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Churchill Downs 1/4 MILES (1:592) KyDerby-G1 THE KENTUCKY DERBY PRESENTED BY WOODFORD RESERVE. Grade I. Purse \$5,000,000 For Three-year-olds, With An Entry Fee Of \$25,000 Each And A Starting Fee Of \$25,000 Each.



Post time: 6:57 ET

Wagers: Daily Double, Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pick 3 (Races 12-13-14), Super Hi-5

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1 Dornoch

Own: West Paces Racing R A Hill Stable Be Bright Salmon, Light Grey 'Rah', Light SAEZ L (27 2 4 2 .07) 2024: (482 72 .15)



B. c. 3 (Apr) KEESEP22 \$325,000 Sire: Good Magic (Curlin) \$125,000 Dam: Puca (Big Brown) Br: Grandview Equine (Ky) Tr: Gargan Danny (-) 2024: (41 7 .17)

Table with columns: Life, 6, 3, 2, 0, \$552,275, 91, 2024, 2023, CD

Table with columns: D.Fst, 4, 2, 1, 0, \$393,775, 90, Wet(324), Synth(256), Turf(258), Dst(267*)

6Apr24-10Kee fst 1/8 :4621:1041:363 1:50 BlueGras-G1 2Mar24-14GP fst 1/8 S :241:48 1:112:1:433 FtrnOYth-G2

88 4/10 32 42 4 1/2 5 4 4 1/2 Saez L 90 3/5 1 1 1 1/2 1 1/2 Saez L 91 3/10 1 1/2 1 1/2 2 1/2 1 1/2 Saez L

123b 2.64 85-11 Sierra Leone1231 1/2 Just a Touch1233 3/4 Epic Ride1231 1/2 Keen ins,ask 2nd,nobid 123b *2.20 91-11 Dornoch1231 1/2 Le DomBro119n Franki'sEmpire1215 3/4 Rated pace 2p, drvng

WORKS: 27Apr24 CD 4f fst :463 B 2/130 20Apr24 CD 4f fst :481 B 16/123 30Mar24 PmM 4f fst :471 B 1/36 22Mar24 PmM 4f fst :501 B 8/26 16Mar24 PmM 4f fst :494 B 54/92 24Feb24 PmM 4f fst :474 B 7/90 16Feb24 PmM 4f fst :484 B 2/33 7Feb24 PmM 4f fst :49 B 2/24 TRAINER: Dirt(86 .20 \$2.03) Routes(103.22 \$1.43) GrdStk(14.14 \$0.56) J/T 2023-24(29 .24 \$1.56)

CLOSER LOOK: The full-brother to last year's winner Mage entered this season as one of the early Derby favorites; really came to hand late in his 2YO season, gamely fending off Sierra Leone in the Remsen after getting passed by that rival in deep stretch; however, his 3YO campaign has been a little underwhelming; was merely workmanlike in the Fountain of Youth when digging deep to put away overmatched rivals; then was never really a factor in the Blue Grass when rated just off the pace; connections have been explicit about wanting to send him forward here, but that task becomes much trickier breaking from the rail; just starting to wonder if he hasn't really gone on with his development since last year; others appeal more.

2 Sierra Leone

Own: Peter M Brant Mrs John Magnier Michael Navy, Navy Cap GAFFALIONE T (37 6 5 5 .16) 2024: (536 78 .15)



Dk. b or br c. 3 (Mar) FTSAUG22 \$2,300,000 Sire: Gun Runner (Candy Ride)'Arg' \$250,000 Dam: Heavenly Love (Malibu Moon) Br: Debby M Oxley (Ky) Tr: Brown Chad C(2 1 0 0 .50) 2024: (274 70 .26)

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6Apr24-10Kee fst 1/8 :4621:1041:363 1:50 BlueGras-G1 17Feb24-14FG slyS 1/8 C :493:1:143:1:392 1:52 RisenStr-G2

98 10/10 9 7 1/2 9 1/2 7 1/2 4 1/2 1 1/2 Gaffalione T 95 4/12 9 6 1/2 9 6 1/2 7 1/2 4 1/2 Gaffalione T 91 7/10 10 12 10 12 10 10 10 10 10 10 Ortiz J L

123b *1.66 92-11 Sierra Leone1231 1/2 Just a Touch1233 3/4 Epic Ride1231 1/2 Tough load,6p1/4,clear 122b *2.70 78-14 Sierra Leone1223 TrckPhantom1221 1/2 CtchingFreedom1221 1/4 10p up,rally,shftd,up

WORKS: 27Apr24 CD 5f fst :1:001 B 15/58 20Apr24 Kee 4f fst :484 B 19/127 30Mar24 Pay 4f fst :493 B 12/47 24Mar24 Pay 4f fst :493 B 22/44 16Mar24 Pay 4f fst :483 B 5/62 9Mar24 Pay 4f fst :49 B 5/44 2Mar24 Pay 4f fst :49 B 5/52 10Feb24 Pay 4f fst :491 B 10/56 TRAINER: 2Off45-180(145.29 \$2.14) WonLastStart(237.24 \$1.82) Dirt(511.24 \$1.54) Routes(924.25 \$1.72) GrdStk(253.19 \$1.89) J/T 2023-24 CD(10 .20 \$1.17) J/T 2023-24(107 .21 \$1.56)

Expensive yearling purchase is a nose away from being undefeated, coming into this Derby as one of the main players; arguably ran the best race in defeat behind neighbor Dornoch in the Remsen; this season he's just continued his steady improvement; overcame a slow pace to win the Risen Star with a powerful stretch bid; got a much faster pace in the Blue Grass and capitalized on it, rallying to a clear victory while earning a career-best 98 Beyer; he's among the strongest finishers in this field once he gets rolling, and 10F is not supposed to be a problem; this inside draw isn't exactly ideal, but it's less of a disaster for a deep closer like him; contender.

