



So You Want to Win All the Monies

Road to the Kentucky Derby Newsletter – Volume 2007



5 Days and Counting...

By your hero, *Jeff the Julepenator*

It's the week we have all been waiting for. It's Kentucky Derby Week. You know what that means don't you? It means that it is time to win/lose all the monies! This is the year of the pig, so grab a couple hot dogs and some pork rines and get ready. This year I haven't followed the horsies as much as I usually do, but you don't actually need to pay attention to win all the monies. Really, just look at what everyone else is doing and bet on the opposite. If everyone takes this year's favorite, Street Sense, take Scat Daddy and get ready to do the I-Told-You-So dance. Really, you'll figure it out, just think "all the monies" and it will start falling from the sky because of your positive thinking.

The super events this week start on Wednesday when the postpositions and the final field are set for the Derby. Since I can't wait to do a little Derby analysis, you'll have to decide for yourself how much the postpositions affect the horses you want to bet on. Just to let you know, only a couple of horses have ever won out of the 17, 18, 19, and 20th spots.

To win the Derby there are certain things that a horse has to do to be a contender. The race has been run 132 times, so we have some data to lean back on. And my fellow experts and I have run some regression analysis and talked with our expert stuffed animals to narrow down your choices for who has a chance to win the Derby. Many of my experts can actually "speak" with the horses, although I haven't been able to verify the validity of their claims, but how can you not trust this team! So our list is here to help you talk some trash to your friends and act like you know what you are talking about. You can pick one from the list to make your favorite today!

We'll go through all 20 probable horses, but here are your top 14 horses by graded earnings, and we'll narrow them down from there: Street Sense, Scat Daddy, Circular Quay, Nobiz Like Shobiz, Curlin, Great Hunter, Stormello, Dominican, Tiago, Cowtown Cat, Hard Spun, Storm in May, Zanjero, and Any Given Saturday.

In the history of the Derby there are basically three rules you must abide by to win the Derby, although one was broken last year... **The First Rule** (which has only been broken a few times): ***Your horse cannot be the morning line favorite.*** So this one is easy, I think Street Sense will be the morning line favorite, so he can not win the Derby.

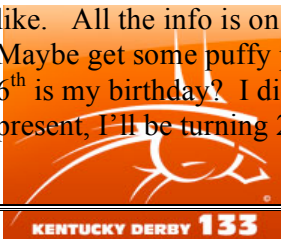
The Second Rule: ***Your horse must run three races in the year they run the Derby.*** This usually will knock out a lot of the horses in the top 20. This year it knocks out Dominican, Stormello, Circular Quay, and Great Hunter, not like they were going to win anyway. But it also once again knocks out Street Sense, your current favorite.

The Third Rule: ***Your horse must've raced in the thirty days leading up to the Derby.*** Since Barbaro won last year and didn't race in the thirty days leading up to the derby, I am going to modify this a little to say if they haven't run in the last 30-ish days, because 34 days is not really that different than 30. Guess who gets knocked out with this rule? Not Street Sense, but who cares, he's not going to win. It knocks out Circular Quay (again) and Hard Spun.

So there are your three rules, now we've knocked the contender list down from 14 to 8. Does that help? You know who not to bet on now. I will break out each of these horses by prettiness so you can decide who you like. All the info is on the following pages. This will give you enough info to pick a horse to like for the Derby. Maybe get some puffy paint and make a t-shirt so you can declare your choice for the Derby. Did I mention May 6th is my birthday? I did, awesome. The race is on Cinco de Mayo this year, so use your winnings to buy me a present, I'll be turning 29...again.



My Team of Horse Racing Experts and their favorite stuffed animals who tell them the secret winning horses.






