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SEE HOW THEY PREP

By Jeremy Plonk, Horseplayernow.com and ESPN.com analyst

Since 1986, every Kentucky Derby champion except Charismatic exited a 9-furlong final tune-up. Here's how I rank the best finishes of the prep season.

BLUE GRASS (April 10): Stately Victor rallied behind a moderate pace and ran his final 3 furlongs in approximately :35-3/5. He closed a half-length in the final furlong in approximately :12 flat. The final time was 1:48.69 over Polytrack.

SANTA ANITA DERBY (April 3): Sidney's Candy scored wire to wire on a moderate pace and ran his final 3 furlongs in approximately :35 3/5. He held his lead through the final furlong in approximately :12 2/5. The final time was 1:48 on Pro-Ride.

WOOD MEMORIAL (April 3): Eskendereya pressed a lone speed horse in a slow pace and ran his final 3 furlongs in approximately :36 2/5. He held his lead through the final furlong in approximately :12 1/5. The final time was 1:49.97 on dirt.

SUNLAND DERBY (March 28): Endorsement pressed a lone speed horse in a moderate pace and ran his final 3 furlongs in approximately :36 2/5. He held his lead through the final furlong in approximately :12 3/5. The final time was 1:48.46 on dirt.

FLORIDA DERBY (March 20): With a last-to-first victory, Ice Box covered his final 3 furlongs in approximately :36 4/5. He made up 2 1/2 lengths in the final furlong in approximately :12 3/5. The final time was 1:49.19 on dirt.

LOUISIANA DERBY (March 27): Mission Impazible stalked a slow pace and ran his final 3 furlongs in approximately :37 1/5. He made up 2 lengths in the final furlong in approximately :12 2/5. The final time was 1:50.32 on dirt.

ARKANSAS DERBY (April 10): Line of David scored wire to wire on a fast pace and ran his final 3 furlongs in approximately :38 3/5. He held his lead through the final furlong in approximately :12 4/5. The final time was 1:49.37 on dirt.

ILLINOIS DERBY (April 3): American Lion scored wire to wire on a slow pace and ran his final 3 furlongs in approximately :38 flat. He held his lead through the final furlong in approximately :13 flat. The final time was 1:51.31 on dirt.

LANE'S END (March 27): Dean's Kitten pressed a moderate to slow pace and ran his final 3 furlongs in approximately :37 4/5. He held his lead through the final furlong in approximately :12 4/5. The final time was 1:50.59 on Polytrack.

KENTUCKY DERBY CAPSULE

Year	Winner (\$2 payoff)	Jockey-Trainer Combo	Days Off	Prep Fin.- Prep Loc.	Pos. ¼ M Into Race	Pos. ½ M Into Race	Fav. Fin (Odds)
2009	Mine That Bird (\$103.20)	Borel-Woolley	34	4-Sunland Derby	19th- 14L	12th-7L	18th (7/2)
2008	Big Brown (\$6.80)	Desormeaux-R. Dutrow	35	1-Florida Derby	4th- 1 ½L	6th- 2 ½L	1st (2/1)
2007	Street Sense (\$11.80)	Borel-Nafzger	21	2-Blue Grass	18th-15L	19th-19L	1st (9/2)
2006	Barbaro (\$14.20)	Prado-Matz	35	1-FL Derby	5th-3 ¼ L	4th-4L	7th (5/1)
2005	Giacomo (\$102.60)	Smith-Shirreffs	28	4-SA Derby	18th-16L	18th-14L	7th (5/2)
2004	Smarty Jones (\$10.20*)	Elliott-Servis	21	1-Ark Derby	2nd-1 ½L	2nd-2L	1st (4/1)
2003	Funny Cide (\$27.60)	Santos-Tagg	21	2-Wood	4th-2L	3rd-2L	2nd (5/2)
2002	War Emblem (\$43.00)	Espinoza-Baffert	21	1-IL Derby	1st-½L	1st -1½L	7th (6/1)
2001	Monarchos (\$23.00)	Chavez-Ward	21	2-Wood	13th-13L	13th-16L	5th (9/5)
2000	Fusaichi Pegasus (\$6.60*)	Desormeaux-Drysdale	21	1-Wood	15th -12L	13th-8 ¾L	1st (2/1)
1999	Charismatic (\$64.60)	Antley-Lukas	14	1-Lexington	7th-3 ¾L	7th-3 ½L	5th/11th (9/2-e)

*denotes starting favorite

EXPERT SELECTION GRID

Host	Bob Neumeier (NBC Sports)	Mike Battaglia (NBC Sports)	Jeff Siegel (HRTV)	Jon White (HRTV)	Dick Jerardi (Phila. Daily News)	Steve Byk (Sirius Radio)
First	Eskendereya	Eskendereya	Sidney's Candy	Lookin At Lucky	Eskendereya	Eskendereya
Second	Dublin	Endorsement	Eskendereya	Sidney's Candy	Ice Box	Sidney's Candy
Third	Stately Victor	Ice Box	Stately Victor	Eskendereya	Endorsement	Ice Box
Fourth	Jackson Bend	Lookin At Lucky	Setsuko	Awesome Act	Lookin At Lucky	Stately Victor

