

Kentucky Derby analysis

PGM#	DISCUSSION	
1	Won Arkansas Derby going away. Has never shown any speed. Ortiz will have to work out a trip, but he's capable of doing that. An obvious contender.	A/B
2	Winner of the Wood, third off, gets Franco for Riley Mott. Should outrun his odds, but not a contender, I think.	C
3	Hasn't won anything since last year, in a G1 at SA. Excellent workout at CD a month ago. Could outrun his odds, but not a contender, I think.	C
4	Won the G2 Los Al futurity three back, trouble in his last, third off, has some quickness, but not enough. Non contender.	D
5	Third off, hasn't won since breaking his maiden at AQU three back. No speed, can't see it.	D
6	Third off, won four in a row, including Florida Derby in last, two three digit figs, good works, switch to Saez for Brad, obvious contender.	B
7	Third off, has won all 3 races easily (2 in mud), no works shown, was still in Japan two months ago, bred for distance, could outrun his odds, could even be a contender, but not enough info to guess. Good on mud, though.	C
8	Third off. Won SA derby in last with 103. Keeps Smith for Glatt. Has some quickness but don't think he'll go for the lead. Closed off a very quick pace in last. Good works. Probably will get the distance. Can't rule out.	B/C
9	Nosed out by #6 in Fla Derby in last, closed off a quick pace with slow start. Gets distance, okay works, don't feel it.	D
10	Won Uae Derby I last, changes jockeys, 3 <sup>rd</sup> off, but was still overseas 2 months ago, mediocre work here since, can't see it.	C/D
11	Off two months, won a G3 here three back, keeps Torres for Riley Mott, don't see it.	D
12	Third off, Alvarado/Mott, only 3 races so far, last two figs were triple digit at GP, BON, must respect.	B
13	Ran very well in last three, all graded, figs are below average, not looking his way.	D
14	Second in SA Derby in last with 100 fig, very good works, Hernandez/Baffert, could outrun his odds, but not going there.	B/C
15	3 <sup>rd</sup> off, won LA Derby in last with 102, keeps Prat for Chad, good works, not seasoned, but could outrun his odds. CANDY HORSE	B/C
16	Almost wired LA derby in last. Mediocre works, can't use.	D
17	BJ gets on a foreign horse. Not enough data, does have an okay work at CD a month ago, not for me.	D
18	3 <sup>rd</sup> off. Trounced 'em in the Bluegrass in last, gets Johnny V for Brad, good works at CD since, watch out. CANDY HORSE.	A/B
19	3 <sup>RD</sup> in LA Derby in last with trouble, keeps Jose O for Cherie, good works since, hard to rule out, but don't see it.	B/C
20	Never been on the dirt. Tyler gets up for Brad. Good works on dirt since. Big question mark.	C
21	Not enough info; only been on dirt once in four races, suspect connections, mediocre works; I'm tossing	D
22	AE	
23	AE	
24	AE	

Kentucky Oaks

PGM#	DISCUSSION	
1	Won the Honeybee G3 in her last. Has shown much quickness in her past. Prat stays for Bob. Moves in from the 8-hole. Fastest avg spd overall, 2 <sup>nd</sup> fastest (94 to 95) to #9 ATDS. CD usually favors speed on these big days. I expect Prat will try and steal it on the front end, but if he's pushed, he can rate and close. Natural contender.	A/B
2	Barely lost a G1 in her last, switches to Irad for Todd. Don't believe Irad will go for the lead unless he falls into it, but the horse has pressed and won in the past. Unimpressive works, will probably have to work out a trip.	B/C
3	Races so far don't particularly impress. Torres stays for Mark. Okay works. Don't see it. CANDY HORSE	D
4	Won a G2 in her last. Keeps Arrieta for Mark. Okay figs and works. Presser with a slim chance.	B/C
5	Another one with good quickness, but wins have come from pressing. Has won 3 of last 4, had trouble in only loss. Good works since. Keeps Hernandez for McCarthy. Not impossible, but not probable for me. CANDY HORSE	B/C
6	Third off. Hasn't won since she broke her maiden 4 back. Gets Husbands for Saffie. Not for me.	D
7	More early speed, with Saez, who usually gets 'em out, for Brittany. Has won 4 of 6, in cheaper races, all by wiring the field. Substantial part of the pace, but don't think she's there at the finish.	C
8	Presser. Gets Mikey back for Bob. Beat #7 in last. Will be waiting for the speed to die and may have enough to get a slice.	C/D
9	Has won both races so far, G3 in last, highest avg ATDS (95). Picks up Jose O for Chad. Hasn't really been tested so far. Will sit behind the speed and try to close. Might outrun her odds, might get a piece. CANDY HORSE	B/C
10	Won two of her only three races so far, last one G2. Castellano stays for Cox. Highest last race fig (95). Good works. Another one to sit behind the speed and wait. Don't think she's quite up to this, though. Piece?	C
11	Good quickness, can lead, press, or close. Comes out of three straight G1s, won two, probably should have won all 3. Has won at CD. Interesting horse, questionable connections. Has wired in the past, but don't think that will happen from the 11-hole. Machado has won big races before... Got to give the versatile horse a chance.	B
12	Third off. Tyler stays for Walsh. Won three of last four, maybe should have won all of 'em, all G2s except maiden win four back. Has won a G2 at CD. Can wire, press, or close. Good works since. Will outrun his ML odds for a small piece.	B/C
13	Hasn't won since she broke her maiden five back. Vazquez stays for Atras. Don't see her doing much.	D
14	Broke her maiden two back, came 2 <sup>nd</sup> in the SA Oaks in last. Kimura/McCarthy. Presser. Don't think she has the firepower to do much against these. CANDY HORSE	D
15	AE VEKOMA/CANDY HORSE	
16	AE	
17	AE	