

## KENTUCKY DERBY CLOCKER REPORT

*Compiled by the staff of the Auxiliary Gate Network*

### **DORNOCH**

4/27 4 FUR 46.6 Started a neck in front of Society Man and was under a snug hold throughout. This was a good move and probably indicates that he'll be on the lead in the Derby coming from the 1 hole. Society Man was urged ever so slightly to stick with him and did a good job to do so. B+

4/20 – 4 fur 48.2 Outside of fellow Derby hopeful Society Man. Heads up entering the stretch. Appeared the rider of Dornoch tried to nudge him a bit, but kept on even terms entering the turn. Society Man slightly ahead on the gallop out. B-

### **SIERRA LEONE**

4/27 5 FUR 1:00.2 Started the work  $\frac{3}{4}$  length in front of Domestic Product and probably showed a new dimension in this work as we think he's a one run closer. Maintained his advantage throughout the work without being asked. Good maintenance work for the Derby 2<sup>nd</sup> choice. B

4/20 4 fur 48.8 (KEE) Inside of White Palomino. Strong strides down to the wire while never being asked. Work mate was urged to keep up but just couldn't match. Sierra Leone couldn't be doing any better. Distance won't be a problem. B+

### **MYSTIK DAN**

4/20 5 fur 59.4 Outside of Northern Flame (3<sup>rd</sup> in Rebel, 8<sup>th</sup> in Jeff Ruby). Kept pace with rival while not being asked while not being asked. Northern Flame hung right with him. Both earned bullet. Solid work. B

4/13 4 fur :48 Solo work, straight as a string down the stretch. No complaints. B-

### **CATCHING FREEDOM**

4/27 5 fur 59.2 Worked inside of Encino and started the work a length in front under a strong hold but was eager to go. Encino quickly caught up. Freedom was in hand the entire way and never urged. Encino wanted to do more and pushed past down the stretch and on the gallop out to finish about a  $\frac{1}{2}$  length in front. Encino was the star of the work but Freedom didn't back down. B

4/20 – 5 fur 1:00.8 Outside of 4 year old maiden winner Castlewarden. Neither were asked. A head behind down the stretch and then on even terms around the clubhouse turn. Finally edged barely ahead in the gallop out. Both were ok. B

### **CATALYTIC**

4/28 4 FUR 47.8 Started a couple behind For Some Reason, a starter optional winner at Gulfstream. Collared that one and drew away at the wire. Solid breeze without being asked. Mate was eased up after the wire. B-

4/19 5 FUR 1:00.72 (GULFSTREAM) Solo work, rider asked for more run vigorously down the stretch. Could only manage 2<sup>nd</sup> best clocking of 7 at the distance. Lathered up a bit but it was late morning. C

#### **JUST STEEL**

4/28 4 FUR 50.20 Solo maintenance drill. Jock did nudge inside the sixteenth pole but recorded just an average clocking. C

#### **HONOR MARIE**

4/25 5 fur 59.2 Outside of stakes-placed Agoo, who has tailed off recently. Showed speed to stay with the sprinter early, was asked to go at the eighth pole and Honor Marie responded, drawing off to finish +4 lengths ahead at the finish pole. Galloped out well ahead of Agoo. Doing very well as of late. B+

4/14 4 fur 48.8 Outside of Anthem King a 3YO maiden winner at Turfway. Anthem King under urging inside the quarter pole. Rider on Honor Marie steady while moving away by ½ length at finish pole. B

#### **JUST A TOUCH**

No observed works but boots on the ground say he's doing well and makes a nice appearance every time.

#### **T O PASSWORD**

4/30 4 FUR Outside of older stablemate T O Saint Denis. Started out 1 ½ lengths behind and quickly drew along side. Drew away past the wire and galloped out far ahead of mate. Much better than his Japanese counterpart. Horse has been known to spook in the morning, so there are concerns on how he handles a big crowd. B

#### **FOREVER YOUNG**

4/30 5 FUR 1:03 Solo move. Never got out of slow gear. Doesn't look like a horse sitting on a big race. C

4/24 6 FUR 1:19.6 Loped along behind Romans runner Cuffed Candy for 4 furlongs, then was asked to finish the final quarter in :23 and change. Nothing special about this move, though he makes a nice impression on the track. B-

#### **TRACK PHANTOM**

4/28 5 FUR 1:00 outside of 5 start maiden Mugen under tight hold in a maintenance drill. Did not get by until the end of the gallop out, however. B-