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STATS & TRENDS

Synthetic-to-Dirt Derby Starters

Year	Horse	Finish
2007	Street Sense *	1st
2007	Hard Spun *	2nd
2007	Sedgefield	5th
2007	Dominican	11th
2007	Zanjero	12th
2007	Great Hunter	13th
2007	Teuflesberg	17th
2008	Colonel John *	6th
2008	Pyro *	8th
2008	Cowboy Cal	9th
2008	Visionaire	12th
2008	Cool Coal Man	15th
2008	Bob Black Jack	16th
2008	Big Truck	18th
2008	Adriano	19th
2008	Monba	20th
2009	Pioneerof The Nile *	2nd
2009	Chocolate Candy *	5th
2009	Join in the Dance	7th
2009	General Quarters *	10th
2009	Hold Me Back *	12th
2009	Advice	13th
2009	Mr. Hot Stuff	15th

* Less than 20-1 Odds

Prior Derby Records of Recent Derby-Winning Trainers

Year	Trainer	Sts	W-P-S
1998	Bob Baffert	3	1-1-0
1999	D. Wayne Lukas	33	3-0-4
2000	Neil Drysdale	0	0-0-0
2001	John Ward	2	0-0-0
2002	Bob Baffert	11	2-1-2
2003	Barclay Tagg	0	0-0-0
2004	John Servis	0	0-0-0
2005	John Shirreffs	0	0-0-0
2006	Michael Matz	0	0-0-0
2007	Carl Nafzger	2	1-0-0
2008	Rick Dutrow	0	0-0-0
2009	Chip Woolley	0	0-0-0

Seasonal Pre-Derby High Beyer Speed Figures

(Derby Winners in Bold)

Year	Horse	Beyer	Finish
2009	Dunkirk	108	11th
2008	Bob Black Jack	109	16th
2007	Street Sense	108	1st
2006	Sinister Minister	116	16th
2005	Bellamy Road	120	5th
2004	Read the Footnotes	113	7th
2003	Empire Maker	111	2nd
2002	War Emblem	112	1st
2001	Millennium Wind	114	11th
2000	Fusaichi Pegasus	111	1st
1999	Charismatic	108	1st
	Excellent Meeting	108	5th
	General Challenge	108	11th
1998	Indian Charlie	112	3rd
1997	Silver Charm	110	1st
	Free House	110	3rd
1996	Unbridled's Song	114	5th
1995	Serena's Song	114	16th
1994	Holy Bull	115	12th
1993	Diazo	109	5th
1992	Lil E. Tee	107	1st
	Pine Bluff	107	5th
	Devil His Due	107	12th

Blow-out Ability

Year	Derby Winner	Largest Prior Winning Margin
2002	War Emblem	10 3/4 lengths
2003	Funny Cide	14 3/4 lengths
2004	Smarty Jones	15 lengths
2005	Giacomo	10 lengths
2006	Barbaro	8 1/2 lengths
2007	Street Sense	10 lengths
2008	Big Brown	12 3/4 lengths
2009	Mine That Bird	2 lengths

Modern Derby Mismatches

Decade	Avg. Win Margin	Wins by Length or Less
2000	3.55 lengths	1
1990	1.39 lengths	5
1980	2.05 lengths	4
1970	2.55 lengths	1
1960	1.15 lengths	6
1950	1.16 lengths	5
1940	3.99 lengths	1

Winter/Spring Homes of Recent Derby Winners

Year	Horse	State
2009	Mine That Bird	New Mexico
2008	Big Brown	Florida
2007	Street Sense	Florida/Kentucky
2006	Barbaro	Florida
2005	Giacomo	California
2004	Smarty Jones	Arkansas
2003	Funny Cide	Florida/New York
2002	War Emblem	Louisiana/Illinois
2001	Monarchos	Florida/New York
2000	Fusaichi Pegasus	California/ New York

KNOW THIS

Money Can't Buy a Derby

Of the top 10 jockeys in North America last year by earnings, only Kent Desormeaux (#4) owns a career Kentucky Derby victory. Kent D. boasts three of them on his Hall-of-Fame resume.

One-Stop Shopping

The last west coast horse to ship east for his final Derby prep and win the roses was Fusaichi Pegasus in 2000. The Santa Anita-based runner came east to win the Wood Memorial at Aqueduct prior to his crowning day. California's Charismatic pulled the same trick the year previous via the 1999 Lexington at Keeneland.

The New Show-Me State

Move over, Missouri. Arkansas-prepped horses took the show honors in the 2005, 2006 and 2007 Kentucky Derby editions with Afleet Alex, Steppenwolfer and Curlin. Since then, Eight Belles and Papa Clem came from Arkansas to run second and fourth, respectively, in the 2008 and 2009 editions.

