

HORSE RACING NATION'S KENTUCKY DERBY *SUPER SCREENER*

INTRODUCTION

There are countless ways to dissect the probable Kentucky Derby field in search of the ultimate winner. Dosage Index, Dual Qualifier status, pedigree, Speed Ratings, prep race quality, Graded Stakes wins, workouts days before the Derby and a trainer's Derby record are just a few of the criteria that people use when assessing a field of probable Derby contenders. These types of factors fall in and out of favor over the years and each has had its share of success in helping track down a Kentucky Derby winner.

Each year, we are reminded of other important, proven screening criteria we should keep in mind as we handicap the Kentucky Derby. Examples would include the following:

- Don't bet to win on Derby entrants that have never run as a 2 year-old
- Only one horse (**Regret**) has ever won the Derby off just 3 lifetime starts (make that only two horses now that **Big Brown** achieved this feat in 2008)
- Post position 20 has never produced a winner (**Big Brown** busted that one as well)
- Must have a final prep race run at the mile and eighth distance (**Charismatic** was able to break that barrier in winning the 1999 Kentucky Derby as have several second place Derby finishers)
- Must have a prep race in April (Yep, **Big Brown** defied that rule, too, and more recently, **Animal Kingdom** submitted his last prep in March via the Spiral Stakes)
- Discount horses that completed their final preps on synthetic tracks or turf courses (**Street Sense** and **Animal Kingdom** broke through that potential barrier to win the 2007 and 2011 editions of the Kentucky Derby, respectively)
- Avoid wire-to-wire types when searching for your Kentucky Derby winner (though it has been 10 years, Bob Baffert-trained **War Emblem** never looked back while taking the 2002 Kentucky Derby field gate to wire)

It's not to say that these criteria aren't useful, but if followed blindly, it would have lead to eliminating Kentucky Derby winners like **Big Brown** and **War Emblem** and potentially several very hittable long shot second place finishers in past runnings of the Kentucky Derby.

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Several years ago, we went on a search for a more reliable, yet flexible, set of screening criteria through which we could identify (and eliminate), with greater confidence, Kentucky Derby win and in-the-money contenders. This would be a system that would allow for "getting smarter" based on new data. **We at Horse Racing Nation believe we have found a superior, flexible screening methodology that we are excited to share with you as we continue on the trail to the Kentucky Derby. Welcome to the powerful tool we call the Horse Racing Nation Kentucky Derby *Super Screener*.**

Several years ago, we conducted an extensive research study (that is updated each year) to see if we could uncover a set of highly effective screening criteria which are unique to the Kentucky Derby.

For an effective Kentucky Derby **Super Screener** we wanted to develop a powerful set of rules that...

- Are based on evaluating the “**how**” a horse has run leading up to the Derby versus, the far less important, “**where**” he finished and in “**what**” time he completed the race.
- **Compare the Kentucky Derby field to time-tested, reliable “benchmarks of performance” produced by past Derby winners** centering on the key “how’s” that led to their victory.
- Consistently **separate horses that will finish in the top half of the field versus those that will finish in the bottom half** of the field.
- **Tosses vulnerable low-priced horses** or rank them in the bottom half of the field.
- **Isolates bombers** with the best chance to hit the board.
- Identify the three horses to **hit the trifecta within the top seven horses** as ranked by the **Super Screener**.

THE STUDY

As we learned in conducting the **Kentucky Derby Super Screener** research study, pace figures were critical to the development of exceptional screening criteria that effectively separates contenders from pretenders. We used BRIS pace and speed ratings because they provide a consistent framework of pace and speed figures going back many years.

For this study, we went as far back as 1994 when Go For Gin took down the Kentucky Derby. For every year from 1994 and forward, we extracted the BRIS Pace and Speed Ratings for each Kentucky Derby winner’s two races leading up to the Run for the Roses. You never want to look back more than two races prior to the Derby in applying the **Super Screener** criteria. This race requires recent sharp form displayed over a distance of ground.

Our next step was to compare the top half finishers from the bottom half finishers of the field paying particular attention to the short-priced horses that ended up in the bottom half and long shots that finished in the top four. We wanted to understand what factors beyond final speed ratings best separates the top from the bottom.

Finally, we then compared the running lines of all Kentucky Derby winners to one another (see the table below) to uncover reliable performance benchmarks against which all future Kentucky Derby contenders will be screened. That final step completed the formulation of our **Super Screener** criteria.

