

Kentucky Derby Doghouse Confidential 2024 by Mr. X

May 4, 2024

Post #	Horse	Odds	Post #	Post #	Odds
1	Dornoch	20-1	11	Forever Young (JPN)	10-1
2	Sierra Leone	3-1	12	Track Phantom	20-1
3	Mystik Dan	20-1	13	West Saratoga	50-1
4	Catching Freedom	8-1	14	Endlessly	30-1
5	Catalytic	30-1	15	Domestic Product	30-1
6	Just Steel	20-1	16	Grand Mo The First	50-1
7	Honor Marie	20-1	17	Fierceness	5-1
8	Just A Touch	10-1	18	Stronghold	20-1
21,22	fuhgeddaboutit	20-1	19	Resilience	20-1
10	T O Password (JPN)	30-1	20	Society Man	50-1

Analysis

As usual, another ridiculously tough race. We all know that the best horse doesn't always win. So you need to begin to formulate how the race will be run, especially to the first turn, and hope that your horse doesn't get bumped, blocked, crowded, and cut off. Anything can happen.

This year I like two horses to win. **2 Sierra Leone** looks to get the rail trip with 1 Dornoch rushing up for the lead out of the gate. Working great for Chad Brown, this horse may give Chad his first Derby winner. Has early speed to get on the rail and up behind the leaders. Rumored to have a bad foot and difficult to load. May be in the gate too long and will act up. Will hopefully get off the rail at the top of the stretch and fight to the finish. Looks slightly best to me.

4 Catching Freedom was the winner of the Louisiana Derby at 9.5f so no doubt he can go the distance. Really like this horse for Brad Cox, ran a great race in the Bluegrass at Keenland and working well at Churchill. The only knock is that he comes from way back, 16 lengths behind after 6f. The positive is that he worked in 59.1 seconds which is an indicator that Cox wants him closer to the pace. Will need to get out of the gate and move forward with the pack and not left with too much to do. Another closer with a great chance.

17 Fierceness will likely not get the lead from the 17 post. My numbers show him behind about three horses to his inside and maybe one or two more on the outside, out of the gate. Also rumored to have very bad feet. Pletcher and Johnny V. Maybe he doesn't need the lead, but he sure seems to want to have his own way or won't run. Has to stay clear of trouble. His Florida Derby race was awesome but

uncontested. However, he did close very well timewise in that race. No better jock to nurse a horse than Johnny V.

After those three, there are many horses who look very good and could upset. But we can't bet them all. Look at my exacta and trifecta bets to see which horses I will be using.

The Safe Bet

\$2Exacta box: 2-4-17=\$12 \$1Tribox: 2-4-17=\$6

My Bets

See the Blog for the Pick 5 I will be splitting with a friend.

\$50 Win: 2

\$20 Exacta box: 2-4= \$40

\$10 Exacta: 2-4/7-17-19=\$60

\$1 Tri:2-4/2-4-17/2-3-4-7-15-17-19=\$20; \$1Tri:2-4/2-3-4-7-15-17-19/2-4-17=\$20

Total: \$190

Good luck! Let's have a clean and safe race!

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