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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. Fast finishes often indicate a positive result in the Kentucky Derby.

LOUISIANA DERBY (March 26): final 3 furlongs in :37.90, final furlong in :12.68. Pants On Fire sat a close second behind a 111-1 shot as the eventual 1-2-3 finishers stayed forwardly placed throughout. Runner-up Nehro came home in about :37.10 and :12.20.

SPIRAL STAKES (March 26): final 3 furlongs in :39.75, final furlong in :13.36. Animal Kingdom closed, but still only ran the last 3 furlongs in about :39.30 in a very slow finish.

SUNLAND DERBY (March 27): final 3 furlongs in :40.02, final furlong in :13.55. Ridiculous early pace (:45.03 half-mile) caused a meltdown late. Twice the Appeal only came home in about :39.80. Runner-up Astrology tired to :13.80 the final furlong.

FLORIDA DERBY (April 3): final 3 furlongs in :39.44, final furlong in :13.69. Dialed In closed 7 lengths over the final 3 panels, giving him about :38.00 and :13.00 come-home splits to nab front-running Shackelford.

WOOD MEMORIAL (April 9): final 3 furlongs in :37.65, final furlong in :12.67. Toby's Corner made up big-time ground late in :36.55 and :11.90. Third-place Uncle Mo came home in about :37.90 and :12.90.

SANTA ANITA DERBY (April 9): final 3 furlongs in :37.13, final furlong in :12.61. Midnight Interlude closed some ground in :36.90 and :12.30 to nail front-running Comma to the Top.

ARKANSAS DERBY (April 16): final 3 furlongs in :38.12, final furlong in :13.16. Archarcharch and Nehro closed significant ground behind a fast pace. Winner's splits were about :36.87 and :12.95, while the runner-up's were a sizzling :36.57 and :12.26.

BLUE GRASS (April 16): final 3 furlongs in :36.16, final furlong in :12.33. Slowest half-mile pace of the meet (:50.33) led to furious finish. Last-to-first winner Brilliant Speed closed 8-plus lengths in phenomenal splits of :35.00 and :11.80 to win a 3-way photo.

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)
2010	Super Saver (\$18.00)	Borel-Pletcher	21	2-Arkansas Derby	6th- 5-1/2L	6th-8L	6th (6/1)
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 (SiriusXM Radio)
First	Master of Hounds	Dialed In	Toby's Corner	Pants On Fire	Archarcharch	Shackelford
Second	Midnight Interlude	Toby's Corner	Nehro	Archarcharch	Nehro	Archarcharch
Third	Nehro	Animal Kingdom	Dialed In	Dialed In	Dialed In	Toby's Corner
Fourth	Toby's Corner	Nehro	Uncle Mo	Master of Hounds	Uncle Mo	Pants On Fire



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DERBY EXTRAS

Here are some Derby Stats & Trends and Know This tidbits to get you started. You'll find these juicy nuggets of information throughout the XpressBet Kentucky Derby Wagering Guide. We hope they'll help you with your selections in the race and further your enjoyment of Derby 2011. Stats & Trends and Know This information is provided by Jeremy Plonk, NBC Sports Triple Crown researcher.

STATS & TRENDS

Synthetic-to-Dirt Derby Starters

Year	Horse	Fin.
2010	Paddy O'Prado *	3rd
2010	Make Music For Me	4th
2010	Lookin At Lucky *	6th
2010	Stately Victor	8th
2010	Dean's Kitten	14th
2010	Sidney's Candy *	17th
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
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
2007	Street Sense *	1st
2007	Hard Spun *	2nd
2007	Sedgefield	5th
2007	Dominican	11th
2007	Zanjero	12th
2007	Great Hunter	13th
2007	Teufflesberg	17th