All past performances services providers offer great products and we at Horse Racing Nation use several of these productive information sources. For the sake of consistency, we have used BRIS past performances data as the data source from which our **Super Screener** criteria was built. Over the years, **we began to see consistent patterns emerge in the pace and speed rating values and configurations generated by Derby winners (and in-the-money finishers) in their final prep races.**

BRISNET provides access to the PP's of any horse in their database, so we decided to go back and examine the BRIS PP's for every Derby winner over the past 18 years.

We quickly assessed that you only need to consider the final two prep races run prior to the Derby to draw solid win contender conclusions. Let's take a look at a summary of the past 18 Kentucky Derby winners and the pace lines and speed ratings of their final two prep races.

**PAST 18 KENTUCKY DERBY WINNERS
PACE LINES AND SPEED RATINGS OF TWO PRIOR PREP RACES
(data source: BRISNET)**

YEAR	DERBY WINNER	PREP RACE DISTANCE	TWO PRIOR PREP RACES PACE/FINAL TIME RUNNING LINES			
			1 st Call	2 nd Call	Late Pace	Speed Rating
1994*	Go For Gin	1 1/8	90	103	101	104
		1 1/8	91	103	102	105
1995	Thunder Gulch	1 1/8	73	84	109	98
		1 1/8	86	97	103	103
1996	Grindstone	1 1/8	76	90	103	101
		1 1/16	94	95	106	102
1997	Silver Charm	1 1/8	108	115	84	102
		1 1/16	92	98	94	98
1998	Real Quiet	1 1/8	88	103	105	107
		1 1/16	87	99	102	103
1999	Charismatic	1 1/16	83	95	109	104
		1 1/8	85	93	92	94
2000	Fusaichi Pegasus	1 1/8	98	108	106	110
		1 1/16	100	106	96	103
2001	Monarchos	1 1/8	93	107	103	108
		1 1/8	87	107	103	108
2002	War Emblem	1 1/8	95	105	107	109
		1 mile	107	115	91	105
2003	Funny Cide	1 1/8	97	110	106	111
		1 1/16	98	116	86	103
2004*	Smarty Jones	1 1/8	94	101	104	105
		1 1/16	84	96	116	109
2005	Giacomo	1 1/8	83	96	101	100
		1 1/16	85	96	93	96
2006	Barbaro	1 1/8	89	101	103	104
		1 1/8	108	117	87	104
2007	Street Sense	1 1/8 syn.	72	78	113	98
		1 1/16	76	90	116	105
2008	Big Brown	1 1/8	107	117	98	110
		1 mile	96	105	96	102
2009*	Mine That Bird	1 1/8	81	89	79	88
		1 1/16	82	82	86	87
2010*	Super Saver	1 1/8	89	97	96	99
		1 1/16	97	103	92	99
2011	Animal Kingdom	1 1/8 syn	76	84	101	97
		1 mile T	86	102	89	96
2012	?					

* Sloppy track

The Late Pace number may require some explanation for those of you not familiar with BRIS figures. Late Pace represents the time run from the second call to the finish of the race. In a 1 1/8 mile race, that would be the final 3 furlongs. The higher the number, the faster the horse was closing in the final stage of the race.

The first **Super Screener** pattern that emerges helps eliminate vulnerable short-priced Derby favorites every year. **The Derby is won primarily by horses that have stamina in the final stages of the race.** This is indicated by the pattern of increasing values observed in the prep race pace lines of most Derby winners. We'll get to the exceptions shortly, especially, **Mine That Bird**.

Next, in looking at the final speed rating of the two prep races, we can quickly draw another **Super Screener** conclusion that has held true for 15 of the past 18 Kentucky Derby winners. **To be considered a win contender, the horse must have posted a final BRIS speed rating of 102 in one of the final two prep races. And, the difference in the final speed rating of the two prep races cannot exceed 10 points (none of the past 18 Kentucky Derby winners have violated this corollary rule).**

In just about every year, this screen alone can eliminate many contenders from win consideration. There are a few notable exceptions to this rule. The first is **Giacomo**. Best BRIS Speed Rating he could muster in the final preps was a **100**. So, in a race in which we anticipate a pace meltdown as we had in 2010, 2005, 2001 and 1996, drop the win contender **Super Screener** BRIS Speed Rating to **100** for closers only.

The other exceptions to this **Super Screener** variable happened to occur in the past three years when **Animal Kingdom** (final 2011 Derby prep BRIS Speed Rating = 97); **Super Saver** (final 2010 Derby prep BRIS Speed Rating = 99) and **Mine That Bird** (final 2009 Derby prep BRIS Speed Rating = 88). These three editions of the Kentucky Derby came up eerily similar.