4/21 5 FUR 1:00.8 Outside of Carbone, started about a ½ length behind. Ranged up around the turn and drew along side in hand. Asked to quicken at the finish pole and drew away around the clubhouse turn. Solid work. B-

#### **WEST SARATOGA**

4/27 3 fur 37.2 Maintenance mode only. Nothing flashy. B-

4/19 6 fur 1:16.2 (KEE) Solo work, rider tapped him down the stretch. Last quarter in roughly 25 seconds. Not sure he's Derby material, but a nice story nonetheless. C

## **ENDLESSLY**

4/26 4 fur 47.8 Outside of maiden Gottaneedforspeed and much better this time, while striding away from his mate down the stretch and was lightly urged to gallop out 5 furlongs in 1:00 and change. Improved dramatically from last work but still gives the impression that 10 furlongs on dirt might be a struggle. B-

4/20 5 fur 1:00.8 Inside of Yellow Card. Was shoved upon to keep pace with workmate but lost ground into the clubhouse turn. Eased onto the backstretch while mate worked another 1/8<sup>th</sup>. Clearly not handling the Churchill surface and probably needs to get back to grass. C

## **DOMESTIC PRODUCT**

4/27 5 FUR Started out  $\frac{3}{4}$  length behind Sierra Leone under hard restraint and stuck right with the potential Derby 2<sup>nd</sup> choice throughout. Rider never let loose of the hard hold until the gallop out to where he closed to within a neck of Sierra Leone. Good maintenance drill for both. Pedigree indicates that 10 furlongs may not be in the scope of Domestic Product, but he sure is doing well and might be a live longshot. B

4/20 4 FUR (PAYSON) Nearly a carbon copy of the 4/13 work with Tuscan Gold. Rider again working hard on Tuscan Gold to stay straight while Product was never asked. Product had a head advantage at the wire, except this time, Tuscan Gold did stick with Product on the gallop out. Good work for Domestic Product who hasn't raced since narrowly winning the Tampa Bay Derby. B

4/13 4 FUR 48.40 (PAYSON) Heads up with Tuscan Gold (3<sup>rd</sup> in Louisiana Derby) on the inside around the far turn. Tuscan Gold tried to lug in down the stretch and rider was busy trying to keep him straight. Product was straight as an arrow and was a neck ahead at the wire with no asking. Galloped out a couple lengths better than mate. B

## **GRAND MO THE FIRST**

4/14 5 FUR 1:03.95 (GULFSTREAM) Solo work, maintenance mode only, nothing serious. Did switch leads on cue. B-

## **FIERCENESS**

4/26 4 FUR 48.8 Outside of Agate Road. Was never asked for anything the entire way. Drew away from work mate and galloped out 6 furlongs in 1:12 and change with no asking at all from the rider. Coming up to the race in as good of a fashion as you could hope for. A-

4/20 Palm Beach Downs Inside of Agate Road. Under no urging at all while work mate was under the whip. Fierceness put two lengths on rival at the wire, then galloped out in 1:13 and change around the turn while leaving Agate in the dust. Horse sitting on ready. A-

## **STRONGHOLD**

4/28 5 FUR 59.3 Outside of turf stakes winner Motorius and started two lengths down but collared the mate at the head of the lane while under a hold. Neither rider asked and Motorius had a head advantage at the wire but Stronghold countered and galloped out just slightly ahead of the mate. Good move for both. Under the radar sort doing well. Gallop out well was just average. B-

4/20 4 FUR 46.60 (SA) Started about 3 lengths behind 3 year old Cal-bred restricted stakes winner Shady Tiger. Caught up to foe (who was under stout restraint) around the turn while in hand. Went toe to toe with that one down the stretch while neither was asked. Remained that way around the turn. Solid maintenance breeze. B

#### **RESILIENCE**

4/28 4 FUR 49.2 Solo maintenance drill. Nothing to knock. Looks well. B-

4/22 5 FUR 1:01.6 Solo work. Rider never moved a muscle. Maintenance mode. B-

#### **SOCIETY MAN**

4/27- 4 FUR 46.6 Started out a neck behind Dornoch, who was on cruise control coming into the lane. The rider nudged him ever so slightly to draw along side of Dornoch down the stretch and did a good job sticking with him on the gallop out. Good work for both. Dornoch slightly better but splitting hairs. B

4/20- see Dornoch. B-

#### **EPIC RIDE**

No observed works

#### **MUGATU**

No observed works