*Less than 20-1 odds

Derby Winner Prior Wins

Year	Horse	Largest Prior Win
2010	Super Saver	7 lengths
2009	Mine That Bird	2 lengths
2008	Big Brown	12-3/4 lengths
2007	Street Sense	10 lengths
2006	Barbaro	8-1/2 lengths
2005	Giacomo	10 lengths
2004	Smarty Jones	15 lengths
2003	Funny Cide	14-3/4 lengths
2002	War Emblem	10-3/4 lengths

Highest Pre-Derby Beyer Figures

Year	Horse	Beyer	Fin.
2010	Devil May Care	100	10th
	Sidney's Candy	100	17th
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

Derby Records Before Winning Derby

(Since 2000)

Year	Trainer	Sts.	1st	2nd	3rd
2010	Todd Pletcher	24	0	2	1
2009	Chip Woolley	0	0	0	0
2008	Rick Dutrow	0	0	0	0
2007	Carl Nafzger	2	1	0	0
2006	Michael Matz	0	0	0	0
2005	John Shirreffs	0	0	0	0
2004	John Servis	0	0	0	0
2003	Barclay Tagg	0	0	0	0
2002	Bob Baffert	11	2	1	2
2001	John Ward	2	0	0	0
2000	Neil Drysdale	0	0	0	0

Winter/Spring Homes of Winners

Year	Horse	Home
2010	Super Saver	Florida/Arkansas
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

KNOW THIS

Hey, Champ!

The only 2-year-old champions to even hit the board in the Kentucky Derby over the past 20 years have been Street Sense, the 2007 winner, and Timber Country, the 1995 third-place finisher. Perhaps not coincidentally, they were Breeders' Cup Juvenile winners at Churchill Downs the previous fall.

Solid Oak

At least one horse who prepped at Oaklawn during the spring has finished in the Kentucky Derby superfecta each of the past 7 years, starting with 2004 champ Smarty Jones and continuing through last year's winner Super Saver. Others to light the Derby board were Afleet Alex, Steppenwolf, Curlin, Eight Belles and Papa Clem.

Half and Half

Of the top eight finishers in the 2010 Kentucky Derby, four made their final preps on dirt and four made their final preps on a synthetic surface. The superfecta was evenly split as well with two dirt and two synthetic preppers.

MEET THE 2011 DERBY CONTENDERS

by Johnny D.
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UNCLE MO

The 2-year-old Champ and 2011 Kentucky Derby Future Wager Pool 3 favorite was undefeated, untied and unscored upon when wagering ceased April 3. A week later he was a horse of a different color. After setting a comfortable pace in the Wood, Uncle Mo didn't respond in the stretch and finished third. A subsequent examination revealed a GI tract infection. With no more racing on his schedule, Uncle Mo heads into the Derby off a series of workouts and handicappers will face a challenging decision when it comes to including or excluding this runner in their Derby wagers.

DIALED IN

A winner of three of four lifetime starts, this son of Mine-shaft's only defeat came in a pacesetter allowance race when he was defeated by an older stablemate from the Nick Zito barn. Dialed In then returned to win the Florida Derby April 3, just before Future Wager Pool 3 closed. He has a closing style which is good news—because there's always a hot early pace in the Kentucky Derby—and bad news—remember Zito's Ice Box and the horrendous journey he had in last year's Kentucky Derby. Critics point to the slow final quarter-mile of the Florida Derby as a negative, but Dialed In supporters are likely to outnumber naysayers and he's earned the right to be the lukewarm favorite in Louisville.

ALL OTHER 3-YEAR-OLDS

This multi-runner wagering option in the Kentucky Derby Future Wager Pool always has been an attractive choice for horseplayers. Horseplayers will need to focus their attention on individual runners in the 20-horse field for final selections. Merely two out of 23 runners—a subsequently tarnished Uncle Mo and a red-hot Dialed In fresh off a Florida Derby score—were more popular at the windows on April 3 than the wide-net covered by the 'all others' blanket.

