "But looking at the schedule, I thought it was a good time to get her started as a prep for maybe the New York Handicap, which is five weeks later in New York, on Belmont Stakes weekend, and then from there start to map out her campaign to hopefully get to the Breeders' Cup at Keeneland."

Flavien Prat will be aboard the filly for the first time.

Brown has two other entries in the 10-horse field—multiple graded stakes-placed Kathynmarissa and graded stakes winner Whiskey Decision. Michal Caruso and Michael Dubb's Kathynmarissa has not raced since winning an allowance optional claiming race last August at Saratoga Race Course. She finished second in the 2024 American Oaks (G1T) to She Feels Pretty, and Brown is hopeful she can continue her form.

Alpha Delta Stables' Whiskey Decision enters the race off a heartbreaking defeat in the March 7 Hillsborough Stakes (G2T), finishing a nose behind Pegasus World Cup Filly and Mare Turf Invitational Stakes (G2T) winner, Destino d'Oro.

Alpha Delta Stables purchased the daughter of Into Mischief at last year's Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale for $1.5 million.

Proctor Street, last seen finishing third in the Hillsborough, just a neck behind Whiskey Decision, looks to be one of the top threats to the Chad Brown trio. The Brendan Walsh-trained filly won the Cardinal Stakes last fall at Churchill Downs.

Three Diamond Farm's Pin Up Betty, who was fifth in last year's Cardinal Stakes, will be back for more Friday, following a flat fifth-place finish in the Jenny Wiley Stakes (G1T) at Keeneland. Both of her graded stakes wins have come over the track at Churchill Downs, making her a dangerous contender. BH

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Gezora wins the 2025 Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf at Del Mar

NO SHOW SAMMY JO EYES FIRST 2026 WIN IN SHEEPSHEAD BAY

By Joe Perez

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Many eyes will be on the racing in Kentucky with it being Kentucky Derby (G1) weekend, but don't sleep on racing in New York. The headline contest May 1 is the $175,000 Sheepshead Bay Stakes (G3T) at Aqueduct Racetrack.

The Sheepshead Bay features a field of seven fillies and mares 4 and up that will traverse 1 3/8 miles.

No Show Sammy Jo is looking for her first win of the year after being reeled in late by Just Basking in the 1 3/8-mile The Very One Stakes (G3T) at Gulfstream Park. Having come up short a half-length from achieving her first graded win, the daughter of Lope de Vega might be set up to end that drought Friday. The Graham Motion trainee is a big fan of the turf at the Big A, posting a 1-3-0 mark from four starts there.

Trainer Miguel Clement brings two contenders to the starting gate. Kiamba makes her first start in the United States after an eight-race career in France that saw her miss the board just twice. His other pupil, Unreasonable, is making her fifth U.S. start and fourth with Clement. She's faced group-level racing in Ireland, but has steadily improved since coming to the States.

Completing the field are Bernietakescharge, Dona Clota, Lady Firefoot, and Storm Miami. BH

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No Show Sammy Jo after her victory in the 2025 Via Borghese Stakes at Gulfstream Park

PARCHMENT PARTY ENTERS ISAAC MURPHY OFF OAKLAWN SCORE

By Lizzy Madden

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Parchment Party will tackle his second start of the year in the 1 1/2-mile, $200,000 Isaac Murphy Marathon Stakes April 29 at Churchill Downs, and is the 2-1 morning-line favorite off an impressive season-opening effort.

Trained by Hall of Famer Bill Mott and owned by Pin Oak Stud, the 5-year-old son of Constitution looks to make it two wins in a row after beginning his year winning the Temperence Hill Stakes March 28 at Oaklawn Park. After scoring in a pair of long stakes races on dirt at Saratoga Race Course last summer, the Birdstone Stakes and the off-the-turf Belmont Gold Cup Stakes (G3), which earned him a berth in the Melbourne Cup (G1), he shipped to Australia to cap off his year in that turf race. The two races at Saratoga were run at 1 3/4 miles, while the Temperence Hill Stakes was at 1 1/2 miles, the same distance as the Isaac Murphy.

