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On Saturday, May 1, 2021, the 147th running of the Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve (G1) will be held at Churchill Downs. After 2020 saw the race delayed until September, seeing the Kentucky Derby back in May is a welcome sight.

This **Inside Track to the Kentucky Derby** combines some of the best handicapping forces in the country. The Racing Dudes have been at it for years, offering handicapping picks and analysis daily for over 9 years. The Racing Dudes handicappers have scoured over these Kentucky Derby competitors for nearly a year and are ready to cash in BIG!

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Good luck in the Kentucky Derby!



LIVE KENTUCKY DERBY BANKROLL

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It's time for the marquee horse racing event of 2021 and the Dudes are ready! This year, we're giving you our EXACT race-by-race wagering plans for each of the 6 stakes races on Friday and the 7 stakes races on Saturday. You can play these tickets exactly, or you can sprinkle in your own thoughts. We did this for the Breeders' Cup last year, and Pegasus Day this year, showing over 60% ROI! The Dudes have invested a little over \$400 for the weekend, but be sure that you don't bet more than you can afford to lose. Here we go!

FRIDAY

Race #6: ALYSHEBA STAKES

We'll start off with a simple exacta box trying to beat the favored #6 Maxfield. Even though we both think the horse will win, his price will be insanely low. We'll go with two longshots in #1 Visitant and #5 Roadster. It's just a small play to kick us off.

\$5	Race #6 Alysheba: EXACTA BOX
1st 2nd	#1 Visitant, #5 Roadster
\$10	Ticket #1 Total

Race #7: EDGEWOOD STAKES

We decided not to try to get cute with this race and just back #6 Aunt Pearl to win here. She is the best horse on paper, while possessing a solid pace advantage over these horses.

\$50	Race #7 Edgewood: WIN
1st	#6 Aunt Pearl
\$50	Ticket #2 Total

Race #8: LA TROIENNE STAKES

This race will be tough when it comes to making money. The best option is to play a win on one of the two favorites, while taking a stand against the other; however, we don't agree on a winner. So, we'll play a small trifecta box using #2 Shedaresthedevil, #3 Dunbar Road, and longshot #6 Sanenus.

\$2	Race #8 La Troienne: TRIFECTA BOX
1st 2nd 3rd	#2 Shedaresthedevil, #3 Dunbar Road, #6 Sanenus
\$12	Ticket #3 Total

Race #9: EIGHT BELLES STAKES

There is money to be made here as we both like long prices. #12 Caramel Swirl is Jared's top pick, while Aaron likes #6 Slumber Party. We'll use those two on top in a trifecta mixed in with #8 Kalypso and #10 Dayoutoftheoffice underneath. We'll also play a win ticket on Caramel Swirl, since that price is too good to pass up.

\$10	Race #9 Eight Belles: WIN
1st	#12 Caramel Swirl
\$10	Ticket #4 Total

\$1	Race #9 Eight Belles: TRIFECTA WHEEL
1st	#6 Slumber Party, #12 Caramel Swirl
2nd	#6 Slumber Party, #8 Kalypso, #10 Dayoutoftheoffice, #12 Caramel Swirl
3rd	#6 Slumber Party, #8 Kalypso, #10 Dayoutoftheoffice, #12 Caramel Swirl
\$12	Ticket #5 Total

Race #10: TWIN SPIRES TURF SPRINT STAKES

We'll keep it simple with this play. Aaron loves the **#3 Fiya**, who has shown immense talent, while Jared is a big fan of **#9 Diamond Oops**. This race is pretty wide open; however, we've narrowed it down to these two, and will play an exacta box.

\$10	Race #10 Turf Sprint: EXACTA BOX
1st 2nd	#3 Fiya, #9 Diamond Oops
\$20	Ticket #6 Total

Race #11: LONGINES KENTUCKY OAKS

The big event on Friday will definitely provide a chance to make some money. We don't feel confident in a win wager, so we decided on a trifecta wheel.

In the top spot we'll use **#5 Pass the Champagne**, **#6 Travel Column**, and **#10 Malathaat**. They are the logical horses to win, while Pass the Champagne also adds value.

In the second spot, we'll use the same three horses, while also adding in the Steve Asmussen trained **#1 Pauline's Pearl**, who won the Fantasy Stakes.

Finally, in the third spot, we'll use the same four horses as the second spot, with **#3 Clairiere** also added. She has shown consistency ever since her debut race.

\$1	Race #11 Kentucky Oaks: TRIFECTA WHEEL
1st	#5 Pass the Champagne, #6 Travel Column, #10 Malathaat
2nd	#1 Pauline's Pearl, #5 Pass the Champagne, #6 Travel Column, #10 Malathaat
3rd	#1 Pauline's Pearl, #3 Clairiere, #5 Pass the Champagne, #6 Travel Column, #10 Malathaat
\$27	Ticket #7 Total

SATURDAY

Race #6: CHURCHILL DOWNS DISTAFF TURF MILE STAKES

Let's kick it off here with a Chad Brown exacta. **#6 Blowout** looks to be the lone speed in the race, while **#2 She's Got You** is a sneaky entry for him that could run a big race. She also offers a ton of value.

\$5	Race #6 Churchill Distaff Turf Mile: EXACTA BOX
1st 2nd	#2 She's Got You, #6 Blowout
\$10	Ticket #8 Total

Race #7: DERBY CITY DISTAFF STAKES

It's hard to do much with the heavy favorite **#4 Gamine**. You can't bet her straight, so we'll play a Pick 3 starting in this race with her, then using **#3 Jackie's Warrior** and **#4 Defunded** in leg two, and **#4 Annex** and **#5 Du Jour** in the third leg.