ARCHARCHARCH

The Southwest and Arkansas Derby winner is poster boy for the 'All Other 3-Year-Olds' crowd. With two graded stakes race wins on his resume, he's a real threat to win the Derby. Jinks Fires, a 70-year-old training veteran, makes his first trip to the Derby with son-in-law veteran rider Jon Court in the saddle. Archarcharch's only loss in a graded stakes came in the Rebel Stakes when the horse next to him flipped out in the starting gate and leg-whipped Archarcharch.

SOLDAT

Favored in the Florida Derby off a wire-to-wire score in the Fountain of Youth, Soldat became one of many prep-race chalks to fail following the close of Pool 3 wagering. That loss has dimmed his Derby prospects. Still, his overall record is impressive. He figures to be close to the early pace.

NEHRO

Another runner included in the 'All Other 3-Year-Olds' category, his stock rose considerably with runner-up performances in the Louisiana and Arkansas Derbies. The latter came after Pool 3 wagering had closed. Those two fast-closing performances suggest he'll relish the mile and one-quarter Derby trip. Tabbed as the 'wise-guy' play in this year's Derby, the fact remains that he has merely a maiden win to his credit.

MUCHO MACHO MAN

Looking for the number one 'feel-good' story of this year's Kentucky Derby? Kathy Ritvo, this horse's 41-year-old trainer, had a heart transplant in November of 2008. Her old heart was failing due to cardiomyopathy, or a severe deterioration of the heart muscle. Mucho Macho Man won the Risen Star in February. He then finished third, beaten less than one length, in the Louisiana Derby. The six-week layoff is a concern, but he's worked well in the interim.

2011 KENTUCKY DERBY FUTURE WAGER POOL 3 (April 1-3)

Wagering Interest	Morning Line Odds	Final Odds	\$2 Will Pay
Uncle Mo	3-1	3-1	\$8.20
Dialed In	10-1	5-1	\$13.80
All Other 3 YO's	10-1	8-1	\$19.60
Premier Pegasus*	8-1	9-1	\$21.00
The Factor*	8-1	10-1	\$22.80
To Honor and Serve*	15-1	15-1	\$33.80
Soldat	10-1	17-1	\$36.20
Jaycito*	20-1	20-1	\$43.60
Nehro	30-1	26-1	\$55.60
Mucho Macho Man	30-1	27-1	\$56.60
Santiva	30-1	30-1	\$62.40

*Injured, Out of Derby

Morning Line Odds by Mike Battaglia

PAGING VANNA WHITE

by Bob Neumeier
NBC Sports Reporter



ANALYSIS: "Alright, Bob, give the wheel a good spin," barks Pat Sajak. But while I dutifully follow his instructions, the needle does not stop. It continues to travel 'round and 'round ... it slows down at **MIDNIGHT INTERLUDE**, inches past **NEHRO**, crawls by **MASTER OF HOUNDS**, and meanders through **TOBY'S CORNER**. Welcome, ladies and gentlemen, to the 2011 Kentucky Derby. Analysis? What analysis? Can I buy a vowel?

MAIN CONTENDERS: Do you have a half an hour? Hmmm, let's see. I love the pedigree of **MASTER OF HOUNDS**. I have been duly impressed by the closing kick of **NEHRO**. **MIDNIGHT INTERLUDE** won the Santa Anita Derby, despite a wide trip into the clubhouse turn and down the backstretch. With the addition of blinkers, **TOBY'S CORNER** looks revitalized.

VALUE PLAYS: Other than **DIALED IN** and **UNCLE MO**, there will be no shortage of price plays. That said, I do NOT like the win chances of **ANIMAL KINGDOM**, **COMMA TO THE TOP**, **SOLDAT**, **STAY THIRSTY**, **TWICE THE APPEAL** or **WATCH ME GO**. The balance is fair game.