3 Mystik Dan

Own: 4 G Racing LLC Lance Gasaway Daniel H. Black, Green Hoops, Green Bars On HERNADEZ B J Jr (7 1 0 1 .14) 2024: (261 45 .17)



B. c. 3 (Mar) Sire: Goldencents (Into Mischief) \$10,000 Dam: Ma'am (Colonel John) Br: Lance Gasaway Daniel Hamby & 4G Racing LLC (Ky) Tr: McPeck Kenneth G(3 0 0 0 .00) 2024: (252 35 .14)

Table with columns: Life, 6, 2, 1, 1, \$641,360, 101, 2024, 2023, CD

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30Mar24-120P fst 1/8 :4721:1211:371:1:492 ArkDerby-G1 3Feb24-110P myS 1/8 C :232:474 1:131:1:433 Southwest-G3

89 9/10 8 3 1/2 8 1/2 7 1/2 4 1/2 3 1/2 Hernandez B J Jr 124 4.00 91-12 Muth1242 Just Steel1244 1/2 Mystik Dan124 1/2 Bothr4w3/4,4w2nd,up3rd

118 11.40 92-14 Mystik Dan1188 Just Steel117n Liberal Arts1199 Patient,rail,ridn on 117 7.90 85-15 CtchingFrdom1172 1/2 JustSt119n InformdPriot117n Brk out,gave way btwn

WORKS: 27Apr24 CD 5f fst :1:011 B 35/58 20Apr24 CD 5f fst :592 B 1/71 13Apr24 CD 4f fst :48 B 14/123 23Mar24 FG 5f fst :1:014 B 20/36 16Mar24 FG 5f fst :1:00 B 10/42 10Mar24 FG 4f fst :483 B 22/110 3Mar24 FG 4f sly :481 B 3/75 23Feb24 FG 4f fst :49 B 38/102 TRAINER: 2Off45-180(91.12 \$1.03) 31-60Days(219.16 \$2.14) Dirt(665.15 \$1.63) Routes(729.13 \$1.62) GrdStk(104.09 \$1.16) J/T 2023-24 CD(111 .14 \$1.31) J/T 2023-24(375 .15 \$1.84)

Ran one of the fastest Beyers in this field when winning the Southwest by 8 lengths; yet he achieved that career-best mark in the mud, riding the inside path over a track that appeared to be favoring rail runners; was unable to back up that performance in the Arkansas Derby, but he was bumped and far back early in a race won by horses with more forward position; does own a big win over this track last year, but that was sprinting; not sure that added distance benefits him, and unless you're Calvin Borel, it's pretty hard to work out a perfect rail-skimming trip in the Derby; tough read.

4 Catching Freedom

Own: Albaugh Family Stables LLC Blue, White Star, Blue Bars On Grey PRAT F (5 0 1 1 .00) 2024: (260 62 .24)



B. c. 3 (Mar) KEESEP22 \$575,000 Sire: Constitution (Tapit) \$110,000 Dam: Catch My Drift (Pioneer of the Nile) Br: WinStar Farm LLC (Ky) Tr: Cox Brad H(4 2 1 0 .50) 2024: (275 76 .28)

Table with columns: Life, 5, 3, 0, 1, \$877,350, 97, 2024, 2023, CD

Table with columns: D.Fst, 4, 3, 0, 0, \$837,350, 97, Wet(379), Synth(347), Turf(338), Dst(268)

23Mar24-12FG fst 1/8 C :481:1:122:1:371:1:56 LaDerby-G2 17Feb24-14FG slyS 1/8 C :493:1:143:1:392 1:52 RisenStr-G2

97 4/11 11 8 1/2 11 7 1/2 4 1/2 1 1/2 Prat F 122b 3.30 91-12 Catching Freedom1221 HonorMarie1223 TuscanGold1223 5-8p1/4,drove past

122b 5.70 76-14 Sierra Leone1223 TrckPhantom1221 1/2 CtchingFreedom1221 1/4 3w,8p1/4,left ld,tight

WORKS: 27Apr24 CD 5f fst :591 B 2/58 20Apr24 CD 5f fst :1:004 B 20/71 13Apr24 CD 4f fst :48 B 14/123 5Apr24 CD 4f fst :482 B 9/65 15Mar24 FG 5f fst :1:01 B 7/30 9Mar24 FG 5f fst :1:004 B 9/22 3Mar24 FG 4f sly :511 B 62/75 10Feb24 FG 5f fst :1:00 B 6/46 TRAINER: 31-60Days(526.28 \$1.69) WonLastStart(299.27 \$1.70) Dirt(912.29 \$1.78) Routes(749.28 \$1.81) GrdStk(183.22 \$1.68) J/T 2023-24 CD(21 .33 \$3.30) J/T 2023-24(115 .29 \$2.03)

Was immature through the early part of his career, showing a tendency to lug in, which got him beat in his 2nd start; also struggled with his lead changes in the stretch, which may have muted his late kick in the Risen Star; yet he seemed to get over those issues in the Louisiana Derby, launching a terrific last-to-first rally; while that race did go to closers, it's not as if he got some fast pace up front; appears to want every bit of this distance, and he's really taken a step forward in his morning training over the last few months; Flavian Prat seems to ride a perfect race in the Derby almost every year, so wouldn't be too worried about an inside draw; legitimate player.