\$10	Race #7 Derby City Distaff: PICK 3
7th	#4 Gamine
8th	#3 Jackie's Warrior, #4 Defunded
9th	#4 Annex, #5 Du Jour
\$40	Ticket #9 Total

Race #8: PAT DAY MILE STAKES

The more we analyzed this one, the more we felt like **#4 Defunded** was going to run a huge race for Bob Baffert. He gets a nice cut back in distance, and beat a really good horse two races back. We kept it simple and went with a win wager.

\$20	Race #8 Pat Day Mile: WIN
1st	#4 Defunded
\$20	Ticket #10 Total

Race #9: AMERICAN TURF STAKES

This is one of the hardest races on the card. We did share strong thoughts on **#4 Annex** and **#5 Du Juor**, so we used them on top in a trifecta wheel with **#13 Scarlett Sky**. In the second spot, we added **#2 Winfromwithin**, and in the third spot we added in longshot **#10 Next**.

\$1	Race #9 American Turf: TRIFECTA WHEEL
1st	#4 Annex, #5 Du Jour, #13 Scarlett Sky
2nd	#2 Winfromwithin, #4 Annex, #5 Du Jour, #13 Scarlett Sky
3rd	#2 Winfromwithin, #4 Annex, #5 Du Jour, #10 Next, #13 Scarlett Sky
\$27	Ticket #11 Total

Race #10: CHURCHILL DOWNS STAKES

Look, we agreed on basically nothing in this race. If you are going to skip a race, this would be it. That being said, the only matching horse we had in our top 4 is **#9 Whitmore**, so we'll just go with a win wager on him and root for one of our favorite horses to win.

\$20	Race #10 Churchill Downs: WIN
1st	#9 Whitmore
\$20	Ticket #12 Total

Race #11: OLD FORESTER BOURBON TURF CLASSIC STAKES

This might be the race of the day, forget about the Kentucky Derby! There are several star turf horses in this race. We got a little ballsy here, and singled out **#3 Colonel Liam** and **#5 Domestic Spending** as the two monsters that stand out amongst the race. We'll play a strong exacta box here.

\$20	Race #11 Turf Classic: EXACTA BOX
1st 2nd	#3 Colonel Liam, #5 Domestic Spending
\$40	Ticket #13 Total

Race #12: KENTUCKY DERBY

This is going to be a crazy Derby! We did not like anyone strong enough to bet a win, so we went with two large trifecta wagers. The key to cashing will be one of these four horses winning: **#8 Medina Spirit**, **#9 Hot Rod Charlie**, **#14 Essential Quality**, and **#15 Rock Your World**. Then, let's hope for some chaos underneath, as we have several horses wheeled in those spots.

\$1	Race #12 Kentucky Derby: TRIFECTA WHEEL
1st	#14 Essential Quality, #15 Rock Your World
2nd	#7 Mandaloun, #8 Medina Spirit, #9 Hot Rod Charlie, #10 Midnight Bourbon, #14 Essential Quality, #15 Rock Your World, #17 Highly Motivated
3rd	#1 Known Agenda, #4 Keepmeinmind, #7 Mandaloun, #8 Medina Spirit, #9 Hot Rod Charlie, #10 Midnight Bourbon, #14 Essential Quality, #15 Rock Your World, #17 Highly Motivated
\$84	Ticket #14 Total

\$0.50	Race #12 Kentucky Derby: TRIFECTA WHEEL
1st	#8 Medina Spirit, #9 Hot Rod Charlie
2nd	#8 Medina Spirit, #9 Hot Rod Charlie, #10 Midnight Bourbon, #14 Essential Quality, #15 Rock Your World, #17 Highly Motivated
3rd	#1 Known Agenda, #4 Keepmeinmind, #6 O Besos, #7 Mandaloun, #8 Medina Spirit, #9 Hot Rod Charlie, #10 Midnight Bourbon, #14 Essential Quality, #15 Rock Your World, #17 Highly Motivated, #19 Soup and Sandwich
\$45	Ticket #15 Total
\$427	TOTAL BUDGET

That brings us to \$427 in total bets, close to our intended \$400 budget. If you followed our Breeders' Cup and Pegasus day bets, we ended with a bankroll of \$1,000, so let's reinvest the \$400+ winnings today and hope for some luck!

Good luck, everyone! 🐎





FRIDAY

RACE 11

LONGINES KENTUCKY OAKS (G1)

1 1/8 MILES (DIRT)
FILLIES 3-YEAR-OLDS
\$1,250,000

OVERVIEW:

Before we get to the boys on Saturday, let's pay respect to the ladies who make up the fabulous field in Friday's Kentucky Oaks. The race is seemingly wide open on paper, with several of these fillies earning similar speed figures throughout the Oaks trail.

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A FAST PACE

Pure Speed: *Search Results*

Pressing Speed: *Pass the Champagne, Moraz*

Stalkers: *Travel Column, Coach, Malathaat, Millefeuille*

Closers: *Pauline's Pearl, Maracuja, Clairiere, Crazy Beautiful, Will's Secret, Competitive Speed*

The presence of Search Results should mean a quick pace. Several others in this field will want to sit close early, too, giving off-the-pace horses a solid shot.

TOP CHOICE: #6 TRAVEL COLUMN

This filly has been my pick to win the Kentucky Oaks since she won the Golden Rod Stakes (G2) as a 2-year-old over this race track. Trainer Brad Cox is fantastic with getting horses to run their best races on the biggest days, especially when they are running their third race off the layoff. With that said, the task of beating Malathaat is going to be tough, but she should be ready for the challenge.

MAJOR THREATS: #3 Clairiere,
#5 Pass the Champagne, #10 Malathaat

Clairiere has battled with our top pick in her last 3 starts and defeated her 2 races back at Fair Grounds. Pass the Champagne faced winners for the first time in the Ashland (G1), narrowly losing to Malathaat, who is a deserving favorite here. She puts her undefeated record on the line in this spot.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #4 Crazy Beautiful,
#12 Search Results

Crazy Beautiful is a very consistent filly who should come with a nice closing run. Search Results has done nothing wrong in any of her starts but takes a big step up in competition.