WAGERING STRATEGIES (\$100):

- \$1 Trifecta box: **MASTER OF HOUNDS**, **NEHRO**, **MIDNIGHT INTERLUDE**, **TOBY'S CORNER** and **ARCHARCHARCH** (\$60)
- \$4 Exacta Box: **MASTER OF HOUNDS**, **NEHRO**, **MIDNIGHT INTERLUDE** (\$24)
- \$2 Exacta Boxes: **TOBY'S CORNER** with **MASTER OF HOUNDS**, **NEHRO**, **MIDNIGHT INTERLUDE** and **ARCHARCHARCH** (\$16)

WHITE HOT

Since the introduction of graded stakes races in the U.S. in 1973, only Genuine Risk (1980), Sunny's Halo (1983) and Mine That Bird (2009) have won the Derby without running in a graded stakes race at 3 before March 31.

Since Daily Racing Form began including blinker notations in past performances in 1987, no horse has added blinkers in his or her last start at 3 before winning the Derby. -- Jon White

STATS & TRENDS

WIN-PLACE-SHOW ODDS

(Last 20 years, Odds to \$1)

Win Odds

Average: 14.51

High: 50.60 (Mine That Bird, 2009)

Low: 2.30 (Fuscaichi Pegasus, 2000)

Notable: 4 of last 5 Derby winners were 8-1 or less.

Place Odds

Average: 16.36

High: 71.60 (Closing Argument, 2005)

Low: 2.50 (Empire Maker, 2003)

Notable: Favorites have finished second just twice in the past 20 years.

Show Odds

Average: 14.88

High: 86.90 (Mane Minister, 1991)

Low: 2.70 (Indian Charlie, 1998)

Notable: 4 of the last 5 show horses were 12-1 or more.

EXACTA PAYOFFS

(Last 20 years, \$2 Payoffs)

Average: \$926.30

High: \$9,814.80

(Giacomo-Closing Argument, 2005)

Low: \$31.00

(Silver Charm-Captain Bodgit, 1997)

Notable: Since the mutuel field was abolished in 2001, the average exacta has paid \$1,556.44.

KNOW THIS

Two Should Do

Each of the past 4 Kentucky Derby winners had just 2 preps as 3-year-olds. Street Sense, Big Brown, Mine That Bird and Super Saver all did the two-step-to-triumph in Louisville.

SELECTIONS:

1. MASTER OF HOUNDS
2. MIDNIGHT INTERLUDE
3. NEHRO
4. TOBY'S CORNER

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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 ll/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>	

FOCUSING ON FOUR FINISHERS

by Mike Battaglia
NBC Sports Racing Analyst



ANALYSIS: The Derby is just over a week away and there are still way more questions than answers. **UNCLE MO** was one of the most impressive 2-year-old champs in recent years, but his two races this year can, at best, be called ordinary. **NEHRO** came flying in his last two, but still didn't catch **PANTS ON FIRE** or **ARCHARCHARCH**, two runners who are capable, but don't inspire any wondrous accolades. At this point, it's hard to have a solid opinion about any horse in the race. If it were any other race, it would be easy to pass and wait for the next spot, but it's the Derby, so I guess you have to like something!

MAIN CONTENDERS: **UNCLE MO** and **DIALED IN** figure to be the two horses who draw most of the attention in the last days leading up to the Derby. Right now, **DIALED IN** looks like a slight favorite, but if **UNCLE MO** has a spectacular work this Sunday or Monday, he could also get a lot of play. **NEHRO** looks like he is on the improve, and with the defection of **THE FACTOR**, a speed horse like **SOLDAT** could figure in the mix.

VALUE PLAYS: **TOBY'S CORNER** and **ANIMAL KINGDOM** both closed strongly to win their final preps. **TOBY'S CORNER** might not be getting enough respect for his win, but he did beat **UNCLE MO** and looked like a runner who would like the added distance. **ANIMAL KINGDOM** has never raced on the dirt, but he has only had four races and he is definitely on the improve. If he handles the surface change, he could be a factor.