1. How much did track conditions the past three years (soaked, sticky goo and drying out) play in the outcomes? While **Mine that Bird** made a good showing in the Preakness, the rest of his races in 2009 were mediocre at best. **Super Saver** never made an impact in his subsequent starts in 2010. **Animal Kingdom** was competitive in the Preakness Stakes but succumbed to injury coming out of the Belmont Stakes and was shelved for several months.
2. The 2009, 2010 and 2011, 3 year-old male crops were arguably three of the weakest in recent history. Just a handful of the top starters from both years were still racing by year's end. **Shackleford** and **Brilliant Speed** started in Breeders' Cup races last year. In 2010, it was **Lookin at Lucky** and turf star **Paddy 'O Prado**. **Musket Man** and **Summer Bird** were the only two horses from the 2009 Derby that made an impact in stakes races later that year.
3. Only three horses solidly passed our **Super Screener** criteria in 2009, **I Want Revenge**, **Dunkirk** and **Musket Man** (**Papa Clem** came close). **I Want Revenge** was scratched, **Dunkirk** ran a troubled mid-pack finish (though rebounded nicely in the Belmont Stakes), **Musket Man** finished 3rd and **Papa Clem** finished in 4th place.
4. In 2010, **Eskendereya** was the only horse to qualify solidly for the Derby win spot based on the **Super Screener** criteria but was a last minute defection from the Derby field. **Lookin at Lucky** defaulted into the top spot, but barely so. **Dean's Kitten** missed the top spot by a point but that was off turf and Polytrack preps.
5. In 2011, again, not a single horse solidly met the **Super Screener** criteria leaving us with, yet, another wide open field and a favorite (Dialed In) that went off at over 5-1 odds.

In conclusion, when you get the combination of weak Derby fields and/or sloppy/muddy track surfaces and/or no horse solidly passing the **Super Screener** criteria for the win spot, expect chaos to ensue. In years, like 2009, 2010 and 2011, you needed to consider the second tier horses to find your winner.

SUPER SCREENER EXAMPLE ANALYSIS – 2008 DERBY

Given that the 2009 the 2010 and 2011 Kentucky Derby results were plagued by weak fields and challenging track conditions, let's go back and take a look at the last Derby to be run on a completely dry track, the 2008 Kentucky Derby, and apply our **Super Screener** criteria against the pace lines and final BRIS Speed Rating of each horse's two prep races to see how this played out.

THE 2008 KENTUCKY DERBY FIELD FINAL TWO PREP RACE **SUPER SCREENER** ANALYSIS (data source: BRISNET)

2008 DERBY FIELD (in Post Position order)	PREP RACE DISTANCE	TWO PRIOR PREP RACES				COMMENTS
		PACE LINE/FINAL SPEED RATINGS				
		1 st Call	2 nd Call	Late Pace	Speed Rating	
Cool Coal Man	1 1/8 syn	91	101	67	85	Not close to qualifying
	1 1/8	80	98	97	100	
Tale of Ekati	1 1/8	117	118	77	100	Marginal with those very strong pace figs but an in the \$ spot only
	1 1/16	72	82	101	92	
Anak Nakal	1 1/8	99	107	82	96	Not even close
	1 1/16	91	103	75	80	
Court Vision	1 1/8	85	103	89	98	Not a win contender and questionable for in \$ spot
	1 1/8	64	81	101	93	
Eight Belles	1 1/16	77	96	106	103	Strong win contender. Meets all criteria. Would prefer 1 1/8 preps
	1 1/16	74	89	106	99	
Z Fortune	1 1/8	84	93	103	100	Marginal but doesn't meet final fig criteria and no pace meltdown here
	1 1/16	90	103	80	92	
Big Truck	1 1/8 syn	85	91	74	83	Doesn't belong in this race. Owner has Derby fever.
	1 1/16	87	101	93	99	
Visionaire	1 1/8 syn	74	84	92	90	Way too slow...doesn't come close to any criteria
	1 1/16	Fog	Fog		100	
Pyro	1 1/8 syn	81	88	78	84	Doesn't come close and last was the big clue
	1 1/16	80	86	110	100	
Colonel John	1 1/8 syn	72	73	118	98	Late pace times are huge but will be too far back. Dirt?
	1 1/8 syn	58	62	115	90	
Z Humor	1 1/8	75	85	100	99	Not even close
	1 1/8	74	89	88	90	
Smooth Air	1 1/8	96	111	94	105	Doesn't meet front runner pace minimums.
	1 1/16	76	83	105	95	
Bob Black Jack	1 1/8 syn	79	85	106	97	Another who doesn't belong here
	1 1/16 syn	87	90	89	93	
Monba	1 1/8 syn	91	103	86	97	Showed nothing close to meeting the Super Screener
	1 1/8	77	84	31	55	
Adriano	1 1/8 syn	84	94	99	101	Good play against...not up to the test. 20-point gap in final preps
	1 1/8	75	85	75	81	
Denis of Cork	1 1/8	70	81	106	95	Does not meet Super Screener criteria. Did pair strong late pace figs. Bottom of exotics possibility.
	1 mile	76	94	101	99	
Cowboy Cal	1 1/8	94	105	84	96	Front runner had no