OTHERS: #1 Pauline's Pearl, #2 Maracuja,
#8 Moraz, #9 Coach, #11 Will's Secret, #13 Competitive Speed, #14 Millefeuille

This race has had a knack for producing upsets, so don't completely throw any of these horses out if you like them, especially in exotics. We just prefer others a bit more over this group.

PICKS and PLAYS:

BET TO WIN: #6 Travel Column - Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

BET TO PLACE: #10 Malathaat - Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY: #5 Pass the Champagne -
Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

EXACTA: 5,6,10 BOX

TRIFECTA: 3,5,6,10 BOX

SUPERFACTA: 3,5,6,10 BOX

MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES: 3,5,6,10

STRAIGHT WAGER: \$20 Win on #6 Travel Column

EXOTIC WAGER: \$2 Exacta BOX 5,6,10

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RACE 6:

1 MILE (TURF)
FILLIES & MARES
4-YEAR-OLDS & UPWARD
\$500,000

LONGINES CHURCHILL-DISTAFF-TURF MILE STAKES (G2)

OVERVIEW:

Saturday's stakes action kicks off with the Churchill Distaff Turf Mile, which drew a competitive field of 7. While the field size may be short, there are several playable options that could still produce a price or two.

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A SLOW PACE

Pure Speed: *Blowout*

Pressing Speed: *Jakarta, Got Stormy*

Stalkers: *Zofelle, Abscond*

Closers: *She's Got You, New York Girl*

The pace shouldn't be overly fast, with Blowout being the likely lonely leader. Neither of the pressing speed horses are as fast as her, making Blowout dangerous.

TOP CHOICE: #6 BLOWOUT

It's good seeing Blowout back after a short but great campaign last season when she suffered heartbreaking losses in all 3 starts, never by more than a neck. This spot seems a little easier than what she faced last year and the pace should set up beautifully for her front-running style. She should be able to take this field gate to wire.

MAJOR THREATS: #2 *She's Got You*, #4 *Zofelle*, #5 *Got Stormy*

She's Got You comes into this race off of a nice layoff for Chad Brown, usually a deadly angle. She showed some ability in her 3 starts last year. *Got Stormy* and *Zoefelle* exit the Honey Fox (G3), where *Got Stormy* won by a nose. They should be close together again here.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #1 *Jakarta*, #7 *Abscond*

Jakarta is the other horse with solid early speed in this race, who could press the pace from the rail. *Abscond* ran well off of the layoff last time out, finishing third in a tough stakes, and should run better here.

OTHERS: #3 *New York Girl*

This horse is no slouch, but this is a tough race compared to what she faced at Tampa Bay Downs. She'll need to prove that she's up for the challenge here.

PICKS AND PLAYS:

BET TO WIN: #6 *Blowout* - Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

BET TO PLACE: #2 *She's Got You* - Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY: #5 *Got Stormy* - Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

EXACTA: 2,5,6 BOX

TRIFECTA: 2,6/2,4,5,6/2,4,5,6

SUPERFACTA: 2,4,5,6 BOX

MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES: 2,4,5,6

STRAIGHT WAGER: \$20 Win on #6 *Blowout*

EXOTIC WAGER: \$2 Exacta BOX 2,5,6



RACE 7:

7 FURLONGS (DIRT)
FILLIES & MARES
4-YEAR-OLDS & UPWARD
\$500,000

DERBY CITY DISTAFF STAKES (G1)

OVERVIEW:

The best horse running this weekend is Gamine, who has looked unbeatable around one turn during her illustrious career. This should be more of the same; she's beaten several of these horses in the past.

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A SLOW PACE

Pure Speed: *Gamine*

Pressing Speed: *Hibiscus Punch*

Stalkers: *Estilo Talentoso*

Closers: *Sconsin, Bell's the One, Unique Factor*

Gamine is easily the best horse in the race and she possesses a pace advantage over the rest of this field. That should be a deadly combination.

TOP CHOICE: #4 GAMINE

You'd be hard-pressed to find any plausible way to beat Gamine in this spot. She's easily the best dirt sprinter in the world, regardless of gender, and her comeback "race" at Santa Anita was effortlessly impressive. Simply put, if she shows up with her best effort, then she can win this by as many lengths as she wants.

MAJOR THREATS: #2 Sconsin, #3 Bell's the One

Sconsin and Bell's the One have both shown in the past that they can close effectively at this distance. They've both picked up nice wins in these kinds of races, but they're going to need the heavy favorite to show up with a non-effort to have any chance to win this race.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #5 Hibiscus Punch

Hibiscus Punch is the only other horse in the race who has solid early speed, which could give her a slight chance to pull an upset. However, to do so, she'll need to improve dramatically from a speed figure standpoint.

OTHERS: #1 Estilo Talentoso, #6 Unique Factor

These two seem extremely overmatched in this field. They were likely just entered to help put enough in the gate and make the race go.

PICKS AND PLAYS:

BET TO WIN: #4 Gamine - Confidence Level: 5 out of 5

BET TO PLACE: #3 Bell's the One - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY: #2 Sconsin - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

EXACTA: 4/3

TRIFECTA: 4/2,3/2,3

SUPERFACTA: 4/2,3/2,3,5/2,3,5

MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES: 4

STRAIGHT WAGER: NONE (No Value)

EXOTIC WAGER: \$5 Trifecta 4/2,3/2,3



RACE 8:

PAT DAY MILE STAKES (G2)

1 MILE (DIRT)
3-YEAR-OLDS
\$500,000

OVERVIEW:

The Pat Day Mile is always one of the better races on the Kentucky Derby undercard, and this might be one of the best runnings yet. The stacked field offers plenty of value.