WAGERING STRATEGIES (\$100):

- \$6 Exacta Box: **DIALED IN**, **TOBY'S CORNER**, **ANIMAL KINGDOM** and **NEHRO** (\$72)
- \$1 Trifecta Box: **DIALED IN**, **TOBY'S CORNER**, **ANIMAL KINGDOM** and **NEHRO** (\$24)
- \$4 Win: **ANIMAL KINGDOM** (\$4)

WHITE HOT

Since 1955, only Big Brown has won the Derby with as few as three starts. Grindstone (1996), Fusaichi Pegasus (2000) and Barbaro (2006) all made five starts before Derby glory. -- Jon White

STATS & TRENDS

TRIFECTA PAYOFFS

(Since 1995, \$2 Payoffs)

Average: \$14,685.51

High: \$133,134.80

(Giacomo-Closing Argument-Afleet Alex, 2005)

Low: \$205.40

(Silver Charm-Captain Bodgit-Free House, 1997)

Notable: 10 of 16 Derby trifectas all-time have paid \$1,200 or more.

SUPERFECTA PAYOFFS

(Since 1996, \$1 Payoffs)

Average: \$107,239.08

High: \$864,253.50

(Giacomo-Closing Argument-

Afleet Alex-Don't Get Mad, 2005)

Low: \$350.00

(Silver Charm-Captain Bodgit-Free House-Pulpit, 1997)

Average Odds of Fourth-Place Finishers:

17.98-to-1

Notable: 6 of the last 7 superfecta 4th-place finishers have been 24-1 or more.

HIGHEST-PRICED SUPER FINISHERS

(Last 20 Years, Odds to \$1)

<u>Odds</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Fin.</u>
86.90	Mane Minister	1991	3rd
71.60	Closing Argument	2005	2nd
50.60	Mine That Bird	2009	1st
50.30	Giacomo	2005	1st

KNOW THIS

Put Down that Camera

There hasn't been a photo finish for the roses in the Kentucky Derby since Charismatic edged Menifee by a neck in 1999. The last 5 Derbies were decided by more than 2 lengths.

SELECTIONS:

1. DIALED IN
2. TOBY'S CORNER
3. ANIMAL KINGDOM
4. NEHRO

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LOOK AROUND THE CORNER

by Jeff Siegel
HRTV Analyst



ANALYSIS: Let's be honest, the past two renewals of the Kentucky Derby made no sense. Neither Mind That Bird nor Super Saver ever won another race, and this year's form looks just as muddled. It appears that all 20 of the expected runners in 2011 will be able to claim some kind of chance, especially in a year in which the favorite was beaten in virtually every meaningful prep race. Toss in the volatile Kentucky weather and you might as well resort to a few scraps of paper and a hat.

MAIN CONTENDERS: Exterminator, in 1918, was the last horse to win the Derby with only four prior starts (Big Brown had three in 2008) but that probably won't prevent Florida Derby winner **DIALED IN** from inheriting the favorite's role. The previously unbeaten **UNCLE MO**, assuming he runs, wound up third in the Wood Memorial, and that's where 1973 Triple Crown winner Secretariat also finished, in case you're thinking he's as good as Big Red. Arkansas Derby hero **ARCHARCHARCH** has won every-other one of his races; unfortunately, the Derby comes up on the wrong end of the cycle. Steve Asmussen's best chance (**NEHRO**) and Bob Baffert's best hope (**MIDNIGHT INTERLUDE**) were Kentucky Derby afterthoughts until three weeks ago.

VALUE PLAYS: There has been one colt in 30 years – Fusaichi Pegasus in 2000 – to parlay a Wood Memorial win to success in Kentucky, but that's not the only statistical obstacle facing **TOBY'S CORNER**. His sire, Bellamy Road, was the beaten Derby choice in 2005 and his grand sire, Mister Frisky, flopped as the choice in 1990. Good thing **TOBY'S CORNER** doesn't know it. Adding blinkers and rallying from last to win the Wood like a colt just figuring things out, the Graham Motion-trained stretch runner will enjoy every part of the Derby's 10 furlong trip. That's more than you can say about most of them.