Parchment Party will face eight, including the Paulo Lobo trainee No Bien Ni Mal, who crossed the wire first in his previous start, the 1 1/2-mile Greenwood Cup Stakes (G3) Sept. 20 at Parx Racing. Owned by Duplo Ouro Stables, the 5-year-old Hofburg ridgling is undefeated in his two starts in the United States, having previously raced in Brazil. The second choice at odds of 3-1, he is making his first start of the year.

The Brad Cox-trained Wynstock, a grade 2 winner early in his career for trainer Bob Baffert, jumps into stakes company for the first time for his current connections after winning a recent allowance optional claiming race at Aqueduct Racetrack. At morning-line odds of 9-2, the Solomini horse is owned by Sanford Goldfarb, Estate of Ira Davis, Irwin Goldfarb, Greenberg Racing, and Lubman-Silverman Racing Stable, which claimed him four starts back.



COADY MEDIA/CADY COULARDOT

Parchment Party wins the Temperence Hill Stakes at Oaklawn Park

WARD ENTERS 1-2 PUNCH IN KENTUCKY JUVENILE STAKES

Also on Churchill Downs' Wednesday card, trainer Wesley Ward has two fillies entered in the eight-horse, $250,000 Kentucky Juvenile Stakes for 2-year-olds going 5 furlongs on the dirt.

Skara Brae is the 7-5 morning-line favorite for Ward. The daughter of Golden Pal earned her maiden win first time out at Keeneland, scoring in the 4 1/2-furlong race by 4 1/2 lengths on the wire. Owned by Ten Broeck Farm, she was the first winner for her freshman sire.

Ward is also represented by the first winner for first-crop sire Life Is Good, Waggley. She, like Skara Brae, broke her maiden going 4 1/2 furlongs at Keeneland. Also owned by Ten Broeck Farm, she commanded that race early and never looked back, scoring by 3 1/2 lengths.

Ward is searching for his fourth win in the Kentucky Juvenile. He was victorious in this race last year, scoring with filly Pinky Finger. BH

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BLACK-TYPE STAKES

BETFRED BLUE RIBAND TRIAL STAKES

Epsom, 4/28, £59,022, 3yo, 10.f, 2:09.27, good.

1–Saxon Street (IRE), 129, b c, 3 ..£34,026
Saxon Warrior (JPN)–Sea Is Gold (IRE), by Sea The Stars (IRE)
O–MARCSTOWN LTD, B–SUNDERLAND HOLDINGS INC (IRE), T–GOSDEN JOHN & THADY, J–BUICK WILLIAM
Sale History: 2024 GOFORB, $184,015.

2–Rebel Rocker (GB), 129, b c, 3 ..£12,900
Cityscape (GB)–Miss Minuty (GB), by Verglas (IRE)
O–MISS JENNIFER DOREY, B–MISS JENNIFER DOREY (GB), T–BRAMLEY FAYE, J–HORNBY ROB

3–Balzac (GER), 129, c, 3 .....£6,456
Japan (GB)–Brit Wit (GB), by High Chaparral (IRE)
O–Mrs Jane Chapple-Hyam, B–GUNTHER SCHMIDT (GER), T–CHAPPLE-HYAM JANE, J–DOYLE HOLLIE
Sale History: 2023 TATDEF, $39,766.

Margins: 2½, 1¼, 4. **Others:** NEW ZEALAND (IRE), PEARL RIVER, MENZIES (IRE).

PRIX DE SURESNES

Chantilly, 4/28, €50,300, 3yo, 10f, 2:06.29, good.

1–Dolmalan (IRE), 128, b c, 3 .....€25,150
Zarak (FR)–Dolianova (FR), by Rock of Gibraltar (IRE)
O–AGA KHAN STUDS SC, B–His Highness the Aga Khan's Studs S.C. (IRE), T–DELZANGLES MIKEL, J–BARZALONA MICKAEL

2–Montreal (IRE), 128, b c, 3 .....€10,060
Sea The Stars (IRE)–Muwakaba, by Elusive Quality
O–MRS J MAGNIER/M TABOR/D SMITH/WESTERBERG, B–Capital Bloodstock (IRE), T–O'BRIEN AIDAN, J–SOUMILLON CHRISTOPHE