5 Catalytic

Own: Tami Bobo Julie Davies and George G I



White, Red Key On Grey And Blue Padlock

ORTIZ J L (20 2 0 3 .10) 2024: (492 104 .21)

Table with race dates, times, and results for Catalytic

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11Feb24 GP 4f fst :493 B 25/75 4Feb24 GP 3f fst :372 B 8/17

TRAINER: 31-60Days(449.23 \$1.76) Dirt(425.25 \$2.00) Routes(638.21 \$1.85) GrdStk(111.11 \$2.08)

He's one of the most inexperienced horses in this field, with just a single route attempt under his belt; missed some time after his visually impressive debut as a 2YO, and just got rolling too late when he returned from a layoff in March; connections to ok a shot wheeling him back in the Florida Derby, and it paid off; he got a great trip just following Fierceness through moderate early splits, but he still did well to get hold 2nd in a his first attempt going that far; yet he would need another similar step forward to contend here, and it's asking a lot for him to improve again in just the 4th start of his career.

J/T 2023-24(48 .27 \$1.99)

6 Just Steel

Own: BC Stables LLC and Henry Schmueckle



Tan, Green And Burgundy Panel, Burgundy

ASMUSSEN K J (11 0 2 1 .00) 2024: (343 53 .15)

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TRAINER: 31-60Days(85.07 \$1.46) Dirt(374.11 \$1.81) Routes(182.08 \$1.59) GrdStk(40.10 \$2.15)

The most experienced horse in the main body of the field hasn't always looked like a Derby horse, excelling in sprints early in his career; yet he's steadily come along, benefiting from his foundation and ample seasoning; ran better than the result might suggest in the Southwest when always wide against a rail bias; then got an even wider trip in the Rebel, legitimately 5-wide on the turns; finally got a better journey last time and showed he belongs here with a solid 2nd in the Arkansas Derby; probably needs to do a little better than that to actually win here, but he's heading in the right direction and has a trainer in his corner who certainly knows how to win this race.

J/T 2023-24 CD(5.00 \$0.00) J/T 2023-24(37.19 \$2.75)

7 Honor Marie

Own: Ribble Farms LLC Michael H Eiserman E



Orange, Blue Circled 'RF', Blue 'RI' On

CURTIS B (5 0 1 1 .00) 2024: (203 32 .16)

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TRAINER: 31-60Days(58.09 \$1.45) Dirt(39.18 \$2.92) Routes(110.10 \$2.04) GrdStk(16.06 \$1.23)

Showed some promise in those first couple of starts, but didn't display his true talent until stretched out in the Kentucky Jockey Club; the pace wasn't even that strong, and he launched an eye-catching rally to swoop past the field, putting him on the map as a player in this division; ran like a horse who needed a start off the layoff in the Risen Star, a race that didn't really set up for him from a pace standpoint; with a new rider, he got going a bit earlier in the Louisiana Derby to punch his ticket here; since then he's trained like he's reached top fitness, working far better than earlier in the season in the leadup to this race; don't underestimate.

J/T 2023-24 CD(1.00 \$0.00) J/T 2023-24(5.00 \$0.00)

8 Just a Touch

Own: Qatar Racing LLC Resolute Racing and



Claret, Gold Frogs, Claret Cap

GEROUX F (7 2 1 1 .29) 2024: (170 40 .24)

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TRAINER: Dirt(912.29 \$1.78) Routes(749.28 \$1.81) GrdStk(183.22 \$1.68)

Inexperience isn't as detrimental as it used to be in the Derby, with horses coming into the race off 3 starts winning twice in the last 6 years; that's the main obstacle for this talented Cox trainee; dazzled right from the start with that impressive debut score; while he's lost both stakes attempts, he's improved his speed figures while holding his own against stiff competition; arguably ran just as well as Sierra Leone in the Blue Grass after chasing a very fast early pace; it's a feather in his cap that he's proven he can handle some taxing early fractions; just wonder what kind of trip he'll work out in a race that could feature another honest pace.

J/T 2023-24 CD(67.30 \$1.67) J/T 2023-24(317.30 \$1.70)

B. c. 3 (Mar) FTSAUG22 \$125,000

Sire: Catalina Cruiser (Union Rags) \$10,000

Dam: One Show Only (Distorted Humor)

Br: Fred W Hertrich III (Ky)

Tr: Joseph S A Jr(1 0 0 0 .00) 2024:(336 75 .22)

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B. c. 3 (Mar) KEESEP22 \$500,000

Sire: Justify (Scat Daddy) \$100,000

Dam: Irish Lights* Aus (Fastnet Rock* Aus)

Br: Summerhill Farm (Ky)

Tr: Lukas D Wayne(7 0 2 0 .00) 2024:(103 15 .15)

Table with race dates, times, and results for Just Steel

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B. c. 3 (May) KEESEP22 \$40,000

Sire: Honor Code (A.P. Indy) \$20,000

Dam: Dame Marie (Smart Strike)

