

SATURDAY May 2, 2026

Race 4 –Derby City Distaff

Nick Style Selections

#5 Splendor
#6 R Disaster
#4 Ways and Means

Wagers

Win on Splendor. Key Splendor top and bottom in exactas.

Race 5-The Turf Sprint

Nick Style Selections

#5 Possiblemente
#3 My Boy Prince
#7 Yellow Card

Wagers

Box all three in an Exacta,

Race 6-The Knicks Go

Nick Style Selections

#6 Tour Player
#10 Capital Idea

Wagers

Win and Place on Tour Player. Box both in an Exacta.

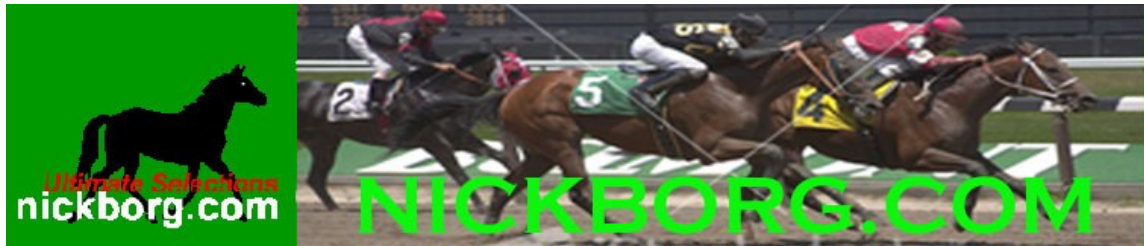
Race 7 –The Churchill Distaff - Turf

Nick Style Selections

#3 Portfolio Duration
#8 Pin Up Betty
#2 Sweet Rebecca

Wagers

Box all three in an exacta.



Race 8-The Pat Day Mile

Nick Style Selections

- #6 Crude Velocity
- #9 Lockstocknpharoah
- #1 Englishman

Wagers

Play Lockstocknpharoah to Place and Show
Box all three in an exacta.

Race 9- American Turf

Nick Style Selections

- #4 Stark Contrast.**
- #8 Greenwich Village
- #12 Remember Mamba

Wagers

Play Stark Contrast to Win and Place
Box all three in an exacta

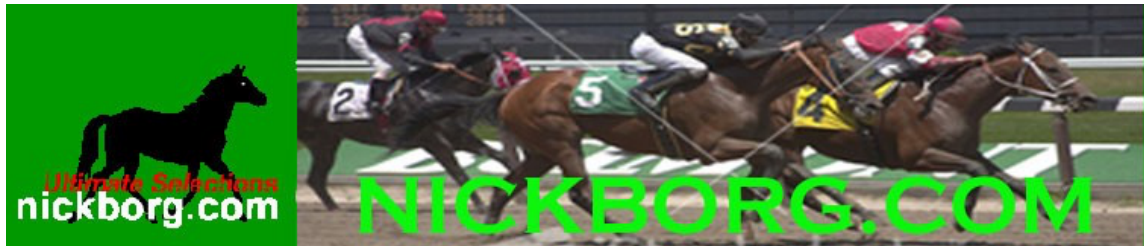
Race 10-Churchill Downs

Nick Style Selections

- #6 Knightsbridge
- #5 Disruptor
- #11 Point Dume (5,6,11 box)
- #3 Macho Music (long shot)

Wagers

Box top three in an exacta
Box all four in a trifecta.



Race 11-Turf Classic

Nick Style Selections

- #9 Test Score
- #1 Corruption
- #3 Asbury Park
- #4 Program Trading

Wagers

Win and Place on Test Score
Box all 4 in a Trifecta

Race 12 – The Kentucky Derby

Nick's Ultimate Derby System Selection is: **Commandment**
And the family agrees: Sheryl Borg and Nicky Borg pick **Commandment**.

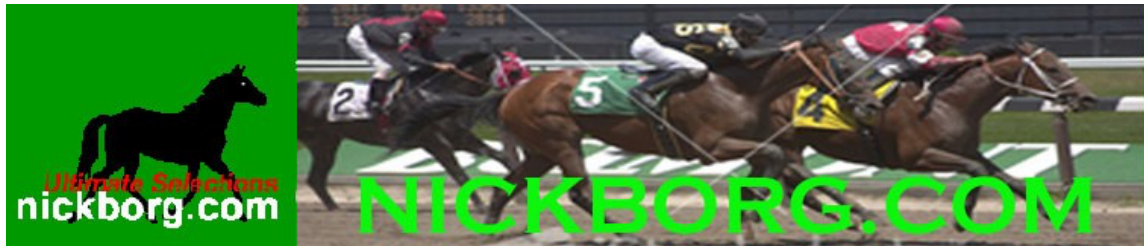
Nick Style Selections

- #6 Commandment
- #12 Chief Wallabee
- # 19 Golden Tempo
- #1 Renegade
- #9 The Puma
- #15 Emerging Market

Wagers

Win and Place on Commandment
Trifecta:
6, 12, 19
1, 6, 12, 19
1, 6, 9, 12, 15, 19

See Derby Analysis by Jim Kachulis on page 4 and race day selections from Tinman and Jim Amoroso on page 5.