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A FAST PACE

Pure Speed: Jackie's Warrior, Dreamer's Disease, Noble Reflection

Pressing Speed: Three Two Zone, Prevalence, Joe Frazier

Stalkers: Defunded, Starrininmydreams, Whiskey Double, Dream Shake

Closers: Ultimate Badger, Sittin On Go

The pace will definitely be fast early, with several horses wanting to go and several more ready to sit just off them. The closers should have an advantage here.

TOP CHOICE: #4 DEFUNDED

He gets some class relief for this one, while also cutting back in distance. Those are two factors he should enjoy, as well as getting Irad Ortiz Jr. to ride, who is the best jockey in the country right now. This horse beat a very nice runner on two races back to break his maiden, before finishing a decent fourth in the Santa Anita Derby (G1). The talent is there, and the distance and set up are right today, he should run a big race for Baffert.

MAJOR THREATS: #3 Jackie's Warrior, #6 Starrininmydreams, #8 Dream Shake

Jackie's Warrior was the best one-turn 2-year-old in the country last season, but his two-turn attempts weren't nearly as good, though, so Asmussen has done the right thing cutting him back in distance. Starrininmydreams showed some signs of life last time out in the Lexington Stakes (G2), finishing third, and should enjoy cutting back in distance, as should Dream Shake.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #5 Prevalence, #12 Joe Frazier

Prevalence was the big rage after his blowout debut win, but he didn't look the same in his next 2 starts. Joe Frazier steps up here after a nice win at Keeneland.

OTHERS: #1 Three Two Zone, #2 Ultimate Badger, #7 Whiskey Double, #9 Sittin On Go, #10 Dreamer's Disease, #11 Noble Reflection

This is one of the toughest Pat Day Miles in recent memory, which makes it hard to see anyone from this group making an impact in the race. They'll need to improve their forms dramatically.

PICKS AND PLAYS:

BET TO WIN: #4 Defunded - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

BET TO PLACE: #3 Jackie's Warrior - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY: #8 Dream Shake - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

EXACTA: 3,4,8 BOX

TRIFECTA: 3,4,6,8 BOX

SUPERFACTA: 3,4,6,8 BOX

MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES: 3,4,6,8

STRAIGHT WAGER: \$10 Win on #4 Defunded

EXOTIC WAGER: \$.50 cent Trifecta BOX 3,4,6,9



RACE 9:

AMERICAN TURF STAKES (G2)

1 1/16 MILES (TURF)
3-YEAR-OLDS
\$500,000

OVERVIEW:

The American Turf, always a staple of the Kentucky Derby undercard, attracted 14 quality 3-year-olds for one of the toughest races you'll find all year long. This is a "Box 'em up and call 'em home" type of affair.

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A FAST PACE

Pure Speed: *Excellent Timing, Winfromwithin*
Pressing Speed: *Dyn O Mite, Holy Vow, Next*
Stalkers: *Du Jour, Royal Prince, Barrister Tom*
Closers: *Chess's Dream, Annex, Hidden Enemy, Lucky Law, Scarlett Sky, Palazzi*

For a turf race, this one could get really fast up front, as several will want to fly early. Look for the closers to come with a big run in the stretch.

TOP CHOICE: #5 DU JOUR

It's rare that Bob Baffert has a turf horse who's shown great promise with 2 straight wins on the surface. Those victories came in runaway fashion and the most recent effort earned him this field's highest speed figure. Flavien Prat continues to ride and should get plenty of pace to run into from a solid stalking position.

MAJOR THREATS: #2 Winfromwithin, #4 Annex, #13 Scarlett Sky, #14 Palazzi

Winfromwithin comes into this race off of 2 impressive victories, but must deal with a hot pace in this one. Annex is a deserving favorite after winning 3 straight at Gulfstream Park this winter. Scarlett Sky and Palazzi both exit the Transylvania Stakes (G3) at Keeneland, where they finished 1-2.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #1 Excellent Timing, #3 Chess's Dream, #6 Royal Prince

Excellent Timing moves to the turf for Chad Brown, which is a dangerous angle. Chess's Dream should have plenty of early pace to chase. Royal Prince has won 2 in a row for Brad Cox.

OTHERS: #7 Dyn O Mite, #8 Barrister Tom, #9 Holy Vow, #10 Next, #11 Hidden Enemy, #12 Lucky Law

This field is completely wide open, which makes all of these horses in play. However, we just prefer others a bit more, but don't let us talk you off anyone in this group if you like them.

PICKS AND PLAYS:

BET TO WIN: #5 Du Jour - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

BET TO PLACE: #13 Scarlett Sky - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY: #4 Annex - Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

EXACTA: 4,5,13 BOX

TRIFECTA: 4,5,13,14 BOX

SUPERFACTA: 4,5,13,14 BOX

MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES: 4,5,13,14

STRAIGHT WAGER: \$10 Win on #5 Du Jour

EXOTIC WAGER: \$.50 Trifecta BOX 4,5,13,14



RACE 10:

CHURCHILL-DOWNS STAKES (G1)

7 FURLONGS (DIRT)
4-YEAR-OLDS & UPWARD
\$500,000

OVERVIEW:

Wow, this is one of the most competitive sprint fields we've seen since the Breeders' Cup. A field of 13 will line up for the Churchill Downs Stakes, which might end up being the second-best race on the card.

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A MODERATE PACE

Pure Speed: Bango

Pressing Speed: Tap It to Win, Get the Prize, Endorsed

Stalkers: Mind Control, Basin, Flagstaff, Whitmore, Hog Creek Hustle, Lexingtonian

Closers: Phat Man, Attachment Rate, Shashashakemeup

Even though this is a full field of sprinters, the pace really shouldn't be all that fast. Most do their best running late.

TOP CHOICE: #2 MIND CONTROL

This horse has the most experience/success at this tricky distance, which is a major plus, and he also gets Irad Ortiz Jr. to ride in this spot. That is a major factor in his favor as he makes his second start off of the layoff. Ortiz Jr. has only ridden for Sacco 5 times in the last year; the results? 2 wins and 3 efforts on the board.

