

Toby's Key Play

Churchill Downs

May 4, 2024

Race 12

This is the 150th running of The \$5,000,000 Grade I Kentucky Derby.

#1 - DORNOCH: His last was less than inspiring, look elsewhere.

#2 - SIERRA LEONE: Bad gate horse will be standing in it for a while.

#3 - MYSTIK DAN: These guys are too tough for him.

#4 - CATCHING FREEDOM: His improving pattern will need to continue.

#5 - CATALYTIC: Lack of experience will likely work against him.

#6 - JUST STEEL: Gives D. Wayne yet another Derby starter.

#7 - HONOR MARIE: Blue collar runner is easy to root for.

#8 - JUST A TOUCH: Represents a potent trainer-jock combo.

#9 - ENCINO: SCRATCHED.

#10 - T O PASSWORD: He's hard to figure out, I'll look elsewhere.

#11 - FOREVER YOUNG: Undefeated colt gets the "Acid Test" today.

#12 - TRACK PHANTOM: Should insure an honest pace, little else.

#13 - WEST SARATOGA: His trainer has waited a long time for this opportunity.

#14 - ENDLESSLY: Synthetic and turf performer is hard to like in this spot.

#15 - DOMESTIC PRODUCT: Will need a career best effort.

#16 - GRAND MO THE FIRST: He just may impact the bottom end of gimmicks.

#17 - FIERCENESS: If he brings his "A" game, the others are running for the minor awards.

#18 - STRONGHOLD: Consistent colt will still need to step it up a bit.

#19 - RESILIENCE: Nice colt improved dramatically with the addition of blinkers.

#20 - SOCIETY MAN: Moving in the right direction, big rider switch as well.

#21 - EPIC RIDE: Draws in due to scratch of ENCINO.

#22 - MUGATU: Completely overmatched in here.

Derby Capsule Analysis

#17 - FIERCENESS comes into this event after registering the easiest of scores in The Grade I Florida Derby. Homebred son of CITY OF LIGHT has continued to work forwardly. He represents a longstanding and ultra-potent trainer-jock combo. Beat him to collect! #19 - RESILIENCE likes this venue and comes from super-sharp connections. He should land a nice share. #18 - STRONGHOLD is another runner who's shown an affinity for racing under the Twin Spires. The Longshot is #16 - GRAND MO THE FIRST.

Exacta/Trifecta/Superfecta Key: 17/19-18-16. Exacta/Trifecta/Superfecta Part-Wheel: 19-18-16/17. Exacta/Trifecta/Superfecta Box: 16-17-18-19. Trifecta Wheel: 17/16-18-19/All and 17/All/16-18-19.

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