	1 1/16	106	112	74	94	chance...pace criteria not even close
Recapture the Glory	1 1/8	80	88	116	104	Just missed on the mid pace requirement of 90...in \$ contender
	1 1/16 turf	88	85	87	86	
Gayego	1 1/8	95	104	94	101	Front runner pace figs too weak especially in the 19 hole
	1 1/16 syn	86	90	91	94	
Big Brown	1 1/8	107	117	98	110	Absolutely dominant in meeting all stress criteria. 20 post no problem
	1 mile	96	105	96	102	

In applying Horse Racing Nation's **Super Screener** criteria, our top horses for the 2008 Derby were as follows, along with their actual finish in the race:

WIN CONTENDERS	ACTUAL DERBY FINISH
#1 Big Brown	First
#2 Eight Belles	Second
2nd Place to 4th Place Contenders	
#3 Tale of Ekati	Fourth
#4 Recapture the Glory	Fifth
#5 Z Fortune	Tenth
#6 Colonel John	Sixth
#7 Denis of Cork	Third

The exacta was picked cold and the Trifecta and Superfecta bottom horses were all selected. None of top seven ranked horses finished in the back half of the field though Z Fortune made it close!

One more interesting observation and potential **Super Screener** criteria is the **pairing of triple digit BRIS Late Pace figures in the final two prep races.** This type of stamina consistency is critical in identifying the most likely in-the-money contenders of all the closers entered in the field.

As a side note, none of the horses that prepped on synthetic race surfaces that year came close to hitting the board. Now, none of these horses met the **Super Screener** criteria either, which may have contributed more to their failure than the surface they prepped on. **Street Sense, Hard Spun** and **Animal Kingdom** have proven that preps on synthetics should be considered but only if horses have proven they can race or work just as well on dirt. With the change to a dirt surface at Santa Anita, we'll see far fewer synthetic specialists making their way to the Derby in the years to come.

SUMMARY OF THE SUPER SCREENER CRITERIA

No tool or set of rules can replace great creative handicapping (e.g. Denis of Cork was cutting up the CD surface in the mornings leading up to the 2008 Derby and he paired two triple digit BRIS Late Pace figs. in his final preps making him a stronger "hit-the-board" contender) but, versus some of the old stand bys, **it appears we have developed a "Super Screener" that focuses on the most critical differentiators that**

best identify the winner and the in-the-money contenders of the most difficult race in the sport to win.

We believe the primary reason our *Super Screener* has proven to be so useful over the years is because in this particular race, young horses are being asked to do something they will never have to do again... run a 1 ¼ for the first time, do so in a huge field and against fortitude-testing pace lines.

Let's summarize the key *Super Screener* criteria for picking the Kentucky Derby winner:

1. Use **ONLY** the two most recent prep races in applying the *Super Screener* (If last two trips were horrendous, you can select the two best prior races run at 1 1/16th miles or longer).
2. Discount or ignore prep races that were run loose on the lead especially on sloppy track surfaces.
3. Derby win contenders must post a BRIS speed rating of at least 102 in one of their final two prep races. Exception: In a race with an anticipated pace meltdown, closers can qualify with a 100 BRIS speed rating (1 1/8 miles distance) posted in one of the final prep races. Note, in those cases in which none of the horses in a Derby field with a pace meltdown set up posted a BRIS Speed Rating of at least 102 in their final prep, drop the final BRIS Speed Rating requirement to 97+ (run at 1 1/8+ distance). Especially if the final prep BRIS Speed Rating was earned on a synthetic surface.
4. The difference between final speed ratings of the two prep races cannot exceed 10 points.
5. For closer types, demand a BRIS 2nd call pace figure of at least 90 and for both the late pace figure and speed rating, you must see at least a minimum rating of 100 (see exception in Rule #3)
6. – 10.

