

THE PICKS

THE GOVERNOR LIKES A LONG SHOT, THE FIRST LADY LIKES THE FILLY AND KENNY MAYNE LIKES THEM ALL

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DEAN'S KITTEN

Place: Noble's Promise
Show: Devil May Care

Governor Steve Beshear and First Lady Jane Beshear: Dean's Kitten is a horse with strong Kentucky ties. Owners Ken and Sarah Ramsey live in the Lexington area, and trainer Michael Maker resides in Louisville. Noble's Promise has great experience and a great Kentucky trainer in Kenny McPeck. The First Lady is very excited about having a filly in the Derby; if she wins, Devil May Care will be just the fourth filly to wear the roses.



AWESOME ACT

Place: Devil May Care
Show: Stately Victor

Trey Grayson, secretary of state: His ability to be a strong closer in a race with lots of speed at the beginning will play to his advantage.



DEVIL MAY CARE

Place: Super Saver
Show: Stately Victor

Mayor Jim Newberry: Don't ever underestimate a Lexington filly.



SIDNEY'S CANDY

Place: Ice Box
Show: Dublin

Jerry Abramson, Louisville mayor: Our son's name is Sidney so it has to be at the top of my list.



DEVIL MAY CARE

Place: Lookin At Lucky
Show: Make Music for Me

Former mayor Teresa Isaac: Wishing Alexis Barba good luck with Make Music for Me. Seeing a good run for the filly and the favorite.



NOBLE'S PROMISE

Place: Discreetly Mine
Show: Dublin

Daniel Mongiardo, Lt. Governor: A friend from Eastern Kentucky is part of the Chasing Dreams ownership group.



STATELY VICTOR

Place: Awesome Act
Show: Lookin At Lucky

Jack Conway, attorney general: He will like the distance, is training well and will have a guardian angel pushing him across the finish line.



SIDNEY'S CANDY

Place: Awesome Act
Show: Mission Impazible

Lee Todd, University of Kentucky president: I have a brother-in-law named Sidney and I love candy.



SUPER SAVER

Place: American Lion
Show: Homeboykris

Vice Mayor Jim Gray: Rain or shine, it will be a good day in Kentucky!



BIG CUZ LIKES THE LADIES

WIN: DEVIL MAY CARE **Place:** Sidney's Candy **Show:** Lookin At Lucky

Former UK basketball star DeMarcus Cousins picks the filly to win "because ladies always come first!" He likes Sidney's Candy "because I'm sweet on that horse." And Lookin At Lucky will finish next "because luck has nothing to do with first place, it only gets you third place."



AWESOME ACT

Place: Lookin At Lucky
Show: Ice Box

Bill Finley, New York Times: With so much speed in the race, the Derby should be won by a horse who comes from off the pace.



AWESOME ACT

Place: Devil May Care
Show: Mission Impazible

Mark Johnson, Churchill announcer: Awesome Act had excuses in the Wood and now has a strong pace to tow him through the race.



DEVIL MAY CARE

Place: Awesome Act
Show: Lookin At Lucky

Mike Watchmaker: It's a very average group, and I wanted a new face. Her closing style fits the pace scenario, and she loves an off track.



ICE BOX

Place: Dublin
Show: Devil May Care

William Nack: He has a great Derby pedigree and a come-from-behind style that will prosper off the hot early pace.



PADDY O'PRADO

Place: Dublin
Show: Lookin At Lucky

Maryjean Wall, maryjeanwall.com: Paddy had a stellar workout over a sloppy Churchill track and there's more rain in the forecast Saturday.



MISSION IMPAZIBLE

Place: Super Saver
Show: Paddy O'Prado

John Clay, Herald-Leader: Todd Pletcher is notoriously overdue, and few have noticed how well his Mission Impazible has trained.



SIDNEY'S CANDY

Place: Devil May Care
Show: Lookin At Lucky

Jennie Rees, Courier-Journal: Sidney's Candy could be a serious horse, and the post won't matter.



HOMEBOYKRIS

Place: American Lion
Show: Super Saver

Bob Costas, NBC: Because of a Joe Torre connection, I'll take a stab and justify it by saying Mine That Bird and Giacomo both won at 50-1.



SIDNEY'S CANDY

Place: Noble's Promise
Show: Mission Impazible

Tom Leach, UK announcer: With all of the rain that is forecast, the speed may hold better than people think.



LOOKIN AT LUCKY

Place: Stately Victor
Show: Dublin

Kyle Macy, former UK basketball star: You have to be a little lucky to win the Derby! A safe choice to bet a favorite.



LOOKIN AT LUCKY

Place: Conveyance
Show: Mission Impazible

Alan Stein, Legends president: Was on a plane last week with Bob Baffert and he was smiling a lot. Another 1-2-3 Kentucky-bred sweep.



DEVIL MAY CARE

Place: Super Saver
Show: Mission Impazible

Matthew Mitchell, UK women's basketball coach: My wife Jenna and I love this filly! We think she's going to outrun the boys!

COACH CAL'S TRIFECTA BOX

**Awesome Act Sidney's Candy
Super Saver Lookin At Lucky**

UK basketball coach John Calipari says the likely sloppy track will turn the Kentucky Derby into "craziness," but these are the four horses to put in your trifecta box. He adds the disclaimer that his pick last year was Friesan Fire, who ended up 18th in the 19-horse field.



ICE BOX

Place: Super Saver
Show: Devil May Care

WLEX-18 meteorologist Bill Meck: The running joke is I bet on horses based on weather themes. Ice Box is as close as we get this year.



LOOKIN AT LUCKY

Place: Super Saver
Show: Ice Box

Alicia Wincze, Herald-Leader: For my money, no horse has looked better leading up to the race than Lucky.



LOOKIN AT LUCKY

Place: Paddy O'Prado
Show: Awesome Act

Rick Bozich, Courier-Journal: Baffert's colt hasn't gotten many breaks, but he's good enough to outrun the obstacles and this field.



ICE BOX

Place: Mission Impazible
Show: Lookin At Lucky

Kenny Rice, NBC: Nick Zito strikes gold again with a strong closer chasing plenty of pace to set up the stretch drive.



AWESOME ACT

Place: Lookin At Lucky
Show: Noble's Promise

Jeannine Edwards, ESPN: He'll get a quick pace. Leparoux will keep him covered up and his turn of foot will come in handy.



NOBLE'S PROMISE

Place: Ice Box
Show: Dublin

Hank Goldberg, ESPN: Going with value here. Lookin At Lucky is 3-1. This horse is 12-1 and just as good. And he's not stuck on the rail.



KENNY GOES ALL IN!

Win: All
Place: Super Saver
Show: Devil May Care

ESPN's Kenny Mayne says "It'll all make sense."