MAJOR THREATS: #1 Phat Man, #3 Basin, #4 Flagstaff, #9 Whitmore

Phat Man comes into the race off of a nice victory last time out at Gulfstream Park. You can say the same for Basin, who returned to the winner's circle at Gulfstream Park in the Sir Shackleton. Flagstaff is yet another horse who picked up a win last time out, his coming at Keeneland in the Commonwealth (G3). Then there's Whitmore, who won last year's Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1) and has 2 close losses in 2021.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #5 Tap It to Win, #11 Hog Creek Hustle, #12 Endorsed, #13 Lexingtonian

With this race being so wide-open, any of the horses listed above are extremely usable, especially in the underneath positions. Simply put, use as many horses as possible in this race.

OTHERS: #6 Attachment Rate, #7 Shashashakemeup, #8 Get the Prize, #10 Bango

Even though this is a wide-open race, it's hard to see anyone from this group winning. A couple of these are pointing for an easier race on Friday instead of running here, making it cheaper to hit the "All" button.

PICKS AND PLAYS:

BET TO WIN: #2 Mind Control - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

BET TO PLACE: #9 Whitmore - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY: #4 Flagstaff - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

EXACTA: 2,4,9 BOX

TRIFECTA: 2,3,4,9 BOX

SUPERFACTA: 2,3,4,9 BOX

MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES: 1,2,3,4,9

STRAIGHT WAGER: \$10 Win on #2 Mind Control

EXOTIC WAGER: \$2 Exacta BOX 2,4,9



RACE 11

1 1/8 MILES (TURF)
4-YEAR-OLDS & UPWARD
\$1,000,000

OLD FORESTER, BOURBON, TURF, CLASSIC STAKES (G1)

OVERVIEW:

A fantastic field of 8 entered the Old Forester Turf Classic, which always seems to attract the best older grass males that this country has to offer.

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A SLOW PACE

Pure Speed: *Smooth Like Strait*

Pressing Speed: *Ivar*

Stalkers: *Colonel Liam, Cross Border*

Closers: *Masteroffoxhounds, Count Again, Domestic Spending, Digital Age, Ride a Comet*

Smooth Like Strait should get a great front-end trip in this spot. If he's good enough, then he can take the field gate to wire.

TOP CHOICE: #5 DOMESTIC SPENDING

It's great to see Domestic Spending back for Chad Brown, who was targeting this spot for his return. This horse was nearly flawless last season, losing only once in 5 starts and picking up a win over Colonel Liam, the favorite in this race. If he's improved and ready to roll, then they'll have a hard time holding him off down the lane.

MAJOR THREATS: #3 Colonel Liam, #6 Digital Age, #7 Smooth Like Strait

Colonel Liam has been one of the best horses in training this season with 3 straight victories. Smooth Like Strait could get loose on the lead and usually runs well over this track. At his best, Digital Age can beat these horses, as he showed winning this race last year.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #4 Ivar, # 9 Ride a Comet

Ivar burst onto the scene last year with big efforts, winning the Shadwell Mile (G1) and finishing fourth in the Breeders' Cup Mile (G1). Ride a Comet always seems to show up with a solid effort in these types of races.

OTHERS: #1 Masteroffoxhounds, #2 Count Again, #8 Cross Border

These classy horses could make an impact despite the fact we have them in the "others" category. This race is loaded with talent.

PICKS and PLAYS:

BET TO WIN: #5 Domestic Spending - Confidence Level: 3.5 out of 5

BET TO PLACE: #3 Colonel Liam - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY: #6 Digital Age - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

EXACTA: 3,5,6 BOX

TRIFECTA: 3,5,6,7 BOX

SUPERFACTA: 3,5,6,7 BOX

MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES: 3,5,6

STRAIGHT WAGER: \$10 Win on #5 Domestic Spending

EXOTIC WAGER: \$.50 cent Trifecta BOX 3,5,6,7



RACE 12:

KENTUCKY DERBY (G1)

1 1/4 MILES (DIRT)
3-YEAR-OLDS
\$3,000,000

OVERVIEW:

It's time! The Kentucky Derby is here, and it's thankfully back on the first Saturday in May. This field might lack a true superstar, but wow, is this a competitive field from a betting prospective. Let's dive in and find a winner!

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A FAST PACE

Pure Speed: *Rock Your World, Medina Spirit, Soup and Sandwich, Mandaloun*

Pressing Speed: *Hot Rod Charlie, Midnight Bourbon*

Stalkers: *Essential Quality, Like the King, Highly Motivated, Dynamic One*

Closers: *Super Stock, Known Agenda, O Besos, Helium, Bourbonic, Sainthood, Hidden Stash, Keepmeinmind, Brooklyn Strong*

The pace should be quick up front, which is a good news for horses coming from off the pace. The modern era Derby is won with tactical speed, though, so look for horses who can stalk the pace.

TOP CHOICE: #14 ESSENTIAL QUALITY

It's hard to find a flaw with this undefeated Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) winner who carried his form into this season very well. He's trained by Brad Cox, who's won a ton of big races, and the horse has won on both dry and sloppy tracks and in many different ways: setting the pace, stalking the pace, and coming from mid-pack. That versatility is probably his biggest attribute heading into the race.

MAJOR THREATS: #8 Medina Spirit, #9 Hot Rod Charlie, #10 Midnight Bourbon, #15 Rock Your World

Medina Spirit has been one of the most consistent horses all year long and drew perfectly. Hot Rod Charlie showed last time out in the Louisiana Derby (G2) that he can win going long distances. Midnight Bourbon is another horse who's shown great consistency all year long. Rock Your World is the logical alternative to the favorite after an impressive dirt debut.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #7 Mandaloun, #17 Highly Motivated

Mandaloun has a chance to bounce back after a terrible effort last time out in the Louisiana Derby (G2). Highly Motivated is very talented but drew a tough post. We'll see if he can overcome it.