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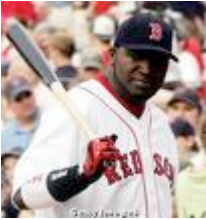

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1	<p>Any Given Saturday (G Gomez)</p> <p>Record: 6 races, 3 wins, 2 place, 1 show</p>	<p>If this horse is anything like the movie Any Given Sunday, I am not betting 1 cent on this horse. That movie made me sick with all the crazy shaky cameras and Al Pacino. I hope the horse doesn't suck as bad as Al Pacino did in that movie, who would ever think Pacino would be a football coach? You don't see a lot of 5 foot 7 inch Italian Football coaches. What you do see, are pretty horses like this running well on the first Saturday in May. I don't really see this horse winning, but he could be a factor. He was beaten by Street Sense in Tampa Bay, and Nobiz in the Wood Memorial, so who really thinks he'll beat them this week? On the prettiness scale he's a 7, which can be dangerous.</p>	<p>Morning Line: 20-1</p> <p>Best Beyer: 102</p>
2	<p>Circular Quay (J. Velasquez)</p> <p>Record: 7 races, 4 wins, 2 Places</p> 	<p>Circular Quay has a lot going for him, but history tells us he isn't going to win the derby. The winner can't have a 45 day layoff between starts and he has to race more than 2 times this year, so he'd have to break a lot of rules to win this year. He does have one of the best jockeys, and is trained by one of the best trainers, but he shouldn't win. He'll be a top 5 contender, but not a winner. What the hell is a circular quay anyway? His prettiness scale is probably up there though, maybe an 8 or 8.4.</p>	<p>Morning Line: 10– 1</p> <p>Best Beyer: 102</p>
3	<p>Cobalt Blue (Vic Espinoza)</p> <p>Record: 5 races, 3 wins</p>	<p>In the last race, Cobalt Blue ran really slow, but maybe because he didn't have his blinders on and he was freaked out by the other horses. It isn't like he was going to be the bestest horse ever if he did run fast last time though. He is owned by Merv Griffin though, and if Wheel of Fortune is still a hit, maybe Merv will somehow get this horse to run real fast. I guess I don't consider Wheel of Fortune "good," it has just been on forever, so maybe this horse will be on the track forever. I wonder if Vanna will be at the Derby with a big hat?</p>  <p>Prettiness? 3.</p>	<p>Morning Line: 60 – 1</p> <p>Best Beyer: 97</p>
4	<p>Cowtown Cat (Fernando Jara)</p> <p>Record: 7 races, 4 wins, 1 show</p>	<p>Cowtown Cat has kind of come out of nowhere to be a horse you may want to throw a couple bucks on. He's won the Gotham Stakes and the Illinois Derby in his last two starts and beaten some halfway decent horses. Well, he beat Cobalt Blue, so maybe that is not saying much. This horse has been steadily improving, but maybe not strong enough to take on the other 19 horses in the Derby field. I think he may come in 11th, but you can't bet on 11th place. His jockey's name is Fernando, which is fun to say. Prettiness scale: He is only a 4.</p>	<p>Morning Line: 24 – 1</p> <p>Best Beyer: 98</p>
5	<p>Curlin (R. Albarado)</p> <p>Record: 3 races, 3 wins,</p>	 <p>Supposedly this horse is an absolute Freak! He's "scintillating" and a "monster!" But those things can only get you so far when 167,000 people are screaming at you and 19 other horses are in the field. He's large and in charge, but I just don't think a horse who has run 3 races can go win the Derby. He's good, and may come off as the favorite, but I can't bet on him. You should do it though. Then if you win you can say that you are really smart. On the prettiness scale he is an 8 out of 10.</p>	<p>Morning Line: 7-2</p> <p>Best Beyer: 103</p>