Br: Royce Pulliam (Ky)

Tr: Beckman D Whitworth(3 0 1 1 .00) 2024:(44 4 .09)

Table with race dates, times, and results for Honor Marie

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B. c. 3 (May) OBSAPR23 \$300,000

Sire: Justify (Scat Daddy) \$100,000

Dam: Touching Beauty (Tapit)

Br: Don Alberto Corporation (Ky)

Tr: Cox Brad H(4 2 1 0 .50) 2024:(275 76 .28)

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9 Encino

Own: Godolphin LLC
20-1 Royal Blue, Royal Blue Cap
CONCEPCION A (6 1 0 0 .17) 2024: (280 38 .14)

TimeformUS Pace: Early 95 Late 86
13Apr24-10Kee fst 1 1/8 C :232:471 1:114:1.434 Lexington-G3
2Mar24-6TP fst 1 1/8 :234:481 1:124:1.441 JBttglaMmL142k

Dk. b or br c. 3 (Mar)
Sire: Nyquist (Uncle Mo) \$85,000
Dam: Glittering Jewel (Bernardini)
Br: Godolphin (Ky)
Tr: Cox Brad H(4 2 1 0 .50) 2024:(275 76 .28)

Table with columns: Life, 4, 3, 1, 0, \$378,315, 94, D.Fst, 1, 1, 0, 0, \$235,600, 94. Includes race results for 2024, 2023, and CD.

WORKS: 27Apr24 CD 5f fst :591 B 2/58 6Apr24 Kee 4f fst :481 B 4/131 30Mar24 Kee 5f fst 1:01 B 6/31 23Mar24 Kee 5f fst 1:014 B 11/27 16Mar24 TP 4f fst :481 B 18/110 24Feb24 TP 4f fst :482 B 9/67
18Feb24 TP 4f fst :484 B 5/22 10Feb24 TP 4f fst :484 B 20/106

TRAINER: WonLastStart(299 .27 1:17.0) Dirt(912.29 1:17.8) Routes(749 .28 \$1.81) GrdStk(183 .22 \$1.68)
Wasn't on the radar as a Derby candidate until very recently, beginning his career on synthetic at Turfway; that seemed like an interesting move for a horse who has a dirt route pedigree through and through; he's by a Derby winner out of a dam who is a half-sister to Derby winner Street Sense; proved that dirt was no issue when he finally tried it in the Lexington, producing a career-best 94 Beyer; did get to the front in a race that lacked pace, riding the inside path, which seemed like an advantage that day; it won't be easy wheeling back in 3 weeks with so little experience on this surface; yet he appears to be training well and goes out for a top barn; mixed signals.

10 T O Password (Jpn)

Own: Tomoya Ozasa
30-1 Yellow, Red Diamonds, Blue Sleeves
KIMURA K (-) 2024: (176 20 .11)

23Mar24 Nakayama (Jpn) ft *1 1/8 RH 1:54 Fukuryu S. Stk 225800
6Jan24 Kyoto (Jpn) ft *1 1/8 RH 1:57
Maiden 81900

B. c. 3 (May)
Sire: Copano Rickey*Jpn (Gold Allure*Jpn)
Dam: T O Rachel*Jpn (King Kamehameha*Jpn)
Br: Yanagawa Bokujo (Jpn)
Tr: Takayanagi Daisuke(-) (-)

Table with columns: Life, 2, 2, 0, 0, \$163,339, D.Fst, 2, 2, 0, 0, \$163,339. Includes race results for 2024, 2023, and CD.

WORKS: 30Apr24 CD 4f gd :464 B 1/2

Qualified for this race by earning the Japan Road to the Derby berth; was prominent throughout on debut, sharing the lead before going clear late; broke better in the Fukuryu Stakes, running off to a clear lead early before backing down the pace; opened up in the stretch before getting leg-weary late to just barely hang on; though he's a front-running type in Japan, it's unclear if he possesses the natural speed to contest the pace in a race like the Kentucky Derby; he's the most lightly raced horse in the field with just 2 starts under his belt; also has major class questions to answer, having never faced a group this talented; ambitious task.

11 Forever Young (Jpn)

Own: Susumu Fujita
10-1 Maroon, White Bars On Sleeves, Maroon
SAKAI R (-) (-)

30Mar24 Meydan (UAE) ft *1 1/8 LH 1:574 UAE Derby-G2 Stk 1000000
24Feb24 K. Abdulaziz (KSA) ft *1 LH 1:36 Saudi Derby-G3 Stk 1500000
13Dec23 Kawasaki (Jpn) gd *1 LH 1:432 Zennippon Nisai Yushun Stk 490800
3Nov23 Mombetsu (Jpn) gd *1 1/8 RH 1:541 Nisai Yushun Stk 395400
14Oct23 Kyoto (Jpn) ft *1 1/8 RH 1:544 Maiden Special Weight Maiden 91700

B. c. 3 (Feb)
Sire: Real Steel*Jpn (Deep Impact*Jpn) \$21,300
Dam: Forever Darling (Congrats)
Br: Northern Racing (Jpn)
Tr: Yahagi Yoshito(-) (-)

Table with columns: Life, 5, 5, 0, 0, \$2,049,451, D.Fst, 3, 3, 0, 0, \$1,528,136. Includes race results for 2024, 2023, and CD.