WAGERING STRATEGIES (\$100):

- \$60 Win: **TOBY'S CORNER** (\$60)
- \$5 Exacta: **TOBY'S CORNER** with **UNCLE MO, DIALED IN, NEHRO** and **MUCHO MACHO MAN** (\$20)
- \$5 Exacta: **UNCLE MO, DIALED IN, NEHRO**, and **MUCHO MACHO MAN** with **TOBY'S CORNER** (\$20)

SELECTIONS:

1. **TOBY'S CORNER**
2. **NEHRO**
3. **DIALED IN**
4. **UNCLE MO**

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Final Prep Winners to Win Derby

<u>Race</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Year</u>
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
Spiral	Lil E Tee	1992
Wood Memorial	Fusaichi Pegasus	2000

Winning Derby Post Positions

(Since 1900)

<u>Post</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Post</u>	<u>Wins</u>
1	12	11	3
2	9	12	3
3	8	13	4
4	11	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

KNOW THIS

Last But Not Least

Amazingly, horses racing dead last early in each of the past 5 Kentucky Derby editions have all managed to finish in the superfecta. The list of late arrivals includes Make Music For Me (30-1), Mine That Bird (50-1), Denis of Cork (27-1), Imawildandcrazyguy (28-1) and Jazil (24-1). The last Derby in which the early trailer didn't make the superfecta was 2005, when Giacomo (50-1) and Don't Get Mad (29-1) were merely 18th and 19th before finishing first and fourth.

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ROSIE CAN WIN THE ROSES

by Jon White
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ANALYSIS: THE FACTOR won the March 19 Rebel as a 7-5 favorite. After that, the Kentucky Derby picture became increasingly muddled. That's because the favorite did not win any of the next 10 graded stakes races for three-year-olds longer than seven furlongs. In fact, in those 10 graded stakes races, not a single favorite even finished second.

MAIN CONTENDERS: DIALED IN, the likely favorite, won the Holy Bull and Florida Derby for Nick Zito, a two-time Kentucky Derby-winning trainer. However, DIALED IN is light on experience and his come-from-behind style means a possible troubled trip (a la Ice Box for Zito in 2010). ARCHARCHARCH and NEHRO, one-two in the Arkansas Derby, warrant respect. If the UNCLE MO of the Breeders' Cup shows up, he certainly is a main contender, but "if" is the operative word. MASTER OF HOUNDS is not a question mark in terms of stamina, though he is a question mark in a dirt race. Look out for SOLDAT if the track is wet (as it was in 2009 and 2010).

VALUE PLAYS: I believe PANTS ON FIRE has a good chance. He also should be a very nice price. I'm projecting that PANTS ON FIRE might get a similar trip (in contention early; first or second with a furlong to go) to Closing Argument, the runner-up at 71-1 as my pick in the 2005 Derby. Anna "Rosie" Napravnik is a rising star. She became the first female rider to win the Louisiana Derby aboard PANTS ON FIRE. Don't be surprised if Rosie also wins the roses.

WAGERING STRATEGIES (\$100):

- \$20 Win: PANTS ON FIRE (\$20)
- \$20 Win: ARCHARCHARCH (\$20)
- \$1 Exacta Box: PANTS ON FIRE, ARCHARCHARCH, DIALED IN, MASTER OF HOUNDS, NEHRO, MUCHO MACHO MAN, UNCLE MO, SOLDAT (\$56)
- \$2 Exacta Box: PANTS ON FIRE and ARCHARCHARCH (\$4)

WHITE HOT

46 of the last 48 Derby winners were first or second with a furlong remaining in the Derby. Grindstone (1996) was fourth and Giacomo (2005) was sixth at the eighth pole. -- Jon White

SELECTIONS:

1. PANTS ON FIRE
2. ARCHARCHARCH
3. DIALED IN
4. MASTER OF HOUNDS

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3-Y-O Maiden & Derby Winners

