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Kentucky Derby Top 10

Current	Prior	Horse	Comments
1	1	Fierceness	- Most impressive wins of the 3yo crop including Florida Derby win with 110 Beyer - Top of the list now because best race is just better than others - Hard to trust a horse in the Derby that struggles with adversity
2	2	Sierra Leone	- Impressive win in Blue Grass closing from way back into a hot pace; received a 98 Beyer - Beyers have improved each race so could be another forward move in KY Derby - Slow breaks/running style tough in KY Derby; Blue Grass winner hasn't won Derby since 1991
3	3	Catching Freedom	- Impressive last-to-first win in LA Derby; received a 97 Beyer - Much improved from professionalism standpoint; actually ran straight down the lane - Broke poorly and switched leads mid-stretch, so still some things to work on before KY Derby
4	4	Forever Young	- Won the UAE Derby with a strong kick after being wide on both turns; pulled away late - Should appreciate stretching out in distance - Path to the Derby has not been successful to this point
5	5	Honor Marie	- Showed nice closing kick to get 2nd in LA Derby behind Catching Freedom; received 96 Beyer - Has now run really well in all three starts on fast tracks; two losses were in the slop - Slow breaks and running style could compromise winning chances in KY Derby
6	6	Just a Touch	- Nice 2nd in the Blue Grass to Sierra Leone after chasing a hot pace; received a 96 Beyer - Lightly races and still improving; tactical enough to work out a good trip in KY Derby - Going into the Gotham and Blue Grass I had distance questions and still do for 10f
7	9	Just Steel	- Nice bounceback race finishing 2nd to Muth in the Arkansas Derby; received a 95 Beyer - Likes to run 2nd so may not be a top win contender, but could be a solid board horse - Hasn't been able to make up ground on the winners in last 4 races
8	7	Stronghold	- Tough, grinding win in the Santa Anita Derby; paired up 89 Beyers - Will definitely need to move forward but still has some upside - Might not be fast enough to compete on win end, but could be tactical enough to get a trip
9	N/A	Encino	- Solid win on the front-end in the Lexington; showed fight to the wire; received 94 Beyer - Seems to be steadily improving; moved forward first time on the dirt - Showed he can win coming off the pace two back which may be the trip he gets in the Derby
10	8	Mystik Dan	- 3rd in the Arkansas Derby behind Muth; didn't have the best trip and was too far back - Win 2 back in Southwest cae out of nowhere; not as good in other routes - Questions around whether trip, bias, and off-track contributed to top performance
By Pete Visco As-Of 04/21/24		Next Up (No Order):	Domestic Product , Endlessly, Track Phantom, Catalytic, Dornoch, Resilience, Epic Ride, T O Passwordm Grand Mo the First
		Fell Out of Top 10:	Endlessly
		Fell Out of Next Up:	Deterministic