Japan has sent some nice horses to contest this race in recent years, but this might be the most convincing candidate they have ever produced; undefeated colt got some education while overcoming adversity in his first couple of starts; hinted at possessing remarkable quality when turning Japan's top 2YO dirt race into a demolition last December; connections mapped out a path to get here through Riyadh and Dubai, and he passed both tests; ran down solid American dirt sprinter Book'em Danno in the Saudi Derby, winning in fast time despite 1M being short of his best; then handled the UAE Derby assignment with greater ease; still has to prove himself against the best American 3YOs, but he's given every indication he's up to the task.

12 Track Phantom

Own: L and N Racing LLC Clark O Brewster
20-1 Black, Red Chevrons, Red Cap
ROSARIO J (8 2 1 0 .25) 2024: (228 47 21)

TimeformUS Pace: Early 123 Late 73
23Mar24-12FG fst 1 1/8 C :481:1.1221:371:1.56 LaDerby-G2
17Feb24-14FG sly 1 1/8 C :493:1.143:1.392:1.52 RisenStr-G2
20Jan24-13FG fst 1 1/8 S :24 :481 1:13 1:443 Lecomte-G3

B. c. 3 (Feb) KEESEP22 \$500,000
Sire: Quality Road (Elusive Quality) \$200,000
Dam: Miss Sunset (Into Mischief)
Br: Breeze Easy LLC (Ky)
Tr: Asmussen Steven M(17 2 2 1 .12) 2024:(849 143 .17)

Table with columns: Blinkers ON, Life, 7, 3, 2, 1, \$405,000, 94, D.Fst, 5, 3, 0, 1, \$301,000, 94. Includes race results for 2024, 2023, and CD.

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3Feb24 FG 5f fst 1:01 B 5/34 14Jan24 FG 4f fst :503 B 64/96

TRAINER: 1stBlink(65 .15 \$3.00) BlinkOn(79 .15 \$1.26) 31-60Days(1016 .18 \$1.49) Routes(1162 .16 \$1.60) GrdStk(132 .17 \$2.26)
Looked like one of the leading contenders for this race early in the season following a gritty victory in the Lecomte; while he's run well in both preps since then, he's been mildly disappointing at relatively short prices; and more than the results, it's the fact that he got very good trips in both the Risen Star and Louisiana Derby and wasn't able to capitalize on them; set a legitimately slow pace two back before getting slightly more pressure last time; just isn't finishing like a horse who really wants more ground; Asmussen adds blinkers for this, but has also indicated he doesn't necessarily see this horse on the lead; has talent, but just not sure this is the ideal situation for him.

13 West Saratoga

Own: Harry L Veruchi
50-1 Yellow, Colorado Flag, Blue And Red Bars
CASTANON J L (1 0 0 0 .00) 2024: (125 15 .12)



Gr/ro. c. 3 (Mar) KEESEP22 \$11,000
Sire: Exaggerator (Curlin) \$5,000
Dam: Mo Hearts (Uncle Mo)
Br: Two Wicked Farm II LLC (Ky)
Tr: Demeeritte Larry(-) 2024:(14 1 .07)

Table with columns: Life, 10, 2, 5, 1, \$460,140, 85, D.Fst, 9, 2, 4, 1, \$324,140, 81. Includes rows for 2024, 2023, and CD.

Racing results table for West Saratoga 13, listing dates, race types, and horse names like JRSteaks-G3, SFDavis-G3, PascoB50k, etc.

Racing results table for West Saratoga 13, listing dates, race types, and horse names like Endlessly1234, WestSartog123hd, SeizetheGrey123hd, etc.

TRAINER: 31-60Days(14.21 \$11.29) Dirt(28.14 \$2.29) Routes(30.17 \$5.76) GrdStk(4.25 \$6.74)
This colt might be the feel-good story of the race, an \$11k yearling who has defied the odds to make it here for connections that are hardly household names; he's always appeared to be just a cut below the best in this division; yet this plucky grey son of Exaggerator managed to eke out the necessary points in the Sam F. Davis and Jeff Ruby Steaks, winning a pair of photo finishes for minor awards which guaranteed his spot in this field; that said, a victory would still be a massive surprise, since he just has never run fast enough to win a race at this level.

14 Endlessly

Own: Amerman Racing Stables LLC
30-1 Navy, White Epaulets, White Bars On
RISPOLI U (-) 2024: (169 33 .20)



B. c. 3 (Mar)
Sire: Oscar Performance (Kitten's Joy) \$25,000
Dam: Dream Fuhrever (Langfuhr)
Br: Mrs Jerry Amerman (Ky)
Tr: McCarthy Michael W(3 0 0 0 .00) 2024:(150 26 .17)

Table with columns: Life, 6, 5, 0, 0, \$707,200, 91, D.Fst, 0, 0, 0, 0, \$0, -. Includes rows for 2024, 2023, and CD.

Racing results table for Endlessly 14, listing dates, race types, and horse names like JRSteaks-G3, EICamRIDL101k, BCJuvTrf-G1, etc.

Racing results table for Endlessly 14, listing dates, race types, and horse names like Endlessly1234, WestSartog123hd, SeizetheGrey123hd, etc.