(Since 1933)

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

*Won Kentucky Derby as Maiden

Worst Final Prep Finish to Win Derby

(Since 1906)

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

Birthplaces of Derby Winners

<u>Winners</u>	<u>State/Country</u>
103	Kentucky
6	Florida
4	Virginia
3	California
3	Tennessee
2	New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Texas, Canada, England

KNOW THIS

Super Indeed

\$1 superfecta returns in the past 2 Kentucky Derby editions strained the toteboard. The 2010 super paid \$101,284.60, while the 2009 doozy produced a payout of \$278,503.20. The 2010 payoff is particularly interesting since the top 3 finishers all were 12-1 odds or less.

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NO MORE BELLY ACHING!

by Dick Jerardi
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ANALYSIS: This was the most perplexing Derby prep season in years. Favorites ran like longshots and longshots kept winning every race. **UNCLE MO** entered March as an odds-on favorite and ended April as a giant question mark. His Wood Memorial third was a bad race at a bad time. Was it the gastrointestinal infection or something else? The rest of the group has neither been fast nor consistent. Other than **DIALED IN**, the others take turns running well and then poorly -- or running well with no advance hint.

MAIN CONTENDERS: Florida Derby winner **DIALED IN** has given that big run in each of his four starts. If the pace is right (and it should be) there is no reason to think the colt won't be passing many horses in the Churchill Downs stretch. **UNCLE MO** can't be dismissed because of his 2-year-old dominance, but Todd Pletcher does not have a lot of time to get the colt back anywhere near the form he displayed last fall. **TOBY'S CORNER** was not even being considered for the Derby before his Wood Memorial win, but, while everybody was watching **UNCLE MO** fade, this colt was finishing like a horse that might like 10 furlongs.

VALUE PLAYS: The key may be to envision how this Derby will be run and which prep race it may most emulate. The Arkansas Derby had a solid pace with several horses taking a run at the top. And then it fell apart late. That could look very much like the Derby, so the value may be coming out of Hot Springs, where the Arkansas Derby got a 98 Beyer, a very good number for this prep season. Even though **ARCHARCHARCH** won the race, the perception is that **NEHRO**, who was rolling late, is the better fit for the Derby distance. So **NEHRO** likely will be the lower price, which means **ARCHARCHARCH** is going to offer serious value.

WAGERING STRATEGIES (\$100):

- \$60 Exacta: **ARCHARCHARCH** over **NEHRO** (\$60)
- \$40 Exacta: **NEHRO** over **ARCHARCHARCH** (\$40)

WHITE HOT

Apollo (1882) is the only Derby winner who did not race as a 2-year-old. Since 1955, horses unraced at 2 are 0 for 46, including Strodes Creek (2nd in 1994) and Curlin (3rd in 2007). -- Jon White

SELECTIONS:

1. ARCHARCHARCH
2. NEHRO
3. DIALED IN
4. UNCLE MO

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2010 Derby Handle Totals

Pool	Handle
Win/Place/Show	\$47.9
Exacta	\$21.6
Trifecta	\$25.4
Superfecta	\$8.5
Super High 5	\$147,055
Pick Four	\$2.0
Oaks/Derby DD	\$2.05
Pick Six:	\$1.31

(Handle in Millions Except Super High 5)

Lowest-Priced Derby Favorites

(Last 20 Years, Odds to \$1)

Odds	Horse	Year	Fin.
.90	Arazi	1992	8th
1.80	Point Given	2001	5th
2.20	Holy Bull	1994	12th
2.40	Big Brown	2008	1st

Highest-Priced Derby Favorites

(Last 20 Years, Odds to \$1)

Odds	Horse	Year	Fin.
6.30	Lookin At Lucky	2010	6th
6.00	Harlan's Holiday	2002	7th
5.50	Sweetnorthernsaint	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

KNOW THIS

Calling on Calvin

Jockey Calvin Borel became the first jockey in history to win 3 Kentucky Derby renewals in a 4-year stretch when he scored aboard Street Sense, Mine That Bird and Super Saver between 2007-'10. His only losing mount in the last 4 years? He finished third aboard 27-1 shot Denis of Cork in '08.