MEET THE 2010 DERBY CONTENDERS

by Johnny D.
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ESKENDEREYA

He's the Derby favorite and with good reason. The son of Giant's Causeway – Aldebaran Light (Seattle Slew) won the Fountain of Youth at Gulfstream and the Wood at Aqueduct by about as far as you can throw a rock. In the Wood, Eskendereya was galloped home under jockey John Velazquez suggesting that there's plenty more left in the tank. Eskendereya's style should have him sitting just off the early leaders, poised to strike when the time is right. Trainer Todd Pletcher is looking for his first Derby winner (0-24) and has said that Eskendereya is his best shot yet. No argument there as this colt clearly is the one to beat.

LOOKIN AT LUCKY

After three troubled trips dating back to November in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile, Lookin At Lucky has been anything but lucky. However, his talent is undeniable. As last season's 2-year-old champ, 'Lucky has had a bulls-eye on his back every time out this season. Wide throughout in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile, Lookin At Lucky clipped heels with another horse and nearly fell in the Rebel, and then on the turn for home was stopped cold in the Santa Anita Derby. Despite all that trouble, he earned a second, a win and a third in those three races. The Kentucky Derby always is a scramble from gate to wire, but if there's a horse with the talent and experience to get the job done, it's Lookin At Lucky. He should be the second choice in Derby wagering.

SIDNEY'S CANDY

The Santa Anita Derby winner figures to be close to the early pace. He won the San Felipe and Santa Anita Derby— at a mile and one-sixteenth and a mile and one-eighth, respectively. The Derby will be his first race on a natural dirt surface, so there's the question of how he'll handle that.

Another question mark surrounds the lack of pace Sidney's Candy faced in the San Felipe and SA Derby. The early pace of the Kentucky Derby should be much more contested and it will be interesting to see what 20-year-old jockey Joe Talamo does with Sidney's Candy in the early going.

AWESOME ACT

In from England for the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf, Awesome Act finished fourth, beaten just over one length. He returned to England after the Breeders' Cup, but was back in the States in time to demolish the field in the Gotham at Aqueduct. He had a troubled start in the Wood and lost a shoe early in the race, but still seemed poised for a run to the wire on the final turn. However, when jockey Julien Leparoux asked the question, Awesome Act didn't respond as he had in the Gotham. Was that a case of the dreaded bounce off of a big race? Or, is Awesome

Act overrated and not as good as his Gotham score suggests? Those are some of the questions you'll need to answer before wagering on him in this season's Kentucky Derby.

ALL OTHER 3-YEAR-OLDS

Kentucky Derby Future Wager players apparently were unimpressed by most of the favorites on the road to the Kentucky Derby because they made a collection of 'all other 3-year-olds' the slight favorite over Lookin At Lucky. A \$2 future pool wager on that interest will result in a payoff of just \$11.

Of course, the 2010 Kentucky Derby Future Wagering Pool 3 (see table) closed a week before Eskendereya blitzed the Wood gathering. There's no doubt that Eskendereya would have taken much more money had wagering ended after his amazing Wood performance.

2010 KENTUCKY DERBY FUTURE WAGER POOL 3 (March 26-28)

<i>Wagering Interest</i>	<i>Morning Line Odds</i>	<i>Final Odds</i>	<i>\$2 Will Pay</i>
All Other 3 YO's	8-1	9-2 (f)	\$11.00
Lookin At Lucky	6-1	9-2	\$11.80
Eskendereya	5-1	5-1	\$13.20
Awesome Act	15-1	13-1	\$28.60
Dublin	15-1	18-1	\$38.20
Odysseus (out)	20-1	18-1	\$38.80
Conveyance	20-1	19-1	\$41.20
Noble's Promise	12-1	19-1	\$41.40
Sidney's Candy	15-1	22-1	\$47.60

Morning Line Odds by Mike Battaglia

THE GRIND IS FINE

by Bob Neumeier
NBC Sports Reporter



ANALYSIS: The word “grinders” can have multiple connotations. The term could be used for those that sharpen tools or bite down on their teeth. In New England, long sandwiches stuffed with meat, cheese, and vegetables are often called “subs,” “heroes” or “grinders.” On Wall Street, the term is used for investors that plug along with small, but steady, profits.

ESKENDEREYA is a Thoroughbred “grinder,” with the amazing ability to crank out consecutive quarter-mile times on or about :24 seconds, one after another, all day long. This is the running style he’s exhibited in solid victories in both the Fountain of Youth and Wood Memorial. There is no great flamboyance to his game, just a steady-as-he-goes quality that should be most effective at the Derby distance. While many prized Derby winners run the last half-mile of the marathon in :50-plus, I look for **ESKENDEREYA** to top those closing fractional times. His only issue is dodging the gasping front-runners to avoid what could be a major traffic jam.

MAIN CONTENDERS: After shocking Derby wins by the likes of Giacomo and Mine That Bird, it can be said that anything can happen on the first Saturday in May. True enough. But if you wish to gravitate toward the spin-the-wheel Derby lottery, be my guest and riches may await you. There is only one main contender for the 2010 edition—**ESKENDEREYA**.