3–Wiki (GB), 128, b c, 3.....€7,545
Make Believe (GB)–Wanderina (IRE), by Manduro (GER)
O–Wertheimer & Frere, B–Wertheimer Et Frere (GB), T–FERLAND CHRISTOPHE, J–GUYON MAXIME

Margins: head, 2½, 5½. **Others:** ZARAMIX, MARTAGNY.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS

Churchill Downs, Race 8, AOC

4/28, $141,000, 3yo/up, 7.5f (dirt), 1:27.71, track fast.
1–U Devil You, 124, b r, 4, Daredevil–Delightful, by Bernardini, $80,344, O–Millard R. Seldin Revocable Trust, B–Helen C. Alexander (KY), T–John Alexander Ortiz, J–John R. Velazquez
Sale History: 2023 KEESEP, $165,000.
Margin: 2¾, 8 starters. **View Equibase Chart**

Churchill Downs, Race 9, AOC

4/28, $134,000, 3yo/up, 5f (turf), :55.67, course firm.
1–Bacio, 116, ch c, 3, Maclean's Music–Katie's Kiss, by Kantharos, $76,392, O–MyRacehorse, Gladwell, Torie, Deja Blu Stable LLC, Shockley, Jacob, Knollwood Stables, Dailey, Valerie and Hanna, Joshua, B–Torie Gladwell, Cincinnati Equine, Borrowdale LLC & Knollwood farm, et al (KY), T–Wesley A. Ward, J–Juan J. Hernandez
Sale History: 2025 OBSMAR, ($140,000 RNA).
Margin: 2, 7 starters. **View Equibase Chart**

Fairmount Park, Race 3, AOC

4/28, $29,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f (dirt), :59.84, track good.
1–Chance Taker, 124, gr/ro f, 4, Ghaaleb–Turtle Pie, by Wild Zone, $17,700, O–Ritter, Charles W. and Becker, Scott, B–William Tippett (IL), T–Scott Becker, J–Alexander Bendezu
Margin: head, 5 starters. **View Equibase Chart**

Finger Lakes, Race 1, ALW

4/28, $26,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 4.5f (dirt), :52.77, track fast.
1–Mia Nipotina, 124, b m, 5, Frank Conversation–Young Anna Lee, by Posse, $15,900, O–Rachel Sells, B–Lou Corrente (NY), T–Rachel Sells, J–Luis E. Perez
Margin: neck, 5 starters. **View Equibase Chart**

Finger Lakes, Race 3, ALW

4/28, $26,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 4.5f (dirt), :52.46, track fast.
1–April Storm, 124, b f, 4, King for a Day–Citizen Matzo, by Proud Citizen, $15,900, O–Emerald Upstate Stable, B–Emerald Upstate Stable (NY), T–Kathleen Mastin, J–Jacqueline A. Davis
Margin: ¾, 4 starters. **View Equibase Chart**

Parx Racing, Race 7, ALW

4/28, $50,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 8f (dirt), 1:39.12, track fast.
1–Tower Twenty Two, 122, dk b/br f, 4, Connect–Tower Smash, by Candy Ride (ARG), $30,000, O–PTJ Stable, Inc., B–Brookstone Farm & Lee Mauberret (NY), T–Silvino Ramirez, J–Paco Lopez
Sale History: 2023 FTKOCT, $17,000, 2023 FTKFEB, $20,000.
Margin: 1½, 6 starters. **View Equibase Chart**

Parx Racing, Race 8, ALW

4/28, $41,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6.5f (dirt), 1:18.07, track fast.
1–Little Cocoa Bean, 122, dk b/br f, 4, Poseidon's Warrior–Darn Wild, by Wild Event, $24,600, O–Ricardo Rivera, B–Joseph Viviani (PA), T–Josue Arce, J–Mychel J. Sanchez
Margin: neck, 8 starters. **View Equibase Chart**

Thistledown, Race 6, ALW

4/28, $28,000, 3yo/up, 8f (dirt), 1:39.10, track fast.
1–Prince Day, 119, gr/ro g, 5, Race Day–Latent Princess, by Latent Heat, $17,360, O–Homer Schafer, B–Edwin Smith Smith (KY), T–Larry Rivelli, J–Alexis Centeno
Margin: 1¾, 5 starters. **View Equibase Chart**