TRAINER: 31-60Days(241.19 \$1.51) WonLastStart(82.22 \$1.78) Dirt(198.15 \$1.58) GrdStk(72.11 \$0.98)
He hasn't done much wrong in his races, winning 5 of 6 starts with the lone loss coming in a tough Breeders' Cup event last fall; however, all of his success has come over turf and synthetic courses; earned his way here by winning the Jeff Ruby Steaks, a race he absolutely dominated; yet there have to be real concerns about his ability to translate that form to dirt; has never trained particularly well over the surface, and even his trainer has been fairly candid about his feeling that the horse isn't really suited to this task; he obviously has some talent, but the path through the Jeff Ruby has yielded some success in recent years; would just be skeptical of this runner continuing that trend.

15 Domestic Product

Own: Klaravich Stables Inc
30-1 White, Red 'K's' And Braces, Red And
ORTIZ I JR (17 2 4 0 .12) 2024: (550 116 .21)



Dk. b or br c. 3 (Feb)
Sire: Practical Joke (Into Mischief) \$65,000
Dam: Goods and Services (Paynter)
Br: Klaravich Stables (Ky)
Tr: Brown Chad C(2 1 0 0 .50) 2024:(274 70 .26)

Table with columns: Life, 5, 2, 1, 0, \$314,200, 87, D.Fst, 4, 2, 1, 0, \$312,700, 87. Includes rows for 2024, 2023, and CD.

Racing results table for Domestic Product 15, listing dates, race types, and horse names like TamDby-G3, HolyBull-G3, Remsen-G2, etc.

Racing results table for Domestic Product 15, listing dates, race types, and horse names like DomesticProduct120nk, NoMrTm120hd, GrndMthFrst120, etc.

TRAINER: 31-60Days(441.25 \$1.67) WonLastStart(237.24 \$1.82) Dirt(511.24 \$1.54) Routes(924.25 \$1.72) GrdStk(253.19 \$1.89)
Rarely will you see Chad Brown and Irad Ortiz go off at this big a price; this colt was no match for Dornoch and stablemate Sierra Leone in the Remsen last year, but he's clearly improved as a 3YO; was one of the only runners to actually pass horses in a slow-paced Holy Bull; then overcame another dawdling pace in the Tampa Bay Derby, sprinting home to just get up on the wire; both of those races got relatively low Beyers, but those numbers were likely held down by the slow early splits; it remains to be seen if he can run faster if given a quicker pace ahead of him; that's a big question, but he's training well and appears to be flying under the radar.

16 Grand Mo the First

Own: Granpollo Stables LLC
50-1 Yellow, Red Blocks On Sleeves, Yellow
JARAMILLO E (-) 2024: (257 38 .15)



Dk. b or br c. 3 (Feb) FTKOCT22 \$135,000
Sire: Uncle Mo (Indian Charlie) \$150,000
Dam: Lilies So Fair (Giant's Causeway)
Br: John D Gunther (Ky)
Tr: Barboza V Jr(-) 2024:(109 18 .17)

Table with columns: Life, 6, 2, 0, 4, \$214,650, 87, D.Fst, 3, 0, 0, 3, \$140,250, 87. Includes rows for 2024, 2023, and CD.

Racing results table for Grand Mo the First 16, listing dates, race types, and horse names like FlaDerby-G1, TamDby-G3, SwaleL125k, etc.

Racing results table for Grand Mo the First 16, listing dates, race types, and horse names like Fierceness122133, Catalytic12223, GrndMotheFirst122no, etc.

TRAINER: 31-60Days(196.24 \$1.93) Dirt(224.29 \$2.06) Routes(214.20 \$1.50) GrdStk(5.20 \$1.45)
Didn't exactly shape up as a Derby candidate early on, beginning his career on synthetic and turf; yet he handled that initial switch to dirt well enough for his connections to try a couple of Derby preps; didn't run much worse than Domestic Product in the Tampa Bay Derby, where the top 5 or 6 were all sprinting to the line together; was obviously no match for Fierceness last time at Gulfstream, just nosing out a rival for 3rd; that was enough to get him into this field; yet getting to the Derby and having success in the Derby are two very different ambitions, and he has some serious improvement to find if he's to make an impact in this race.

17 Fierceness

Own: Repole Stable
5-2 Royal Blue, Orange Circled 'R', Royal
VELAZQUEZ JR (8 12.2 .12) 2024: (234 36 .15)

Table with columns for race dates, times, and names. Includes entries for FlaDerby-G1, HolyBull-G3, BCJuvnl-G1, and Champagn-G1.

B. c. 3 (Mar)
Sire: City of Light (Quality Road) \$35,000
Dam: Nonna Bella (Stay Thirsty)
Br: Repole Stable Inc (Ky)
Tr: Pletcher Todd A(5 0 1 0 .00) 2024:(313 67 .21)

Table with columns for Life, 5, 3, 0, 1, \$1,703,850, 110. Includes rows for 2024 and 2023.

Table with columns for D.Fst, 3, 2, 0, 1, \$1,641,100, 110. Includes rows for Wet(388), Synth(341), Turf(295), and Dst(223*).

TRAINER: 2Off45-180(137.21 \$1.35) 31-60Days(518.19 \$1.51) WonLastStart(228.19 \$1.24) Dirt(711.22 \$1.52) Routes(908.19 \$1.45) GrdStk(236.14 \$1.12)
The likely favorite is a generational talent at his best; we saw that on debut, in the Breeders' Cup, and last time in Florida when he silenced many doubters...