VALUE PLAYS: With **LOOKIN AT LUCKY** and **SIDNEY’S CANDY** penciled in as the likely second and third betting choices, the value plays must come from other sources. **STATELY VICTOR’S** indecipherable win at 40-1 in the Blue Grass Stakes screams “bounce,” but at 15-1 or higher, he could pick up the gasping speed. **DEAN’S KITTEN** and **ENDORSEMENT** also are under-the-radar types that could go 25-1 or higher.

WAGERING STRATEGIES (\$100):

- \$20 Exacta Part-Wheel: : **ESKENDEREYA** over **STATELY VICTOR**, **DEAN’S KITTEN**, **ENDORSEMENT**, **DUBLIN** and **JACKSON BEND** (\$100)

SELECTIONS:

1. **ESKENDEREYA**
2. **DUBLIN**
3. **STATELY VICTOR**
4. **JACKSON BEND**

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STATS & TRENDS

Win-Place-Show

(Last 20 Years, Odds to \$1)

Average Win Odds: 14.65

High Win Odds: 50.60 (Mine That Bird, 2009)

Low Win Odds: 2.30 (Fusaichi Pegasus, 2000)

Notable: 2 of last 5 Derby winners were 50-to-1 bombs.

Average Place Odds: 15.88

High Place Odds: 71.60 (Closing Argument, 2005)

Low Place Odds: .80 (Easy Goer/entry, 1989)

Notable: Favorites have been second just 3 times in the past 20 years.

Average Show Odds: 16.23

High Show Odds: 86.90 (Mane Minister, 1991)

Low Show Odds: .80 (Awe Inspiring/entry, 1989)

Notable: 3 of last 4 Derby show horses were 15-to-1 or more.

Exacta

(Last 20 Years, \$2 Payoffs)

Average Exacta Payoff: \$921.97

High Exacta Payoff: \$9,814.80 (Giacomo-Closing Argument, 2005)

Low Exacta Payoff: \$15.20 (Sunday Silence-Easy Goer, 1989)

Notable: Since the mutuel field was abolished in 2001, the average exacta has paid \$1,712.44.

KNOW THIS

Who Needs Experience?

Of the 10 trainers to saddle Derby winners during the decade of the 2000s, an astounding 7 of them were rookies on the first Saturday in May. Only Bob Baffert, Carl Nafzger and John Ward had previously saddled a Derby starter.

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Exotic Wagering Chart

Kentucky Derby exotic wagers usually produce hefty payoffs. Use this handy Exotic Wagering Chart to help plan your attack.

EXACTA BOX: (\$2 Wager)

2 horse box	\$4
3 horse box	\$12
4 horse box	\$24
5 horse box	\$40
6 horse box	\$60
7 horse box	\$84
8 horse box	\$112

EXACTA WHEEL: (\$2 Wager)

One Horse with All

6 horse field	\$10
7 horse field	\$12
8 horse field	\$14
9 horse field	\$16
10 horse field	\$18

TRIFECTA BOX: (\$1 Wager)

3 Horse Box	\$6
4 Horse Box	\$24
5 Horse Box	\$60
6 Horse Box	\$120
7 Horse Box	\$210
8 Horse Box	\$336

TRIFECTA WHEELS: (\$1 Wager)

One Horse with All with All

(Example: 1/All/All or All/1/All or All/All/1)

7 Horse Field	\$30
8 Horse Field	\$42
9 Horse Field	\$56
10 Horse Field	\$72

One Horse with Two Horses with All

(Example: 1/2/All or 2/1/All or 1/All/2 or 2/a All/1/1 or All/1/2 or All/2/1)

7 Horse Field	\$10
8 Horse Field	\$12
9 Horse Field	\$14
10 Horse Field	\$16

TRIFECTA KEYS: (\$1 Wager)

1 Horse with 3 others	\$6
<i>(Example: 1/2, 3, 4/2, 3, 4)</i>	
1 Horse with 4 others	\$12
<i>(Example: 1/2, 3, 4, 5/2, 3, 4, 5)</i>	
1 Horse with 5 others	\$20
<i>(Example: 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 6/2, 3, 4, 5, 6)</i>	
1 Horse with 6 others	\$30
<i>(Example: 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7/2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)</i>	
1 Horse with 7 others	\$42
<i>(Example: 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8/2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)</i>	

SUPERFACTA BOX: (\$1 Wager)

4 Horse Box	\$24
5 Horse Box	\$120
6 Horse Box	\$360

SUPERFACTA WHEELS: (\$1 Wager)

One Horse with All with All with All

7 Horse Field	\$120
8 Horse Field	\$210
9 Horse Field	\$336
10 Horse Field	\$504

(Example: 1/All/All/All or All/1/All/All or All/All/1/All or All/ All/ All/1)