MAIDEN RESULTS

Churchill Downs, Race 2, MSW

4/28, $120,000, 2yo, 4.5f (dirt), :51.42, track fast.
1–Fanshell Beach, 116, ch f, 2, Corniche–Pacific Heat, by Unusual Heat, $68,496, O–Hat Creek Racing, B–Betz Thoroughbreds, Inc./D.J. Stables/Brian Graves/Gainesway (KY), T–Wesley A. Ward, J–John R. Velazquez
Sale History: 2025 KEESEP, $80,000.
Margin: 5¼, 6 starters. **View Equibase Chart**

Churchill Downs, Race 5, MCL

4/28, $48,000, 3yo/up, 6.5f (dirt), 1:17.26, track fast.
1–Harbe, 125, ch c, 4, Maclean's Music–Miss Ann Perry, by Afleet Alex, $27,060, O–Rohan Crichton, B–Bobby J. McIntyre (KY), T–Rohan G. Crichton, J–Ben Curtis
Sale History: 2024 OBSAPR, $150,000.
Margin: 2½, 11 starters. **View Equibase Chart**

Parx Racing, Race 9, MSW

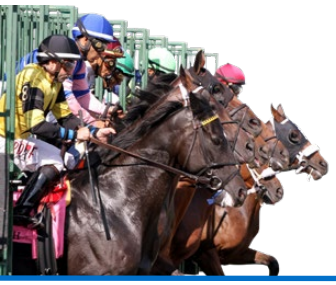
4/28, $50,000, 3yo/up, 6.5f (dirt), 1:17.87, track fast.
1–Psalmist, 120, dk b/br c, 3, Audible–Bible, by U S Ranger, $30,000, O–Angel Solis Racing, LLC, B–WinStar Farm, LLC (KY), T–Jacinto Solis, J–Abner Adorno
Margin: 2¼, 7 starters. **View Equibase Chart**

Thistledown, Race 4, MSW

4/28, $33,900, 3yo/up, 5.5f (dirt), 1:07.64, track fast.
1–Boaz, 119, b g, 3, Sky Kingdom–Miss Posse, by Posse, $20,340, O–Yoder, Susan and Rivera, Alan Yahir, B–Lori Yoder (OH), T–Susan D. Yoder, J–Luis Alberto Batista
Margin: 3¼, 10 starters. **View Equibase Chart**

Thistledown, Race 7, MSW

4/28, $33,900, 3yo/up, 5.5f (dirt), 1:07.66, track fast.
1–My for O One Kay, 123, blk c, 4, Itsmyluckyday–Red Dread, by Five Star Day, $20,340, O–North Winds Racing Stable, LLC, B–Mr. & Mrs. David J. Casalinova (OH), T–Tina Casalinova, J–Mauro Cedillo
Margin: 1½, 9 starters. **View Equibase Chart**



TODAY'S ENTRIES

KENTUCKY JUVENILE S. PRESENTED BY RESOLUTE RACING

Churchill Downs, Wednesday, April 29, Race 6
5f (dirt), $250,000, 2yo, 3:20 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	Glory Run	Girvin	2/f	Danny Sheehy	115	15/1	BC Stables, LLC (John Bellinger and Brian Coelho), Bob Albritton, David Baggett and Jay Graham
2	2	Skara Brae	Golden Pal	2/f	John R. Velazquez	117	7/5	Ten Broeck Farm, Inc. (David Mowat)
3	3	American Pope	American Pharoah	2/c	Christopher Elliott	118	30/1	Hall Stables, LLC (Sam Hall)
4	4	Waggley	Life Is Good	2/f	Joel Rosario	117	2/1	Ten Broeck Farm, Inc. (David Mowat)
5	5	Super Saiyajin	Modernist	2/c	Gerardo Corrales	118	8/1	Azul Stable, LLC (Celeste Moreno)
6	6	Frontline Fury	War Front	2/f	Luan Machado	115	20/1	Robert Schaedle
7	7	Peak Perspective	Mineshaft	2/f	Tyler Gaffalione	115	9/2	Marina Colebrook
8	8	Bourbon Town	Echo Town	2/c	Luis Saez	118	10/1	TCC Stables, LLC (Michael A. Iavarone) and Kentucky Horsemen, LLC (George Barrett)

Breeders: 1–Hinkle Farms; 2–Titletown Racing Stables (Paul Farr) & BRS; 3–Hall Stables LLC; 4–Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding; 5–Westbrook Stables LLC; 6–St. Elias Stables, LLC; 7–Ben Colebrook; 8–Victory Racing Stables.