6	<p>Dominican (R. Berjarano)</p> <p>Record: 7 races: 3 wins, 2 shows</p>	<p>Dominicans are great baseball players, but they are just so-so on the horse racing scale. This horse did beat the favorite, Street Sense in March. David Ortiz is a really good baseball player and is from the Dominican Republic, but ranks about a zero on the prettiness scale. Luckily for this horse, he is not a zero on the prettiness scale, but about a 6.6, which is much better than David Ortiz. Wow, Ortiz is not happy with me now.</p>		<p>Morning Line: 25-1</p> <p>Best Beyer: 95</p>
7	<p>Great Hunter (Corey Nakatani)</p> <p>Record: 9 Races: 3 wins, 4 places, 1 show</p>	<p>Lots of “experts” think this horse is the bizzomb, but not me. He’s only had 2 races this year and got 5th in his most recent start. Why would that be so great going into the Derby? If he wins it is because he has a perfect trip, but that is so rare in the Derby (except for Barbaro last year). Every time this horse is in any trouble he sucks, and with 19 other horses in the race chances of trouble are good to very good. Prettiness: 6</p>	<p>Morning Line: 20-1</p> <p>Best Beyer: 101</p>	
8	<p>Hard Spun (Mario Pino)</p> <p>Record: 6 races, 5 wins</p>	<p>This horse keeps getting better, which is all you can ask for. He also ran the fastest prep time (in 57 and change seconds) in a 5 furlong jaunt at the track on Monday. That is blazing fast and may be a record or something. You kind of have to put a couple bones on this horse for running that fast at Churchill Downs and for having only not won 1 race he’s ran in. Prettiness Scale: 9. Fastness scale: 10. Donkey scale: 0.</p>	<p>Morning Line: 10 – 1</p> <p>Best Beyer: 101</p>	
9	<p>Liquidity (D. Flores)</p> <p>Record: 7 races, 1 win 2 places, 1 show</p>	<p>The Donkey Scale on this horse has been as high as 10 in some occasions (which means he is no good). He’s lost just about every race he’s run, except his first race against some donkeys. He’s lost to at least 7 of the horses on here. He has a decent jockey, but that can’t do much when you rank a lowly 2 on the prettiness scale. Just to let you know he was one of my early picks to win the Derby. Shows you how much I know.</p>	<p>Morning Line: 67 – 1</p> <p>Best Beyer: 102</p>	
10	<p>Nobiz Like Shobiz (C. Velasquez)</p> <p>5 Races, 3 wins, 1 place, 1 show</p>	<p>You know what I am not looking forward to on Saturday? The ESPN coverage constantly playing the showtune, “There’s No Business Like Show Business” every time they talk about this horse. He’s a great horse, but that song blows. His trainer is Barclay Tagg, who won with Funny Cide a few years back, and this horse has some stamina that may push him into the top 3 of the Derby this year. He hasn’t been the fastest horse, but maybe winning the Wood Memorial pushed him into elite status. He’s pretty! 8.75 pretty rating.</p>	<p>Morning Line: 10 – 1</p> <p>Best Beyer: 98</p>	
11	<p>Sam P. (J. McKee)</p> <p>Record: 8 races, 2 wins, 2 Place, 1 Show</p>	<p>Sam P. hasn’t won a race this year, but when I put Sam P. into the Google Images search I came up with this picture to the right. I think that may be a good sign since the Derby is on Cinco De Mayo this year and this guy has a sombrero-ish thing on. I don’t know if this horse can keep up, but maybe I’ll throw \$10 on him to place. Pretty? I don’t know, is this sombrero guy pretty?</p>		<p>Morning Line: 35 – 1</p> <p>Best Beyer: 99</p>