One Horse with Two Horses with All with All

7 Horse Field	\$40
8 Horse Field	\$60
9 Horse Field	\$84
10 Horse Field	\$112

(Example: 1/2/ All/ All or 2/ 1/ All/ All or 1/ All/ All/ 2 or 2/ All/ All/ 1 or All/ All/ 1/2 or All/ All/ 2/ 1)

SUPERFACTA KEYS: (\$1 Wager)

1 Horse with 3 others	\$6
<i>(Example: 1/2, 3, 4/2, 3, 4/2, 3, 4)</i>	
1 Horse with 4 others	\$24
<i>(Example: 1/2, 3, 4, 5/2, 3, 4, 5/2, 3, 4, 5)</i>	
1 Horse with 5 others	\$60
<i>(Example: 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 6/2, 3, 4, 5, 6/2, 3, 4, 5, 6)</i>	
1 Horse with 6 others	\$120
<i>(Example: 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7/2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7/2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)</i>	
1 Horse with 7 others	\$210
<i>(Example: 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8/2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8/2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)</i>	

KEY THE E'S – ESKENDEREYA AND ENDORSEMENT



by Mike Battaglia
NBC Sports Racing Analyst

ANALYSIS: ESKENDEREYA looks to be one of the strongest favorites to come along in recent years. He is undefeated in four starts on dirt and is coming into the Derby off of the two most impressive performances by any 3-year-old this year. Not only is the horse looking spectacular at this time, but Todd Pletcher is the most confident that I have ever seen him prior to the Derby. He says that he has never had a Derby starter who could handle the mile-and-one-quarter like ESKENDEREYA, and that he thinks he will be even better on the stretch-out. If that is true, then the rest of the field is in big trouble.

MAIN CONTENDERS: ESKENDEREYA is a standout. He has not only been visually impressive, but his numbers are far superior than the others. The only question he has left to answer is how he handles the Churchill strip. If he trains well locally, then he is a solid pick no matter how short the odds. LOOKIN AT LUCKY was completely eliminated in the Santa Anita Derby, but I'm not convinced that he has moved forward from his 2-year-old campaign. He will have to run, by far, the best race of his career to win the Derby. Bob Baffert definitely knows how to get one ready and that makes him dangerous. ICE BOX looks to have a shot simply because he will benefit from what figures to be a solid pace. He will be running at the end and is capable of figuring in the gimmicks.

VALUE PLAYS: If ESKENDEREYA doesn't fire or gets in trouble, then this race becomes a wide-open affair. ENDORSEMENT figures to be a good price, and he looks like a horse who is peaking at the right time. Robby Albarado took off of NOBLE'S PROMISE to keep this mount, and he is very high on his chances.

WAGERING STRATEGIES (\$100):

- \$10 Trifecta Key: ESKENDEREYA over LOOKIN AT LUCKY, ICE BOX and ENDORSEMENT (\$60)
- \$20 Exacta Part-Wheel: ESKENDEREYA with ENDORSEMENT and ICE BOX (\$40)

STATS & TRENDS

Trifecta

(Last 15 Years, \$2 Payoffs)

Average Trifecta Payoff: \$15,508.72

High Trifecta Payoff: \$133,134.80

(Giacomo-Closing Argument-Afleet Alex, 2005)

Low Trifecta Payoff: \$205.40 (Silver Charm-Captain Bodgit-Free House, 1997)

Notable: 5 of the last 9 Derby trifectas produced either five- or six-digit \$2 payoffs.

Superfecta

(Last 14 Years, \$1 Payoffs)

Average Superfecta Payoff: \$107,664.40

High Superfecta Payoff: \$864,253.50

(Giacomo-Closing Argument-Afleet Alex-Don't Get Mad, 2005)

Low Superfecta Payoff: \$350.00 (Silver Charm-Captain Bodgit-Free House-Pulpit, 1997)

Average Odds of Fourth-place finishers: 19.83

Notable: 9 times the Derby superfecta has paid \$24,000 or more, including the past 6 years.

KNOW THIS

Exacta-Mundo

The only time the Derby exacta has paid less than \$65 for a \$2 wager since 1990 was when Silver Charm and Captain Bodgit produced a slender \$31 return in 1997.

It's Not ALL Boxcars

The last time the top 3 placings in the Kentucky Derby all went to horses above 10-to-1 odds was 1992, when Lil E Tee was the smallest price of the trio at 16-to-1.

SELECTIONS:

1. ESKENDEREYA
2. ENDORSEMENT
3. ICE BOX
4. LOOKIN AT LUCKY

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SIDNEY CAN GET THE CANDY... AND ROSES, TOO



by Jeff Siegel
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ANALYSIS: After two thoroughly convincing Grade 1 victories in the Florida Derby and Wood Memorial, **ESKENDEREYA** most likely will be the shortest-priced Kentucky Derby favorite since Point Given (9/5) nine years ago. The son of Giant's Causeway appears to have everything a favorite should have – a highly-rated but far from taxing final prep, top connections, a considerable edge in speed figures, good tactical speed, and a pedigree to stay the Derby's 10-furlong trip – but it's fair to point out that he was a no-show in the one race (BC Juvenile) that he encountered adversity.