Trainers: 1–John Ennis; 2–Wesley A. Ward; 3–Paul McEntee; 4–Wesley A. Ward; 5–Sergio Donjuan; 6–Ben Colebrook; 7–Ben Colebrook; 8–Rey Hernandez.

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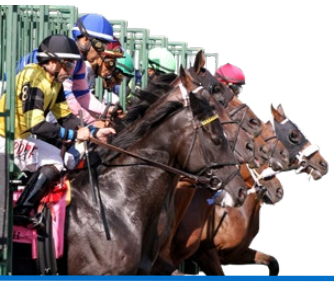
Churchill Downs, Wednesday, April 29, Race 9
12f (dirt), $200,000, 4yo/up, 4:56 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	No Bien Ni Mal	Hofburg	5/r	Joel Rosario	123	3/1	Duplo Ouro Stables, LLC (Ricardo Felizzola)
2	2	Parchment Party	Constitution	5/h	John R. Velazquez	120	2/1	Pin Oak Stud, LLC (Dana Bernhard)
3	3	Timeout	Curlin	5/h	Junior Alvarado	118	12/1	Claiborne Farm (Seth W. Hancock) and Adele B. Dilschneider
4	4	Digital Ops	Nyquist	5/h	Tyler Gaffalione	118	8/1	Jeffrey Drown
5	5	Interceptor	Authentic	4/g	Flavien Prat	118	6/1	David Staudacher and Paradise Farms Corp. (Peter Proscia)
6	6	Makes Sense	Street Sense	4/c	Luis Saez	118	15/1	Eric Dattner
7	7	Johny's Rendezvous	Ghostzapper	4/g	Jaime A. Torres	118	20/1	Rigney Racing, LLC (Richard Rigney)
8	8	Wynstock	Solomini	5/h	Irad Ortiz, Jr.	118	9/2	Sanford J. Goldfarb, Estate of Ira Davis (Alicia Nussdorf), Irwin Goldfarb, Greenberg Racing (Michael F. Greenberg) and Lubman-Silverman Racing Stable (Barry R. Lubman)
9	9	Stowaway	Gun Runner	7/g	Jose L. Ortiz	118	12/1	Handel Viarruel

Breeders: 1–Haras Santa Maria de Araras; 2–B. Flay Thoroughbreds; 3–Claiborne Farm & Adele B. Dilschneider; 4–Coffee Pot Stables; 5–Don Alberto Corporation; 6–Jackpot Farm; 7–John Elder & Ghostzapper Syndicate; 8–Empire Equines, LLC; 9–Three Chimneys Farm, LLC.

Trainers: 1–Paulo H. Lobo; 2–William I. Mott; 3–William I. Mott; 4–Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.; 5–Michael J. Maker; 6–Chad Summers; 7–Philip A. Bauer; 8–Brad H. Cox; 9–D. Whitworth Beckman.