18 Stronghold

Own: Sharon and Rick Waller
20-1 Purple, Purple 'Swj' On Lime Diamond
FRESA A (1 1 0 1.00) 2024: (276 47 .17)

Table with columns for race dates, times, and names. Includes entries for SADerby-G1, SunDrby-G3, LosAlFut-G2, and BobHope-G3.

B. c. 3 (Jan)
Sire: Ghostzapper (Awesome Again) \$75,000
Dam: Spectator (Jimmy Creed)
Br: Eric Waller & Sharon Waller (Ky)
Tr: D'Amato Philip(-) 2024:(196 31 .16)

Table with columns for Life, 6, 3, 3, 0, \$827,200, 89. Includes rows for 2024 and 2023.

Table with columns for D.Fst, 6, 3, 3, 0, \$827,200, 89. Includes rows for Wet(442), Synth(423), Turf(328), and Dst(366).

TRAINER: 2Off45-180(153.15 \$1.31) WonLastStart(148.23 \$1.75) Dirt(186.18 \$1.44) Routes(456.16 \$1.31) GrdStk(175.16 \$1.69)
He's never finished out of the exacta in 6 starts, showing up with a competitive effort every time; took an unconventional path when going to Sunland Park...

19 Resilience

Own: Emily Bushnell and Ric Waldman
20-1 Blue, Lime Diamond Hoops, Lime Diamond
ALVARADO J (11 14 3 .09) 2024: (257 38 .15)

Table with columns for race dates, times, and names. Includes entries for WoodMem-G2, RisenStr-G2, Md Sp Wt 71k, and Md Sp Wt 120k.

B. c. 3 (Mar)
Sire: Into Mischief (Harlan's Holiday) \$250,000
Dam: Meadowsweet (Smart Strike)
Br: Pam & Martin Wygod (Ky)
Tr: Mott William I(7 1 3 3 .14) 2024:(171 30 .18)

Table with columns for Life, 6, 2, 1, 1, \$494,630, 90. Includes rows for 2024 and 2023.

Table with columns for D.Fst, 5, 2, 1, 1, \$478,630, 90. Includes rows for Wet(425), Synth(380), Turf(345), and Dst(323).

TRAINER: 2Off45-180(127.15 \$1.10) WonLastStart(117.27 \$1.74) Dirt(517.19 \$1.55) Routes(432.14 \$1.37) GrdStk(104.25 \$2.21)
Like his neighbor to the inside, he's another who has never run a particularly fast Bayer, but he has been moving forward in almost every start...

20 Society Man

Own: Reeves Thoroughbred Racing West Paces
50-1 White, White 'R' On Hunter Green
DETTORI L (2 0 1 0.00) 2024: (192 37 .19)

Table with columns for race dates, times, and names. Includes entries for WoodMem-G2, Md Sp Wt 80k, Withers-G3, and Md Sp Wt 85k.

Ch. g(12.02.23) 3 (Apr) KESEPE22 \$85,000
Sire: Good Magic (Curlin) \$125,000
Dam: You Cheated (Colonel John)
Br: SF Bloodstock LLC (Ky)
Tr: Gargan Danny(-) 2024:(41 7 .17)

Table with columns for Life, 5, 1, 1, 1, \$196,705, 87. Includes rows for 2024 and 2023.

Table with columns for D.Fst, 3, 0, 1, 1, \$150,830, 87. Includes rows for Wet(333), Synth(256), Turf(261), and Dst(268*).

TRAINER: Dirt(86.20 \$2.03) Routes(103.22 \$1.43) GrdStk(14.14 \$0.56)
Danny Gargan, West Paces, et al. had to be frustrated with the post position draw, their 2 runners getting stuck in bookend positions...

Also Eligible:

21 Epic Ride

Own: Welch Racing LLC
Red, Blue 'W' On Blue Framed White Star



B. c. 3 (May) KEESEP22 \$160,000
Sire: Blame (Arch) \$25,000
Dam: Pick a Time (Gio Ponti)
Br: Fred W Hertrich III (Ky)
Tr: Ennis John(1 0 1 0 .00) 2024:(62 13 .21)

BESCHIZZA A (6 1 1 1.17) 2024: (178 29 .16)

TimeformUS Pace: Early 114 Late 75
6Apr24-10Kee fst 1 1/8 :462 1:104 1:363 1:50 BlueGras-G1
2Mar24-6TP fst 1 1/8 :234:481 1:124 1:441 JBttglaMmL142k
2Feb24-6TP fst 1 :243:483 1:132 1:391 LeonatusB116k
5Jan24-5TP fst 6f :22 :453 :574 1:10 Md Sp Wt 69k
8Dec23-9TP fst 6f :221:461 :582 1:104 Md Sp Wt 69k

90 8/10 42 32 3 1/2 32 3 5/4 Beschizza A
87 5/11 43 43 2 1/2 11 21 Beschizza A
84 3/6 2nd 1hd 1 1/2 12 14 Beschizza A
86 2/12 3 1 1/2 1 1/2 11 1/2 Beschizza A
75 1/11 5 2 1/2 4 1/2 2nd 2nk Beschizza A

Table with columns: Life, 5, 2, 2, 1, \$253,166, 90, D.Fst, 1, 0, 0, 1, \$93,750, 90. Includes rows for 2024, 2023, and CD.

