

## Kentucky Derby Picks From Our Paddocks



In the midst of a slow Kentucky Derby week, Michael and Little Silver Charm thought they'd predict which horse some of our retirees might be rooting for in this year's odd edition.

Who's our most savvy handicapper?  
Let the best horse win!

1. **FINNICK THE FIERCE**: Of course, the one-eyed horses stick together to prove that they see more out of one than humans see out of two. **PATCH** and **POLLARD'S VISION** hope he wins for the team.
2. **MAX PLAYER**: This son of Honor Code is managed by George Hall, a Versailles neighbor, so he's selected by **LINE OF DAVID** who boards at Alfred Nuckols' Hurstland Farm in Woodford County.
3. **ENFORCEABLE**: One of great Tapit's sons, he's endorsed by **JIMBO FALLON** because grays need to stick together.
4. **STORM THE COURT**: This Gulch grandson might prefer the grass but, nevertheless, **EINSTEIN**, who could run on anything, is sticking with him.
5. **MAJOR FED**: Our **TOUCH GOLD** loves Major Fed because he was bred over at Adena Springs, TG's old stomping grounds, and they owe a lot to the home team.
6. **KING GUILLERMO**: ~~Aside from my personal fondness for former Boston Red Sox star and KG's owner, Victor Martinez, I won't let that interfere with **SARAVA**'s selection. They didn't give Sarava much of a chance in his Belmont against War Emblem and look what happened there.~~
7. **MONEY MOVES**: Out of a Proud Citizen mare, MM traces his roots back to Airdrie Stud. All of Old Friends retirees owe a lot to Brereton and Libby Jones. If it were not for their support, there might not be an Old Friends. **SUMMER ATTRACTION**, who everyone said shouldn't run in the 1999 Sanford Stakes (they were right), loves Money Moves.
8. **SOUTH BEND**: My best friend, John Ciccolo, went to Notre Dame, and has donated money and cars and all sorts of stuff to Old Friends. He's also the selection of **PADUA'S PRIDE** who's built like a Fightin' Irish fullback.
9. **MR.BIG NEWS**: As an old newspaper man, I think this Giant's Causeway son, has a very appealing name. And, while seemingly bred for the grass, he should love the distance if not the dirt. **LITTLE MIKE** hopes he makes headlines.
10. **THOUSAND WORDS**: This is our 1997 Derby winner's selection. Both Words and **SILVER CHARM** studied under Bob Baffert, husband of Old Friends board member, Jill Baffert, and Silver Charm knows that's like going to Harvard for Thoroughbreds.
11. **NECKER ISLAND**: Not many handicappers think that this son of Hard Spun has enough stamina or talent to win a big race. That's what they said about many Old Friends retirees, including **BIRDSTONE**, who is rooting for NI. They said Birdstone couldn't beat Smarty Jones in the Belmont. So there.
12. **SOLE VOLANTE**: Flaxman Holdings knows what they're doing with their horse. And Karakontie (JPN) has become a breeding star at Gainesway. He's a longshot with a legitimate chance to win and is fully supported by another excellent gelding, **AFFIRMED SUCCESS**.
13. **ATTACHMENT RATE**: Time is on his side and he really profits from the May-September switch. Some Thoroughbreds take a little longer to mature, just ask **HOGY** and **SOI PHET**, who are putting their hay on AR.
14. **WINNING IMPRESSION**: **ST. ALOYSIUS** hopes this son of Paynter will live up to his name in the Derby. SA was also trained by Dallas Stewart Some handicappers think he doesn't have a prayer but he's got a saint on his side. What more does he need?
15. **NY TRAFFIC**: Who doesn't love this hard-trying New York-bred? In fact, he's aiming to run neck and neck with the "other" N.Y.-bred. All of his New York pals, including **KING KREESA**, are rooting for their hometown hero.
16. **HONOR A.P.**: Trainer John Shirreffs and his wife, Dottie, have supported Old Friends since the beginning. **CHERONO**, a Shirreffs retiree, along with owner Jerry Moss, is cheering very hard for this son of Honor Code.
17. **TIZ THE LAW**: While **SARATOGA EPISODE**, an Old Friends retiree from Jack Knowlton and Sackatoga, hates eating chalk, he'll be rooting hard for the latest Sackatoga superstar. Ever since we started Old Friends, Jack has donated a lot of money and support to both our home in Kentucky and Old Friends at Cabin Creek.
- 18: **AUTHENTIC**: The double Old Friends connection - Baffert and Blum - should serve Authentic very well. Bob has supported his Old Friends retirees and others for a long time and Peter owned one of our favorites, Academy Award. Authentic will be cheered on by one of our great stars, **GAME ON DUDE**.