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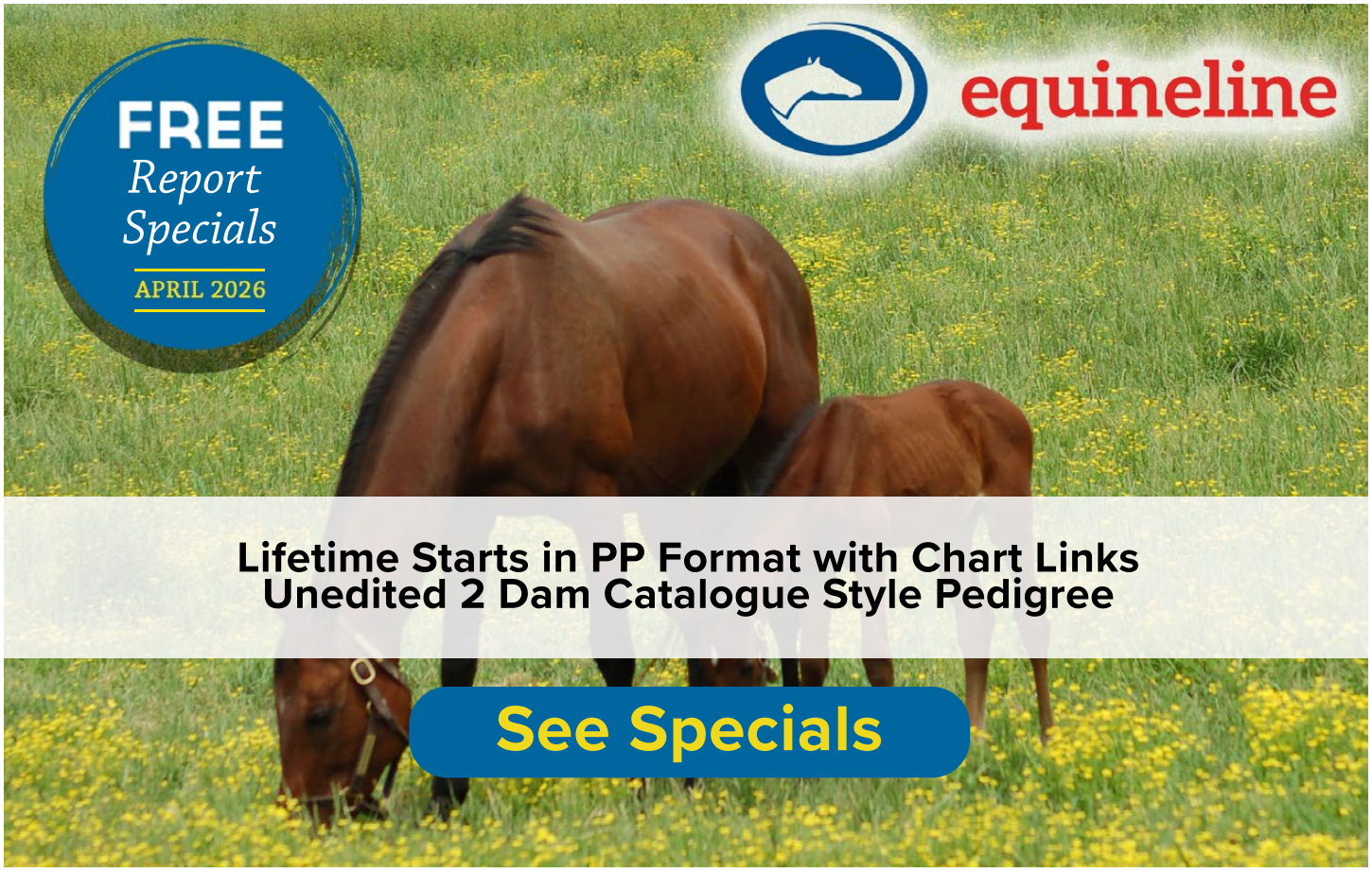
SANTA BARBARA S.

Santa Anita Park, Sunday, May 3, Race 3
12f (turf), $100,000, 4yo/up f/m, 2:00 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
	1	French Moonlight	Liam's Map	4/f	Antonio Fresu	120	-	Brown, Klein or Lebherz
	2	Resolve	Midnight Lute	4/f	Hector Isaac Berrios	120	-	California Racing Partners, Ciaglia Racing LLC or O'Donnell
	3	Cailin Dana	Oscar Performance	5/m	Armando Ayuso	120	-	Stepaside Farm, LLC
	4	Hey Jessie	Grazen	4/f	Emisael Jaramillo	124	-	Sayjay Racing LLC
	5	Ulysses Rose	Ulysses	4/f	Kazushi Kimura	120	-	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners or Treitman

Breeders: 1–PT Syndicate #1 LLC; 2–Bloom Racing LLC; 3–Stepaside Farm LLC; 4–Say Jay Racing, LLC; 5–Hall of Fame Bloodstock Pty Ltd.

Trainers: 1–Leonard Powell; 2–Leonard Powell; 3–Neil D. Drysdale; 4–Sean McCarthy; 5–Michael W. McCarthy.



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