MAIN CONTENDERS: **SIDNEY'S CANDY** will be making his first start on a conventional surface, and the synthetic-to-dirt angle, especially when California-based runners are considered, has become a powerful maneuver. John Sadler's colt overcame a stumbling start and a track bias that was not playing kind to front-running routers most of the season to win the Santa Anita Derby with plenty left in reserve – check out his gallop out – and has looked and trained in exceptional manner since arriving in Kentucky. There will be plenty of other early speed types in the field, but **SIDNEY'S CANDY** can stalk if need-be. He's been so good this winter and spring, he just hasn't had to.

VALUE PLAYS: **STALEY VICTOR** left his previous modest form far behind with a 4 1/2-length victory in the Blue Grass Stakes; handicappers must either accept the race at face value, or ignore it completely. Given the Derby's projected race shape, and with Mine That Bird's last-to-first victory in 2009 still fresh in our minds, this stretch-running son of Ghostzapper brings plenty of intrigue to Louisville. We're using him. And, if he should be so lucky to draw into the race, cash-strapped **SETSUKO** will employ that same dangerous, late-charging style that will be complimented by the expected hot early splits. The Santa Anita Derby runner-up will have the synthetic-to-dirt angle working for him as well.

WAGERING STRATEGIES (\$100):

- \$52 Win: **SIDNEY'S CANDY** (\$52)
- \$2 Trifecta Box: **SIDNEY'S CANDY, ESKENDEREYA, STALEY VICTOR** and **SETSUKO** (\$48)

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Final Prep Winners to Win Derby

Arkansas Derby: Smarty Jones (2004)
Blue Grass: Strike the Gold (1991)
Florida Derby: Big Brown (2008)
Fountain of Youth: Thunder Gulch (1995)
Illinois Derby: War Emblem (2002)
Lexington: Charismatic (1999)
Louisiana Derby: Grindstone (1996)
Santa Anita Derby: Sunday Silence (1989)
Lane's End: Lil E Tee (1992)
Wood Memorial: Fusaichi Pegasus (2000)
Sunland Derby: Mine That Bird (2009)

Winning Derby Post Positions

(1900-2009)

Post	Wins	Post	Wins
1	12	11	3
2	9	12	3
3	8	13	4
4	10	14	2
5	12	15	3
6	6	16	3
7	8	17	0
8	10	18	1
9	4	19	0
10	10	20	2

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Prep Deja Vu

The last time horses exiting the same prep race finished one-two in the Derby was Funny Cide and Empire Maker from the 2003 Wood Memorial.

No Pictures Please

The blowout win margins in the last 4 Derbies have been 6 3/4, 4 3/4, 2 1/4 and 6 1/2 lengths. There hasn't been a Derby win photo since Charismatic beat Menifee by a neck in 1999.

SELECTIONS:

1. **SIDNEY'S CANDY**
2. **ESKENDEREYA**
3. **STALEY VICTOR**
4. **SETSUKO**

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LUCKY'S FEELING GOOD



by Jon White
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ANALYSIS: ESKENDEREYA no doubt will be the favorite, probably around 2-1 or 5-2. Expect LOOKIN AT LUCKY to be about 4-1 or 5-1, with SIDNEY'S CANDY anywhere from 6-1 to 10-1. One of those three will win. ESKENDEREYA certainly looks formidable following not one, but two runaway victories this year while earning big Beyer Speed Figures of 106 in the Fountain of Youth and 109 in the Wood. Todd Pletcher is 0-for-24 in the Kentucky Derby going into this year, but ESKENDEREYA gives the trainer by far his best chance to date. No one is more battle-tested than LOOKIN AT LUCKY, who has won six of eight career starts. He snagged the Rebel despite a troubled trip and finished third in the Santa Anita Derby after being knocked into the rail. SIDNEY'S CANDY won the Santa Anita Derby by 4 1/2 lengths. It was the biggest margin since Point Given prevailed by 5 1/2 lengths in 2001. SIDNEY'S CANDY has a blend of speed, class and stamina that is not seen very often.

MAIN CONTENDERS: ESKENDEREYA, LOOKIN AT LUCKY and SIDNEY'S CANDY are the main contenders, period.

VALUE PLAYS: Beyond ESKENDEREYA, LOOKIN AT LUCKY and SIDNEY'S CANDY, it's absolutely wide open. AWESOME ACT is intriguing. He stumbled at the start of the Wood and lost a shoe.