2026 Kentucky Derby Analysis

by Jim Kachulis

A very talented Derby field is the case this year with several possible superstars on the horizon. Getting the narrow decision is **SO HAPPY** who has a flawless record outside of the loss to some of these same rivals in California. In that defeat, he was used unnecessarily for the lead and his chances would increase dramatically now if positioned just off the front-runners. This is not the first rodeo for veteran jockey Mike Smith. The winner of that event, **POTENTE**, is listed at 20-1 on the morning line and that seems unrealistic as this \$2.4 million purchase has recently turned in a world-class workout over the Churchill Downs soil. **FURTHER ADO** has matured at the right time for trainer Brad Cox who has enjoyed a banner year. The colt had ideal race flow when winning the G1 Blue Grass by a pole but jockey Ortiz, who was in the irons that day, curiously lands on rail runner **RENEGADE**. Hall of Fame rider John Velazquez will reserve his mount for the right moment. Also worth major consideration is **THE PUMA** who ran down **Further Ado** with a rare late burst in the Tampa Derby before losing by inches in the Florida Derby at Gulfstream.

Special note: This was written well before late scratches are announced and that is one of key elements in the thoroughbred handicapping game. As in years past, pay strict attention if one of the also-eligibles happens to break into the line-up.

Finally, with its 20-horse field, the Derby is a unique betting proposition in so many respects. The superfecta can pay six figures because of the many combinations (even if one of the favorites is in the mix). Unfortunately, the wager at Churchill is set at a \$1 minimum. No matter what your preference, it is still worth an investment. A five-horse superfecta box costs \$120.

Our selection towards that end:1-8-9-14-18.

Good luck to one and all.

JK



May 2: Kentucky Derby Card Guest Handicappers

Jim Amoroso

- 5th race: Possiblemente, It's Bourbon, My Boy Prince.
7th race: **Italian Soiree**, Classic Q, Maggie Go (*best bet Italian Soiree*)
8th race: Trouble Calling, Englishman, Secured Freedom
9th race: Stark Contrast, Alpyland, Honey Dutch
10th race: Knightsbridge. Point Dume, Crazy Mason.
11th race: Mercante, Rhetorical, Gold Phoenix (*Long shot bet: Mercante*)
12th race: Incredibolt, Chief Wallabee, Albus

Tinman

- Race 1:** #3 Silent Way, #6 Cromwell
Bet – Cromwell to win/place Box 3/6 in exact.
Daily Double 1/2
Race 1 #3 Silent Way #6 Cromwell
Race 2 #1 Out of the Woods, #8 Taptastic #9, Our Money Man
- Race 2:** #1 Out of the Woods, #8 Taptastic, #9 Our Money Man
Bet - all three in exactas.
- Race 8:** #1 English Man, #7 Crown the Buckeye, #11 One More Freud
Bet Box in exacts #1 English Man #7 Crown the Buckeye #11 One More Freud
- Race 9:** #4 Stark Contrast, #7 Alpyland, #12 Remember Mamba
Bet -- Box in exacts #4 Stark Contrast #7 Alpyland #12 Remember Mamba
Pick 4 races 9-12
Race 9 #4 Stark Contrast #7 Alpyland #12 Remember Mamba
Race 10 #6 Knightsbridge #2 Cornucopian
Race 11 #6 Rhetorical #4 Program Trading #9 Test Score
Race 12 #6 Commandment #9 The Puma #18 Further Ado
- Race 10:** #6 Knightsbridge, #2 Cornucopian, #5 Disruptor
Bet -- Box in Tri 6 Knightsbridge #2 Cornucopian #5 Disruptor
- Race 11:** #6 Rhetorical, #4 Program Trading, #9 Test Score, #7 Gold Phoenix
- Race 12:** #6 Commandment, #9 The Puma, #18 Further Ado, #1 Renegade
Bet Exacta box #6 Commandment #9 The Puma #18 Further Ado #1 Renegade