OTHERS: #1 Known Agenda, #2 Like the King, #3 Brooklyn Strong, #4 Keepmeinmind, #5 Sainthood, #6 O Besos, #11 Dynamic One, #12 Helium, #13 Hidden Stash, #18 Super Stock, #19 Soup and Sandwich, #20 Bourbonic

Every Kentucky Derby is filled with horses who really don't belong in the race, and this year's edition is no different. It's great that these connections get to run a horse in the Derby, though, so why not take a shot? Crazier things have happened.

PICKS AND PLAYS:

BET TO WIN: #14 Essential Quality - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

BET TO PLACE: #15 Rock Your World - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY: #9 Hot Rod Charlie - Confidence Level: 2.5 out of 5

EXACTA: 9,14,15 BOX

TRIFECTA: 8,9,14,15 BOX

SUPERFACTA: 8,9,14,15 BOX

MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES: 8,9,10,14,15

STRAIGHT WAGER: \$20 Win on #14 Essential Quality

EXOTIC WAGER: \$5 Exacta 9,14,15 BOX

CHURCHILL DOWNS

NON-STAKES ANALYSIS & PLAYS

Race 1: 9-4-5-6

#9 Ekati's Verve gets Luis Saez aboard after 2 solid races in a row. **#4 Cool Bobby** has solid back class and gets back on dirt. **#5 Soros** makes his first start for new trainer Michael McCarthy. **#6 Sounion** is spotted well today.

Exacta: 4,5,9 BOX

Trifecta: 4,5,6,9 BOX

Multi-Race: 4,5,6,9

Suggested Bet: \$.50 Cent Trifecta BOX 4,5,6,9

Race 2: 1-7-10-12

#1 Cadencia is overdue for a win after coming very close in her last 3 races. **#7 Cerulean** is a good-looking first-time starter with Luis Saez aboard. **#10 Elle Est Forte** was close in both prior turf efforts. **#12 The Ginger Queen** should run well in her second career start.

Exacta: 1,7,10 BOX

Trifecta: 1,7,10,12 BOX

Multi-Race: 1,7,10,12

Suggested Bet: \$2 Exacta BOX 1,7,10

Race 3: 5-7-4-2

#5 Koolhaus has lost to some solid horses this year, and should stretch out well. **#7 Alejandro** won last time out but was disqualified for bumping. **#4 Cash Rocket** seems to be getting better with each start. **#2 Extreme** improved in his dirt debut.

Exacta: 4,5,7 BOX

Trifecta: 2,4,5,7 BOX

Multi-Race: 2,4,5,7

Suggested Bet: \$10 to Win on #5

Race 4: 12-4-2-1

#12 Gear Jockey should enjoy the fast pace of this race. **#4 Salvator Mundi** runs best at this distance. **#2 Bizzee Channel** is a speedy longshot worth playing. **#1 Invader** has solid early speed, and could take this field wire to wire

Exacta: 2,4,12 BOX

Trifecta: 1,2,4,12 BOX

Multi-Race: 1,2,4,12

Suggested Bet: \$.50 Cent Trifecta BOX 1,2,4,12

Race 5: 5-11-7-4

#5 Ghazaaly seems to be improving with each start and is spotted very well in this race. **#11 Masqueparade** has faced solid competition at Fair Grounds this season. **#7 Last Samurai** and **#4 Southern Passage** take major class drops after running in Kentucky Derby preps. They'll enjoy this level of competition.

Exacta: 5,7,11 BOX

Trifecta: 4,5,7,11 BOX

Multi-Race: 4,5,7,11

Suggested Bet: \$.50 Cent Trifecta BOX 4,5,7,11

Race 13: 4-3-2-5

#4 Prime Factor was all the rage heading into 2021 but flopped when trying the Kentucky Derby Trail; he should like the class drop. **#3 Tulane Tryst** exits a solid maiden race where he earned a big Beyer Speed Figure. **#2 Colonel Bowman** provides value at 15-1 after breaking his maiden in his last start. **#5 Calibrate** gets a class drop for this one, as well as a cut back in distance.

Exacta: 2,3,4 BOX

Trifecta: 2,3,4,5 BOX

Multi-Race: 3,4

Suggested Bet: \$2 Exacta BOX 2,3,4

Race 14: 1-8-7-2

#1 Bagboss ran well on debut at Gulfstream Park, finishing second in a tough maiden special weight. **#8 K C Rocket** has finished third in both lifetime starts; however, he ran well in both attempts against strong competition. **#7 Mr Sippi** exits a tough maiden race at Fair Grounds, where he finished second. **#2 Mr Annoying** tries dirt after a solid third on turf last time out.

Exacta: 1,7,8 BOX

Trifecta: 1,2,7,8 BOX

Multi-Race: 1,2,7,8

Suggested Bet: \$.50 Trifecta BOX 1,2,7,8



CHURCHILL DOWNS

MULTI-RACE ANALYSIS & PLAYS

REMEMBER: On these massive days, when so many multi-race sequences are available, it is very important to pick and choose your spots. You should not play every sequence, make sure to manage your money, and save some bullets for the entire day. Good luck to everyone, let's cash a few of these!