WAGERING STRATEGIES (\$100):

- \$40 Win: LOOKIN AT LUCKY (\$40)
- \$10 Exacta Box: SIDNEY'S CANDY and LOOKIN AT LUCKY (\$20)
- \$6 Exacta: LOOKIN AT LUCKY over AWESOME ACT (\$6)
- \$2 Exacta Part-Wheel: AWESOME ACT over SIDNEY'S CANDY and LOOKIN AT LUCKY (\$4)
- \$2 Exacta Part-Wheel: LOOKIN AT LUCKY over AWESOME ACT, BACKTALK, DEAN'S KITTEN, DUBLIN, ICE BOX, PADDY O'PRADO, MISSION IMPAZIBLE, NOBLE'S PROMISE, STATELY VICTOR, SUPER SAVER (\$20)
- \$2 Exacta Part-Wheel: SIDNEY'S CANDY over AWESOME ACT, BACKTALK, DEAN'S KITTEN, DUBLIN and ICE BOX (\$10)

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Derby Winners Who Won Maiden as 3-Year-Olds

(1933 to Present)

Maiden Win Date	Horse
May 6, 1933	Broker's Tip
Feb. 8, 1967	Proud Clarion
Feb. 3, 2001	Monarchos
Jan. 17, 1958	Tim Tam
Jan. 12, 1965	Lucky Debonair
Jan. 5, 1940	Gallahadion
Jan. 3, 1949	Ponder
Jan. 2, 2000	Fusaichi Pegasus

Worst Final Prep Finishes to Win the Derby

(1933 to Present)

Prep Fin.	Horse	Year
12th	Stone Street	1908
5th	Pink Star	1907
5th	Doneraile	1913
5th	Count Turf	1951
5th	Iron Liege	1957

Birthplaces of Derby Winners

Wins	State
102	Kentucky
6	Florida
4	Virginia
3	California
3	Tennessee
2	New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Texas, Canada, England

KNOW THIS

Half Empty

Since Go For Gin's wire job over a sloppy track in 1994, only 3 horses who led after the opening half-mile of the Derby have held on to hit the board. War Emblem wired the 2002 cast, while Lion Heart and Hard Spun were second in 2004 and 2007, respectively.

SELECTIONS:

1. LOOKIN AT LUCKY
2. SIDNEY'S CANDY
3. ESKENDEREYA
4. AWESOME ACT

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SUPER HORSE? WORK THE SUPERS



by Dick Jerardi

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ANALYSIS: There will be two schools of thought in this Derby, the players that will concede the race to **ESKENDEREYA** and those that will try to beat the favorite. What stands out about this race is how much quality early speed is in it. These horses are not just cheap speed. They are serious speed, but if there is too much of it, and there is a hot, contentious pace, a meltdown is possible. And that is how we ended up with Giacomo and Mine That Bird. Still, fundamentals will matter, and what happened in past years often has little bearing on what will happen this year.

MAIN CONTENDERS: **ESKENDEREYA** sort of jumps off the page – the margins of victory, the perfect record in four dirt races, the giant speed figures. If this colt gets a reasonable trip, he is certainly the most likely winner. But what happens if he is eighth after a quarter-mile surrounded by a pack of horses? **LOOKIN AT LUCKY** has never run particularly fast, but the colt has never run a bad race and has been particularly unlucky in two of his defeats. **SIDNEY'S CANDY** dominated the Southern California prep races, but has questions to answer, such as: How will he handle dirt, and what happens if he does not have a clear lead? **ICE BOX** caught a hot pace in the Florida Derby and ran by the field at 20-1. **CONVEYANCE** is sure to contribute to the pace, but 10 furlongs could be a furlong or more too far. **AMERICAN LION** wired the Illinois Derby, but does not appear to be a need-the-lead horse.

VALUE PLAYS: **ENDORSEMENT** improved dramatically in his Sunland Derby win. If the colt takes a similar jump forward in the Derby, he will be very live at what should be a very generous price.

WAGERING STRATEGIES (\$100):

- \$1 Superfecta Key: : **ESKENDEREYA** over **ENDORSEMENT**, **LOOKIN AT LUCKY**, **MISSION IMPAZIBLE**, **ICE BOX** and **DUBLIN** (\$60)
- \$40 Exacta: **ESKENDEREYA** over **ICE BOX** (\$40)

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2009 Derby Handle Totals

Pool	Handle
Win, Place, Show	\$43.4 million
Exacta	\$20.4 million
Trifecta	\$24.5 million
Superfecta	\$8.0 million
Super High Five	\$313,070
Pick Four	\$1.8 million
Oaks/Derby Double	\$1.5 million
Pick Six	\$1.0 million

Lowest-Priced Derby Favorites

(Last 20 Years, Odds to \$1)

Odds	Horse	Year	Finish
.90	Arazi	1992	8th
1.80	Point Given	2001	5th
2.10	Summer Squall	1990	2nd
2.20	Holy Bull	1994	12th
2.40	Big Brown	2008	1st

Highest-Priced Derby Favorites

(Odds to \$1)

Odds	Horse	Year	Finish
6.00	Harlan's Holiday	2002	7th
5.50	Sweetnorthernstaint	2006	7th
4.90	Street Sense	2007	1st
4.80	General Challenge/ Excellent Meeting	1999	5th
4.40	Prairie Bayou	1993	2nd
4.10	Smarty Jones	2004	1st

Highest-Priced Derby Finishers in Superfecta

(Last 20 Years, Odds to \$1)

Odds	Horse	Year	Finish
86.90	Mane Minister	1991	3rd
71.60	Closing Argument	2005	2nd
65.80	Video Ranger	1990	4th
50.60	Mine That Bird	2009	1st
50.30	Giacomo	2005	1st

SELECTIONS:

1. ESKENDEREYA
2. ICE BOX
3. ENDORSEMENT
4. LOOKIN AT LUCKY

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DERBY CHOICE IMPOSING, BUT NOT INVINCIBLE



by Steve Byk

At the Races with Steve Byk (Sirius Radio) Host

ANALYSIS: As has been the case in recent years, the Derby shapes up as a race between elite contenders and many ill-suited suspects. As beaten Derby favorites like Point Given show, the “best horse” doesn’t always win this race, but it’s a good place to start.