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This *Super Screener* criteria has identified the top Derby contenders in each of the past 18 years (exception being 2009) and it effectively eliminates non contenders and it is particularly strong at eliminating vulnerable shorter-priced horses from the win spot. Use it with confidence to pick your 2012 Kentucky Derby winner and Trifecta/Superfecta contenders!

A RECAP OF 2011 KENTUCKY DERBY AND SUPER SCREENER ANALYSIS

Who could possibly forget the exciting finish of the 2011 Kentucky Derby? The gutsy Shackleford led the field from the gate to the top of the stretch in leisurely fashion and it looked like he might even give the field the slip as they turned for home, but wait, here comes Nehro steadily eating into Shackleford's lead with every stride employing his lethal late kick. Hold on minute... who's that on the far outside exploding onto the scene mid-stretch to pass by them all? ...Why it was none other than Animal Kingdom, the Polytrack/turf horse that just dug deep into the Churchill Downs cuppy track surface and gobbled up his rivals while drawing away to a commanding and convincing victory.

Shortly thereafter, emails began pouring in from Kentucky Derby *Super Screener* buyers announcing that they had hit the Trifecta (\$3,952)!!! One group even cashed in

on the \$1 Superfecta that paid over \$24,000 using the Super Screener to catch the biggest score of their lives! Many couldn't believe we had the 21-1 shot, Animal Kingdom, ranked so high in our ratings and so prominently in our Super Screener recommended wagers.

Alright, let's take a step back in time to just 48 hours prior to post time for the 2011 Kentucky Derby. Here's an excerpt from our 2011 Kentucky Derby Super Screener that shows the final horse-by-horse analysis of the entire field.

<p style="text-align: center;">THE 2011 KENTUCKY DERBY FIELD HORSE RACING NATION KENTUCKY DERBY SUPER SCREENER ANALYSIS (pace and speed rating source: BRISNET)</p>								
POST POSITION/ PROGRAM NUMBER	2011 DERBY FIELD/ MORNING LINE ODDS	PREP RACE	DISTANCE	PACE LINE/FINAL SPEED RATING				COMMENTS
				1st Call Rating	2nd Call	Late Pace	Speed	
18	UNCLE MO 9-2	Wood Timely Writer	1 1/8 1 Mile	89 54	97 65	91 125	96 95	A decision on whether Uncle Mo will actually run in the Derby may not be made until as late as just hours before the Derby. Does that inspire confidence? I don't think so...plus...Surgery after the Breeders Cup?, Gastrointestinal Infection?, Gingerly handled? Distance?...the horse just isn't at his best right now. The other strike against him is his early energy distribution profile. This type just doesn't win the Derby unless they are in peak condition posting insane early pace figures in preps (see Silver Charm and Funny Cide above). I think it is far greater than 50% that he won't run in the Derby. Post Position 18 adds insult to injury.
8	DIALED IN 4-1	Florida Derby Optional CLM	1 1/8 1 1/8	81 69	98 80	99 112	101 98	Dialed In is the only horse that qualifies on nearly all of the Super Screener win criteria if we assume an honest to hot pace. Earned FL Derby figures against a strong speed bias. Nearly paired triple late pace figures in his final two preps. The 112 LP figure is the best of this bunch at the 1 1/8 distance. Working well and looking great. Terrific single in your exotic wagers. Top contender.
1	ARCHARCHARCH 10-1	Ark. Derby Rebel	1 1/8 1 1/16	81 90	92 102	102 92	99 98	Won the best prep race of the year in what looked like a Derby preview...deep, large field with an honest pace. Needed three more points in the Speed Rating category to meet the Super Screener win criteria. Only horse to have posted 90+ figures in all 2nd Call, Late Pace and Speed Rating categories. Put in some of the best works on the Churchill Downs surface. Live secondary win contender with great stamina. Has no choice but to drop back from that dreaded Post Position 1.
6	COMMA TO THE TOP 30-1	SA Derby San Felipe	1 1/8 1 1/16	84 103	88 107	103 70	98 89	Connections resolutely indicated before the SA Derby that he would get a well-deserved break and not go on to the Ky Derby. They even said he can't get the Derby distance! Looks like a case of "Derby fever" set in. Too bad, because this horse has no shot. A pace factor early and then fades. Confirmed front runner that doesn't come close to the meeting the Super Screener criteria.
7	PANTS ON FIRE 20-1	LA Derby Risen Star	1 1/8 1 1/16	92 65	96 82	93 95	97 89	As the pace and speed figures show, he ran a pretty solid effort in the Louisiana Derby posting 90's throughout. Still doesn't come close to the Super Screener pace figure requirements for front runners, however and has been off for 6 weeks. In addition, he has the type of stride that can't be interrupted. Unlikely here.
15	MIDNIGHT INTERLUDE 10-1	SA Derby MSW	1 1/8 1 Mile	81 92	84 98	108 86	98 92	Surprise winner of the Santa Anita Derby overcame a very slow pace and used a sharp late turn of foot to nip Comma To The Top at the wire. With Premier Pegasus and Jaycito scratched from the race, this one came up pretty weak relative to other preps. Still, any time a recent maiden graduate can post a 108 Late Pace figure in a Grade 1 stakes race, he has to be respected. Bob Baffert as the trainer doesn't hurt either. No race at 2 years old is a big knock. Still a bit green. Bottom of exotics contender.