WORKS: 26Apr24 TTC 4f fst :51 1 B 22/23 18Apr24 TTC 4f fst :48 1 B 2/9 31Mar24 TTC 4f my :52 3 B 4/4 21Mar24 Kee 5f fst :59 B 1/3 16Feb24 TTC 4f fst :47 3 B 1/46 23Jan24 TTC 5f fst 1:01 B 4/8

22Dec23 TTC 3f fst :36 1 B 2/21 10Dec23 TTC 3f my :39 3 B 8/11

TRAINER: Dirt(112.17 \$1.41) Routes(85.11 \$1.23) GrdStk(4.00 \$0.00)
AE began his career as a synthetic specialist, showing speed in his first few starts; yet he's apparently matured with racing, showing a new dimension adapting to stalking tactics in his last couple of route attempts; couldn't hold off today's rival Enci no two back at Turfway; yet he moved forward when switched to dirt in the Blue Grass last time; was chasing a pretty taxing pace, and he did well to hold on for 3rd behind a couple of rivals who look like key players in this race; would need another step forward to contend here, and it's unclear if 10F really suits him; yet one could argue he has better credentials than a few who qualified for the main body of the field.

22 Mugatu

Own: Average Joe Racing Stables Ltd and D
Lime, Lime 'Aj' On Blue Ball, Blue



Ch. c. 3 (Apr) OBSAPR23 \$14,000
Sire: Blafeld (Quality Road) \$5,000
Dam: Union Way (Union Rags)
Br: JSM Equine LLC (Ky)
Tr: Engler Jeff(---) 2024:(25 3 .12)

TALAMO J (4 1 0 0.25) 2024: (114 5 .04)

TimeformUS Pace: Early 61 Late 108
6Apr24-10Kee fst 1 1/8 :462 1:104 1:363 1:50 BlueGras-G1
23Mar24-8TP fst 1 1/8 :244:493 1:133 1:443 RushawayB249k
2Mar24-6TP fst 1 1/8 :234:481 1:124 1:441 JBttglaMmL142k
10Feb24-6TP fst 1 :241:483 1:13 1:381 OC 50k/n1x-N
18Jan24-7TP fst 1 :24 :483 1:141 1:402 OC 50k/n1x-N
31Dec23-5Tam fm 1 1/8 :243:51 1:161 1:461 + OC 75k/n1x-N
9Dec23-7GP fst 1 :232:463 1:113 1:382 OC 75k/n1x-N
18Nov23-6GP fst 170 C :251:501 1:141 1:421 Md Sp Wt 42k
120Oct23-7Kee fm 1 :232:474 1:121 1:364 Md Sp Wt 99k
31Jly23-5EIP fm 1 :25 :501 1:15 1:384 Md Sp Wt 53k
14Jly23-4EIP fm 1 S :25 :492 1:142 1:382 Md Sp Wt 67k
24Jun23-2EIP fst 5 1/2 :223:454 :581 1:044 [R]Md Sp Wt 87k

87 9/10 108 109 1/4 6 5 1/2 6 5 5 1/2 Talamo J
73 2/11 84 6 2 1/2 5 2 1/2 74 8 2 1/2 Talamo J
75 9/11 106 106 1/4 7 4 3/4 5 5 1/2 4 7 1/2 Talamo J
59 5/7 54 64 1/4 5 3 3 3 1/2 3 9 Talamo J
71 10/11 85 62 3 1/2 2hd 3 3 1/2 Talamo J
62 6/7 52 1/2 5 1 1/2 4 1 1/2 6 4 3/4 6 5 3/4 Allen R D Jr
65 6/6 53 1/2 5 2 5 5 1/2 5 7 4 10 3/4 Vasquez M A
62 7/11 65 43 1/2 4 2 1/2 3 1 1/2 13 1/4 Bravo J
54 9/10 32 3 2 5 3 1/4 9 5 1/2 10 7 1/4 Talamo J
55 4/10 21 2 1/2 1hd 2 1/2 2 1 1/2 Talamo J
40 6/8 1 1/2 1 1/2 1hd 3 1 3 2 1/2 Talamo J
20 3/10 7 10 10 9 12 8 10 6 15 1/4 Talamo J

Table with columns: Life, 12, 1, 1, 3, \$80,570, 87, D.Fst, 3, 0, 0, 0, \$26,957, 87. Includes rows for 2024, 2023, and CD.

WORKS: 20Apr24 BTP 5f fst :59 4 B 3/3 3Feb24 TP :4f fst :49 B 24/102 10Jan24 TP :5f fst 1:03 1 B 4/11 21Dec23 Tam 4f fst :49 2 B 11/24 30Nov23 Tam 5f fst 1:01 3 B 1/9 10Nov23 Tam 5f fst 1:01 3 B 1/4

31Oct23 TP :4f fst :47 1 B 1/20 24Oct23 TP :5f fst 1:00 1 B 1/8

TRAINER: Dirt(71.11 \$0.47) Routes(90.10 \$1.20) GrdStk(1.00 \$0.00)
AE is another who took the Turfway route to get here; was no match for Encino and Epic Ride in the Battaglia Memorial, and was even less effective against a weaker group in the Rushaway next time; he did outrun massive 181-1 odds in the Blue Grass, passing half the field to get up for 5th, albeit well behind winner Sierra Leone; it's good news that he earned his best career Beyer switching to dirt last time, but he needs to do better still to have any sort of chance in the Derby; a win by this guy would be an upset on the level of Rich Strike. -David Aragona