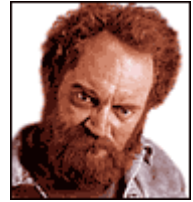
12	<p>Scat Daddy (Edgar Prado)</p> <p>Record: 8 Races, 5 wins, 1 places, 1 show.</p>	<p>I guess the only thing worse than listening to Nobidness like Shobidness all day would be for the Scat Man to be playing all day. (dee doh doh dodo doh! I'm the Scat Man!) Scat Daddy is an awesome horse and maybe one of the top contenders on Saturday. Although he lost to Nobiz earlier in the year, he came back and won the Fountain of Youth Stakes and the Florida Derby. Last year's winner won the Florida Derby too, but you know what happened to him...he died. Anyway, Scat Daddy has improved a little in each race this year and has the Pace Parameters (math nerd stuff) says he'll win. If the math nerds like him, I like him: Pretty times 10.</p>		<p>Morning Line: 10 – 1</p> <p>Best Beyer: 98</p>
13	<p>Sedgefield (Julian Leparoux)</p> <p>Record: 8 races, 2 wins, 3 place</p>	<p>Sedgefield is named for a racecourse in England, in the village of Sedgefield. Sedgefield also has a 45 hole golf course, and was recently visited by the USA President George W. Bush. He went to a local pub and to a secondary school there. Why does all this matter? Oh, it really doesn't, I just don't know what to say about such a boring horse. He's a 5 on any scale. He doesn't suck, but he's not great, he's not ugly, but he ain't no Black Stallion. If he wins, we'll call him the next Giacomo, and you can say you read it here first.</p>	<p>Morning Line: 40 – 1</p> <p>Best Beyer: 96</p>	
15	<p>Slew's Tizzy (TBA)</p> <p>Record: 6 races, 2 wins</p>	<p>Slew's Tizzy? Really, that is just the worst name for a horse ever. Who does that to a horse? Really? Tizzy? Donkey? Yes.</p> <p>Pretty? No.</p>	<p>Morning Line: 100 – 1</p> <p>Best Beyer: 93</p>	
16	<p>Storm in May (Juan Leyva)</p> <p>Record: 13 races 4 wins, 2 place</p>	<p>When I say don, you say key. Me: "Don" You: "Key" Me: "Don" You: "Key." Me: "ug" You: "Isn't this what he said about Giacomo? I'm throwing \$2 on him!"</p>	<p>Morning Line: 80 – 1</p> <p>Best Beyer: 95</p>	
17	<p>Stormello (K. Desmordeaux)</p> <p>Record: 9 races, 3 wins, 1 place, 2 shows</p>	<p>Stormello and Carmelo Anthony should do a commercial together or something for shoes. That would be a sweet combination. This horse probably won't win, but you got to hope that if he does pull it out, the PR bandwagon starts rolling with Carmelo Anthony and doesn't end with Caramelo Candy Bars. Pretty? I don't know, Tasty? Maybe.</p>		<p>Morning Line: 35 – 1</p> <p>Best Beyer: 96</p>
18	<p>Street Sense (Calvin Borel)</p> <p>Record: 7 races, 3 wins, 2 places, 2 shows</p>	<p>Street Sense is your favorite, but not only does that not bode well for a win, but he would be the first horse to win the Breeder's Cup Juvenile race and then win the Derby. No horse has ever really come close, so that's another strike against the horse. His best race was last year, and he barely won the Tampa Bay Derby and lost to the Dominican in the slow Blue Grass. I just don't understand why he's the favorite, but since the favorite never wins who cares. He does have a kind of cool name, maybe if his name was Street Fighter or Street Savvy it would be a little bit cooler to bet on him to win. Prettiness Scale: 8.</p>	<p>Morning Line: 2 – 1</p> <p>Best Beyer: 108</p>	