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ROMANS WILL 'SHACKLE' ROSES

by Steve Byk

At the Races with Steve Byk (SiriusXM) Host



ANALYSIS: The last three Derbies have seen the hopes of favorites dashed in the shadow of the event as I Want Revenge, Quality Road and Eskenderaya were successively felled by pre-race maladies. This year, we have a possible quirky reversal of that scenario as winter book heavyweight **UNCLE MO** has seen his fortunes fall and then rise between his Wood Memorial misstep and the approaching first Saturday in May. While the juvenile champ has restored faith in his health and may further confirm his fitness, your decision still hinges on belief that this progeny of middle-distance sire Indian Charlie remains an appropriate key horse at 10 furlongs. At the least, his price will be better now than anticipated.

MAIN CONTENDERS: Nick Zito offers the default favorite **DIALED IN**. Second and likely best with Ice Box here a year ago, Zito has in the Florida Derby winner a late-runner that should get a pace to attack despite defections by **THE FACTOR** and **J P'S GUSTO**. **TOBY'S CORNER** upset the Wood Memorial over **UNCLE MO** when responding in rousing fashion to Graham Motion's addition of blinkers. He is a consistent sort who should reliably run his race. **ARCHARCHARCH** is more than a nice family story involving septuagenarian Jinks Fires and journeyman jock son-in-law Jon Court. The plucky Arkansas Derby winner had viable excuses in his Oaklawn losses, and never stops trying.

VALUE PLAYS: **SHACKLEFORD**, my top pick, is by speed influence Forestry out of the Unbridled mare Oatsee, who produced 2007 Alabama heroine Lady Joanne, as well as multiple regional Oaks winner Baghdaria. The Dale Romans trainee is coming up to the race ideally off three 9-furlong races this year, and has the ability to attend the pace without demanding the lead. **PANTS ON FIRE** appeared to relish the 9 furlongs and is another that can attend the pace without demanding the lead for jockey Rosie Napravnik and trainer Kelly Breen.

WAGERING STRATEGIES (\$100):

- \$50 Win: **SHACKLEFORD** (\$50)
- \$5 Exacta Back-Wheel: **TWICE THE APPEAL**, **TOBY'S CORNER**, **ARCHARCHARCH**, **NEHRO**, **DIALED IN**, **UNCLE MO**, **SOLDAT**, **MIDNIGHT INTERLUDE**, **PANTS ON FIRE** and **BRILLIANT SPEED** over **SHACKLEFORD** (\$50)

SELECTIONS:

1. SHACKLEFORD
2. ARCHARCHARCH
3. TOBY'S CORNER
4. PANTS ON FIRE

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No April Prep

<u>Starts</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
52	3	3	2

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

Second: Ice Box (2010)
Hard Spun (2007)
Staretor (1941)

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

Fastest Derbies

<u>Time</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Year</u>
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

(Last 50 Years)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Half</u>	<u>Choice</u>	<u>Field</u>
2002	War Emblem	47	9th	18
1988	Winning Colors	46-4/5	2nd	17
1985	Spend A Buck	45-4/5	2nd	13
1976	Bold Forbes	45-4/5	2nd	9
1972	Riva Ridge	47-3/5	Fav	16
1966	Kauai King	46-1/5	Fav.	15

KNOW THIS

Wood Chips?

Wood Memorial alumni own a paltry 16: 0-0-0 Kentucky Derby record since Funny Cide and Empire Maker swept the exacta in 2003. During the past 7 years, the Wood's finest in Louisville were Jazil and Tale of Ekati, who both finished fourth. Among the notable flops were highly-regarded Bellamy Road, Nobiz Like Shobiz and Any Given Saturday.

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