RACE 1: \$0.50 PICK 5

4,5,6,9 with 1,7,10,12 with 5,7 with 1,2,4,12 with 5,11 = \$128

RACE 2: \$0.50 PICK 4

1,7,10,12 with 5,7 with 1,2,4,12 with 4,5,7,11 = \$64

RACE 4: \$0.50 PICK 5

2,4,12,13 with 4,5,7,11 with 2,4,5,6 with 4 with 3,4,6,8 = \$128

RACE 5: \$0.50 PICK 4

4,5,7,11 with 2,4,5,6 with 4 with 3,4,6,8 = \$32

RACE 8: \$0.50 PICK 5

3,4,6,8 with 4,5,13 with 2,4,9 with 3,5,6 with 9,14,15 = \$162

RACE 9: \$0.50 PICK 4

4,5 with 1,2,3,4,9 with 3,5,6,7 with 8,9,14,15 = \$80

RACE 10: \$0.50 PICK 5

2,3,4,9 with 3,5 with 8,9,10,14,15 with 3,4 with 1,2,7,8 = \$160

RACE 11: \$0.50 PICK 4

3,5,6,7 with 8,9,10,14,15 with 4 with 1,2,7,8 = \$40





EXPERT PICKS

RACE	Aaron Halterman	Jared Welch	Mike "Saratoga Slim" Spector	Curtis "Magic" Kalleward	Mike "Somobomb" Somich	Ricky "Rocket Man" Pasternak	Vinny Blond	Mike "Papa Dude" Halterman
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FRIDAY, 4/30/21

Alysheba Stakes	Maxfield Roadster Chess Chief Sonneman	Maxfield Visitant Roadster Sonneman	Maxfield Roadster Chess Chief Sonneman	Maxfield Roadster Chess Chief Sonneman	Maxfield Roadster Sonneman Chess Chief	Maxfield Chess Chief Roadster Attachment Rate	Maxfield Chess Chief Attachment Rate Sonneman	Maxfield Roadster Sonneman Chess Chief
Edgewood Stakes	Aunt Pearl Gift List Postnup Queen of the Green	Aunt Pearl Gift List Zaajel Postnup	Aunt Pearl Gift List Zaajel Postnup	Aunt Pearl Gift List Line Dancing Zaajel	Aunt Pearl Gift List Postnup Zaajel	Aunt Pearl Gift List Postnup Queen of the Green	Aunt Pearl Gift List Zaajel Postnup	Aunt Pearl Zaajel Queen of the Green Postnup
La Troienne Stakes	Shedaresthedevil Dunbar Road Sanenus Finite	Dunbar Road Shedaresthedevil Envoutante Sanenus	Dunbar Road Shedaresthedevil Paris Lights Finite	Shedaresthedevil Dunbar Road Paris Lights Sanenus	Shedaresthedevil Dunbar Road Paris Lights Envoutante	Dunbar Road Shedaresthedevil Paris Lights Finite	Shedaresthedevil Paris Lights Finite Dunbar Road	Shedaresthedevil Dunbar Road Envoutante Sanenus
Eight Belles Stakes	Slumber Party Kalypso Dayoutoftheoffice Windmill	Caramel Swirl Abrogate Li'l Tootsie Dayoutoftheoffice	Kalypso Slumber Party Dayoutoftheoffice Euphoric	Kalypso Souper Sensational Li'l Tootsie Dayoutoftheoffice	Caramel Swirl Dayoutoftheoffice Slumber Party Souper Sensational	Dayoutoftheoffice Slumber Party Kalypso Abrogate	Dayoutoftheoffice Caramel Swirl Slumber Party Souper Sensational	Slumber Party Dayoutoftheoffice Souper Sensational Abrogate
Twin Spires Turf Sprint Stakes	Fiya Carotari Fast Boat Diamond Oops	Diamond Oops Fast Boat Classy John Fiya	Diamond Oops Sombeyay Fiya Fast Boat	Fast Boat Diamond Oops Carotari Sombeyay	Diamond Oops Sombeyay Fast Boat Just Might	Fiya Carotari Just Might Sombeyay	Diamond Oops Just Might Sombeyay Fiya	Fiya Carotari Just Might Sombeyay
Longines Kentucky Oaks	Travel Column Malathaat Pass the Champagne Clairiere	Travel Column Malathaat Pauline's Pearl Pass the Champagne	Malathaat Travel Column Clairiere Search Results	Malathaat Travel Column Pauline's Pearl North Dakota	Travel Column Malathaat Pass the Champagne Pauline's Pearl	Travel Column Search Results Pass the Champagne Clairiere	Malathaat Clairiere Travel Column Pauline's Pearl	Malathaat Travel Column Search Results Clairiere