17	SOLDAT 12-1	FL Derby Fountain of Youth	1 1/8 1 1/8	95 89	106 99	70 104	89 104	If we were to consider just Soldat's Fountain of Youth victory, he would have easily been the only horse to solidly meet the Super Screener criteria. Every horse can toss a bad race but that Florida Derby was disappointing. On top of that, the track favored his early energy distribution profile. After the race, it was reported that Soldat didn't like getting dirt kicked back in his face. Hello!...not going to get much better in the Ky Derby though CD surface will be kinder than GP on a hot, dry day. Needs to clear the field which seems unlikely. Misses on the 10-Point Speed Rating Difference criteria. If the track comes up sloppy/muddy move him way up.
2	BRILLIANT SPEED 30-1	Blue Grass Hallendale H	1 1/8 syn 1 1/16 Turf	71 78	80 85	109 96	97 91	Confirmed turf/synthetic specialist. Only tries on dirt were dreadful. While the 109 Late Pace figure was impressive, we have learned from Super Screening other synthetic/turf types in past Derbys that they fail to replicate "how" they ran their prep races when moving to dirt. Even so, this one doesn't qualify for the win spot on the 90+ 2nd Call Screener criteria. Can run all day long. Trainer acknowledges while works were strong on CD surface, ability to grab the dirt for this turfer in a race is a different story. Stamina and late kick make him a bottom of exotics contender. Also moves up if the track comes up off.
11	MASTER OF HOUNDS 30-1	UAE Derby BC Juv Turf	1 3/16 syn 1 Mile Turf	92	101	89	96	This year's mystery horse. Finished a game second in the UAE Derby in Dubai. Disappointed as the favorite in last year's BC Juvenile Turf race. Rest of his record is unremarkable. Has run only one race this year. Has never raced on dirt nor had to experience kick back. Is a front-running type among many other front runners and will face a faster pace than he has seen before. Only advantage he may have is a race at 1 3/16ths miles and facing a weak US-based crop. Can't eliminate but can't back with conviction.
19	NEHRO 6-1	Ark. Derby LA Derby	1 1/8 1 1/8	78 89	92 89	101 100	99 96	Best of the "marginal" Super Screener win contenders. Ran past Archarcharch after the wire in the best prep race of the year...the Arkansas Derby. Meets the Super Screener paired triple late pace figure criteria. Like the fact he replicated strong efforts at 1 1/8 miles on two different tracks in two of the best prep races of the year. Good win candidate and compares favorably to Dialed In. Too much too soon may be the only knock against this one and will have to overcome the disadvantaged 19 post. Less concerning for a closer surrounded by speed.
3	TWICE THE APPEAL 20-1	Sunland Derby Turf Par Derby	1 1/8 1 1/16	79 67	89 71	92 101	95 86	While this one doesn't meet any of the Super Screener criteria, he feels like one of those bombers that gets up for fourth in the Derby. Did not exit anything special and pace and speed ratings are anemic. Super Screener says...pass for the higher spots in your exotics. With Calvin Borel in the saddle, his odds will be lower than they should be.
13	MUCHO MACHO MAN 12-1	LA Derby Risen Star	1 1/8 1 1/16	88 71	90 85	98 107	96 97	One of the unluckiest horses on the Derby trail but definitely a tough character. The kind that can overcome trouble. The Derby distance is a very, very serious question mark especially if he is forwardly placed. Doesn't meet Super Screener criteria but doesn't miss by much. One to definitely include in the bottom of your exotic wagers but he needs to take back to have any shot at hitting the board. Screener is saying he won't run as good as his odds would suggest.
5	DECISIVE MOMENT 30-1	Spiral Risen Star	1 1/8 syn 1 1/16	84 74	89 84	91 97	94 91	Nothing to recommend here. Fails on all Super Screener criteria especially considering this one is a front running type. Another one that will contribute to the early pace but fade to the back of the field as they hit the mile marker. Toss.
16	ANIMAL KINGDOM 30-1	Spiral Optional CLM	1 1/8 syn 1 Mile Turf	76 86	84 102	101 89	97 96	Looked really sharp weaving deftly around horses on his way to a runaway victory in the Spiral Stakes. Pace and Speed Rating figures come up short of Super Screener criteria and this one has never run on dirt. Posted one of the best works on the Churchill Downs surface so dirt may not be a problematic as it will be for other synthetic/turf types running in the Derby. Becoming a more solid play at the bottom of your exotics.
4	STAY THIRSTY 20-1	FL Derby Gotham	1 1/8 1 1/16	92 69	100 81	63 106	82 95	Really disappointed in the Florida Derby. Violates the Super Screener "10 Point Difference in Speed Rating" rule. Pletcher is famous for turnaround horses that hit the board at huge odds in the Derby (Invisible Ink, Bluegrass Cat). Could this be one of those? Going to need a big turnaround to have any shot.
12	SANTIVA 30-1	Blue Grass Risen Star	1 1/8 syn 1 1/16	78 69	91 84	86 105	90 96	Got the worst of it trip wise in the Blue Grass Stakes. It appeared LeParoux had plenty of horse left once he got him untangled but it was too late. He's better than his last but anyway you slice it, he doesn't meet the Super Screener criteria for the win spot but a very live play underneath. The 105 Late Pace figure in the Risen Star suggests he'll pass a lot of tiring horses in the Derby field. Needs a fast track.
20	WATCH ME GO 50-1	Illinois Derby TB Derby	1 1/8 1 1/16	79 76	83 86	75 102	79 95	Surprised many in the very weak Tampa Bay Derby and then had the honor of posting the biggest flop of all Derby trail horses as he was trounced in the Illinois Derby. Super Screener says not a chance based on "how" he achieved both his success and failure. Post position 20 certainly doesn't help.