MAIN CONTENDERS: **ESKENDEREYA** enters the gate as Todd Pletcher’s best ‘First Saturday’ candidate ever, owning the Derby trail’s most tangible credentials. Blessed with tactical gears, a high cruising speed and an explosive finish, he is ideally bred to stay by a sire (Giant’s Causeway) that nearly upset the 2000 Breeders’ Cup Classic on this oval. He comes to Churchill Downs as the most likely Derby winner since Fusaichi Pegasus. **SIDNEY’S CANDY** is eligible to leap forward making his first career start on dirt. Trained by the meticulous John Sadler, the front-end Santa Anita Derby winner isn’t a ‘need-the-lead’ type and is the clear second choice.

VALUE PLAYS: Look for prices on horses that will benefit from the likely hot pace, and from those that have been unfairly knocked. Saddled with high expectations from early on, **STATELY VICTOR** finally put it all together in the Blue Grass, and likely is not just a turf/synthetic type. Some have erroneously labeled the Florida Derby a “weak” prep, when, in fact, **ICE BOX** and **RULE** come out of it with excellent prospects. **ICE BOX** is an ideal Derby exotics candidate. **RULE**, a glossy Derby overlay, turned in a stout and sure-to-be-overlooked effort at Gulfstream when he fractured contenders early and still held on to be third.

WAGERING STRATEGIES (\$100):

- \$1 Trifecta Part-Wheel: **ESKENDEREYA** with **LOOKIN AT LUCKY**, **ICE BOX**, **SIDNEY’S CANDY**, **RULE** and **STATELY VICTOR** with **LOOKIN AT LUCKY**, **ICE BOX**, **SIDNEY’S CANDY**, **RULE**, **STATELY VICTOR**, **ENDORSEMENT**, **PADDY O’PRADO** and **AMERICAN LION** (\$35)
- \$1 Trifecta Part-Wheel: **LOOKIN AT LUCKY**, **ICE BOX**, **SIDNEY’S CANDY**, **RULE** and **STATELY VICTOR** with **ESKENDEREYA** with **LOOKIN AT LUCKY**, **ICE BOX**, **SIDNEY’S CANDY**, **RULE**, **STATELY VICTOR**, **ENDORSEMENT**, **PADDY O’PRADO** and **AMERICAN LION** (\$35)
- \$1 Exacta Box: **LOOKIN AT LUCKY**, **ICE BOX**, **SIDNEY’S CANDY**, **RULE**, **STATELY VICTOR** and **ENDORSEMENT** (\$30)

SELECTIONS:

1. **ESKENDEREYA**
2. **SIDNEY’S CANDY**
3. **ICE BOX**
4. **STATELY VICTOR**

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Derby Starters Without April Prep

(Since 1920)

Overall: 45: 3-2-2.

First: Mine That Bird (2009), Big Brown (2008), Needles (1956)

Second: Hard Spun (2007), Staretor (1941)

Third: Perfect Drift (2002), Candy Spots (1963)

Fastest Derbies

Time	Horse	Year
1:59 2/5	Secretariat	1973
1:59 4/5	Monarchos	2001
2:00	Northern Dancer	1964
2:00 1/5	Spend A Buck	1985
2:00 2/5	Decidedly	1962

Wire-to-Wire Derby Winners

(Since 1959)

Year	Winner	Choice	Runners	1st Half
1966	Kauai King	favorite	15	:46 1/5
1972	Riva Ridge	favorite	16	:47 3/5
1976	Bold Forbes	2nd	9	:45 4/5
1985	Spend A Buck	2nd	13	:45 4/5
1988	Winning Colors	2nd	17	:46 4/5
2002	War Emblem	9th	18	:47

Color-Coded Recent Derby Winners

Color	Horse	Year
Roan	Winning Colors	1988
Chestnut	Smarty Jones	2004
Gray	Giacomo	2005
Dark bay/brown	Street Sense	2007
Bay	Mine That Bird	2009

KNOW THIS

Two Out of Three Ain’t Bad

Calvin Borel has won the Derby two of the past three years (2007 Street Sense and 2009 Mine That Bird). The last rider to pull that off was Kent Desormeaux (1998 Real Quiet and 2000 Fusaichi Pegasus). No jockey has ever won 3 Derbies in a 4-year span.

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