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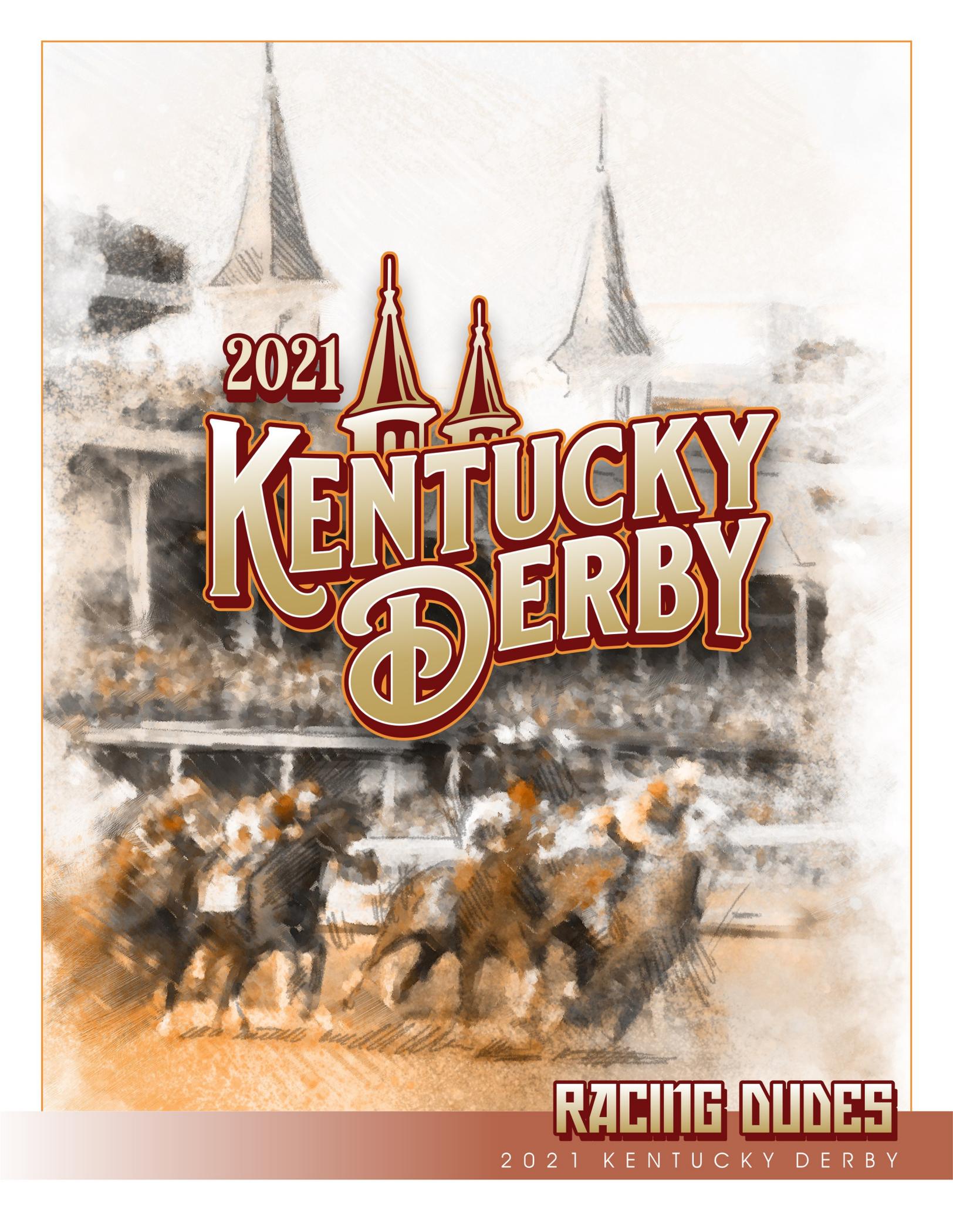
Ricky "Rocket Man" Pasternak

Vinny Blond

Mike "Papa Dude" Halterman

SATURDAY, 5/1/21

Longines Churchill Distaff Turf Mile Stakes	Blowout Got Stormy She's Got You Zofelle	She's Got You Zofelle Blowout Got Stormy	Blowout Zofelle Got Stormy She's Got You	Blowout Got Stormy She's Got You Zofelle	Got Stormy She's Got You Zofelle Blowout	Got Stormy Blowout Zofelle She's Got You	Blowout Got Stormy Abscond She's Got You	Blowout Got Stormy Zofelle She's Got You
Derby City Distaff Stakes	Gamine Sconsin Bell's the One Hibiscus Punch	Gamine Bell's the One Sconsin Unique Factor	Gamine Bell's the One Sconsin Unique Factor	Gamine Bell's the One Sconsin Unique Factor	Gamine Bell's the One Unique Factor Sconsin	Gamine Bell's the One Hibiscus Punch Sconsin	Gamine Bell's the One Estilo Talentoso Sconsin	Gamine Bell's The One Hibiscus Punch Sconsin
Pat Day Mile Stakes	Defunded Jackie's Warrior Dream Shake Starrininmydreams	Defunded Jackie's Warrior Dream Shake Starrininmydreams	Jackie's Warrior Dream Shake Prevalence Defunded	Jackie's Warrior Dream Shake Defunded Sittin On Go	Dream Shake Noble Reflection Jackie's Warrior Prevalence	Dream Shake Jackie's Warrior Three Two Zone Starrininmydreams	Defunded Prevalence Jackie's Warrior Dream Shake	Jackie's Warrior Dream Shake Defunded Starrininmydreams
American Turf Stakes	Du Jour Scarlett Sky Annex Palazzi	Du Jour Annex Winfromwithin Next	Annex Excellent Timing Winfromwithin Scarlet Sky	Annex Scarlett Sky Palazzi Excellent Timing	Winfromwithin Annex Scarlett Sky Next	Scarlett Sky Du Jour Annex Palazzi	Scarlett Sky Annex Palazzi Lucky Law	Du Jour Scarlett Sky Annex Winfromwithin
Churchill Downs Stakes	Mind Control Whitmore Flagstaff Basin	Shashashakemeup Tap It to Win Whitmore Phat Man	Whitmore Flagstaff Mind Control Basin	Mind Control Basin Lexitonian Whitmore	Tap It To Win Whitmore Flagstaff Lexitonian	Flagstaff Whitmore Phat Man Basin	Flagstaff Tap It To Win Hog Creek Hustle Whitmore	Basin Flagstaff Whitmore Endorsed
Old Forester Bourbon Turf Classic Stakes	Domestic Spending Colonel Liam Digital Age Smooth Like Straight	Domestic Spending Colonel Liam Digital Age Masteroffoxhounds	Colonel Liam Digital Age Domestic Spending Cross Border	Colonel Liam Domestic Spending Digital Age Smooth Like Straight	Domestic Spending Masteroffoxhounds Smooth Like Straight Digital Age	Ivar Colonel Liam Digital Age Ride a Comet	Colonel Liam Ivar Domestic Spending Masteroffoxhounds	Smooth Like Straight Colonel Liam Ride a Comet Digital Age
Kentucky Derby	Essential Quality Rock Your World Hot Rod Charlie Medina Spirit	Essential Quality Rock Your World Hot Rod Charlie Medina Spirit	Rock Your World Essential Quality Medina Spirit Midnight Bourbon	Medina Spirit Essential Quality Midnight Bourbon Hot Rod Charlie	Medina Spirit Essential Quality Known Agenda Mandaloun	Rock Your World Essential Quality Hot Rod Charlie Medina Spirit	Essential Quality Rock Your World Hot Rod Charlie Soup and Sandwich	Essential Quality Medina Spirit Midnight Bourbon Rock Your World



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