14	SHACKLEFORD 12-1	FL Derby Fountain of Youth	1 1/8 1 1/8	102 82	112 95	84 61	101 77	Clearly ran the race of a lifetime in the Florida Derby on a track that day that was super kind to early speed. His early Pace numbers earned that day are the best of this bunch. The shape of his prep races here look strikingly similar to Tale of Ekati's and that one finished 3rd in the Kentucky Derby. Seems likely to regress, however, and unlike for Tale of Ekati, stamina is a question. Favorable conditions to repeat his Florida Derby surprise are remote. Upon further inspection, tough to recommend. Maybe include at bottom of Superfectas.
10	TWINSPIRED 30-1	Blue Grass Spiral	1 1/8 syn 1 1/8 syn	82 75	95 77	95 96	97 90	Got into the Derby field through defections. Has done all his best running on synthetic surfaces. Lone dirt try was poor. Super Screener says there is not much to like about this one and other synthetic/turf specialists such as Animal Kingdom and Brilliant Speed look better.
9	DERBY KITTEN 30-1	Lexington Handicap	1 1/16 syn 1 Mile turf	80 78	86 79	104 103	96 90	Snuck in by virtue of defections and a recent victory in the Lexington Stakes. Appears to be a turf/synthetic surface horse. Does not qualify on Super Screener criteria. The 100+ late pace pairings are positive but must be discounted since one was earned at a mile. Also, since we can only rate on the 1 1/16 race, 2nd Call and Late Pace numbers fall short of Screener requirements. A remote possibility for a 4th place finish but others in here look better.

A RECAP OF 2011 DERBY FIELD *SUPER SCREENER* RESULTS

Indeed, it was a very good day for the *Super Screener* and a testament to the power of applying powerful *Super Screener* insights to both ranking the field and creating winning wagering ticket strategies. Here's a recap of how our projected order of finish for the top ranked horses compared to the actual outcome.