19	<p>Teufflesberg</p> <p>Record: 15 races: 4 wins, 1 places, 2 shows</p>	<p>Teufflesberg? Are they just making these things up? Tooth-less-berg? Where do they even get these horses from? This horse won a “shocker” in the Southwest Stakes but has run 9 races in the last 6 months and never really matched that one performance. I think he’s pretty much lost to everyone else on the top 20...and I am not sure he beat any of them either, oh wait, he beat Hard Spun, but obviously that must not have been Hard Spun’s best race. Pretty: 4.</p>	<p>Morning Line: 30 – 1</p> <p>Best Beyer: 100</p>
20	<p>Tiago (Mike Smith)</p> <p>Record: 4 races, 2 wins, 0 places, 1 show</p>	<p>Tiago. That’s fun to say. He’s Giacomo’s brother. You know what that means? He’s kind of a donkey. Giacomo had one good race and it just happened to be the Derby, so this horse has a chance, but I still wouldn’t bet on him if someone said he was the exact same horse as Giacomo. He’s only raced 4 times, and got better each time, but I just can’t trust a horse like this. Pretty: 6, only because of his famous bro.</p>	<p>Morning Line: 40 – 1</p> <p>Best Beyer: 100</p>
21	<p>Zanjero (S. Bridgmohan)</p> <p>Record: 8 races, 2 wins, 2 places, 3 show</p>	<p>Zanjero. That’s fun to say too! That’s so much better than Slew’s Tizzy or Sedgfield. This horse kind of has a chance to get into your more exotic bets. He’s not the fastest horse, but he has come in third place every race he’s been in this year. He’s stellar for the bronze. Do I think he can win? No. Do I think he can get third? Well, yes I do. Good luck Zanjero! Pretty: 6.8 pts. When I looked up Zanjero in Google images it came up with this guy on a horse with a gun. Now if the guy with the gun can scare the other horses in the race with that gun, Zanjero definitely has a chance, or wait, will all the horses run faster because they are scared of the guy with the gun? If so, don’t bet on the Zanjero.</p>	<p>Morning Line: 47 – 1</p> <p>Best Beyer: 93</p>



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2005 Stakes Winners

Date	Race	Winner
2/17	Borderland	Takedown
2/17	Sam F. Davis	Any Given Saturday
2/17	Turf Paradise Derby	Tie Rod
2/19	Southwest Stakes	Teufflesberg
3/3	Hutcheson Stakes	King of the Roxy
3/3	Fountain of Youth	Scat Daddy
3/3	Robert Lewis Stakes	Great Hunter
3/3	John Battaglia Stakes	Catman Running
3/10	Gotham Stakes	Cowtown Cat
3/10	Louisiana Derby	Circular Quay
3/10	El Camino Real Derby	Bwana Bull
3/17	Rebel Stakes	Curlin
3/17	San Felipe Stakes	Cobalt Blue
3/18	Winstar Derby	Song of Navarone
3/24	Private Terms	Etude
3/24	Lane's End Stakes	Hard Spun
3/24	Rushaway Stakes	Dominican
3/31	Florida Derby	Scat Daddy
3/31	Aventura Stakes	Street Magician
3/31	UAE Derby	Asiatic Boy
4/7	Bay Shore	Bill Place
4/7	Wood Memorial	Nobiz Like Shobiz
4/7	Illinois Derby	Cowtown Cat
4/7	Lafayette	Carnack's Choice
4/7	Santa Anita Derby	Tiago
4/14	Bluegrass Stakes	Dominican
4/14	Arkansas Derby	Curlin
4/14	Norther Spur Br. Cup	Takedown
4/21	Coolmore Lexington	Slew's Tizzy
4/21	Frederic Tesio	Xchanger
4/28	Derby Trial	Flying First Class

Jeff the Julepenator's Derby Trifecta

1	Scat Daddy	Dee doh doh dodo doh! He's the Scat Daddy, which totally trumps the Scat Man. Now I will say that he is not the perfect horse, or who I would normally pick, but he's won a couple tough races in a row, and if he can put it together this week, I think he's going to win. I'm not guaranteeing it, but I'm telling you it is going to happen (unless he's in the 19 hole or something).
2	NoBiz Like Shobiz	There's nobiz like the showbiz yo! This horse has had only 1 slip up this year, and that was after he was bumped at the start. He's got the stuff, and maybe if he can put it together he'll even win. But would you rather hear the Scat Man or the Showtune all day afterwards?
3	Any Given Saturday	On any given Saturday, apparently any horse can win. I guess that works for NFL games too when you bet on them, but today, we'll take this given Saturday to put this horse in 3 rd .

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