SUPER SCREENER PROJECTED ORDER OF FINISH	ACTUAL DERBY FINISH
HORSES THAT MET ALL SUPER SCREENER CRITERIA (TOP WIN CONTENDERS)	
NONE	
HORSES THAT MET AT LEAST ONE SUPER SCREENER CRITERIA AND CAME CLOSE ON OTHERS (MARGINAL WIN; STRONG PLACE CONTENDERS)	
#8 DIALED IN 5-1	8th
#19 NEHRO 8-1	2nd
#1 ARCHARCHARCH 12-1	15th
HORSES THAT WERE CLOSE TO MEETING AT LEAST ONE SUPER SCREENER CRITERIA (MARGINAL PLACE; STRONG 3rd/4th PLACE CONTENDERS)	
#15 MIDNIGHT INTERLUDE 9-1	16th
#16 ANIMAL KINGDOM 21-1	1st
#12 SANTIVA 35-1	6th
#13 MUCHO MACHO MAN 9-1	3rd
#3 TWICE THE APPEAL 12-1	10th

2011 KENTUCKY DERBY RECOMMENDED WAGERS RESULTS

Here's an excerpt of our recommended wagers feature that is included in the Kentucky Derby **Super Screener** book. While we always suggest using these recommendations as a guide to building your own wagering tickets, it sure helps when several of our proposed tickets cash for a nice pay off!

				PAID
\$50-60 Budget	SI Trifecta	1, 8, 19 with 1, 8, 15, 16, 19 with 1, 8, 12, 13, 15, 16, 19	\$60	\$1,976.20!
	SI Trifecta	1, 8, 15, 16, 19 with 1, 8, 19 with 1, 8, 12, 13, 15, 16, 19	\$60	
	SI Trifecta	1, 8, 12, 13, 15, 16, 19 with 1, 8, 15, 16, 19 with 1, 8, 19	\$60	
	SI Superfecta	8 with 1, 15, 19 with 1, 15, 16, 19 with 1, 3, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 19	\$54	
	SI Superfecta	1, 12, 15, 16 with 1, 12, 15, 16 with 1,8,12,13,15,16,19 with 1, 19	\$90	
\$100-200 Budget	SI Super. Box	1, 8, 15, 16, 19	\$120	
	SI Tri. Box	1, 8, 12, 15, 16, 19	\$120	
	SI Trifecta	1, 8, 19 with 1, 8, 12, 15, 16, 19 with 1, 3, 8, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 19	\$105	
	SI Superfecta	1, 19 with 8, 12, 15 with 1, 8, 12, 15, 16, 19 with 1, 3, 8, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 19	\$144	
	SI Superfecta	11, 12, 13, 15, 16 with 1, 8, 12, 13, 15, 16, 19 with 1, 8, 19 with 1, 8, 19	\$126	
	SI Trifecta	3, 11, 12, 16, 17 with 1, 8, 15, 19 with 1, 3, 4, 8, 9, 19	\$101	
				PAID \$1,976.20!
\$200-250 Budget	SI Trifecta	1, 8, 12, 15, 16, 19 with 1, 8, 12, 15, 16, 19 with 1, 2, 8, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 19	\$240	
	SI Trifecta	1, 2, 8, 12, 13, 15, 16, 19 with 1, 2, 3, 8, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 19 with 1, 8, 19	\$150	
	SI Superfecta	1, 8, 15, 19 with 3, 12, 13, 16 with 11, 2, 17, 4 with 9, 10, 14, 18	\$256	
	SI Superfecta	1, 8, 19 with 12, 15, 16 with 1, 8, 12, 13, 15, 16, 19 with 1, 8, 12, 13, 15, 16, 19	\$180	
	SI Trifecta	12, 15, 16 with 1, 8, 19 with 1, 8, 12, 13, 15, 16, 19	\$45	PAID
	SI Trifecta	3, 12, 13, 15, 16 with 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 12, 16 with 1, 8, 13, 15, 19	\$146	\$1,976.20!

WHAT BUYERS OF HRN's KENTUCKY DERBY SUPER SCREENER HAD TO SAY

Here's a sample of what last year's buyers of our Kentucky Derby Super Screener had to say about their experience using the exclusive insight only available from Horse Racing Nation.

Kentucky Derby Super Screener Fan Testimonials:

pcbowman · I bet two \$1 Trifectas out of the four available in the Super Screener high-end category and they both hit. Was looking for a potential good payout and avoided trying to hit a Superfecta which seems extremely difficult...at least to me. · 1 hour ago



Paul Bowman Will HRN have a Preakness Super Screener? I hope so...it paid out nicely yesterday. My wife was happy for the big Mother's Day win.
5 hours ago · Like

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From: "brooke a [REDACTED] <brookea[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>
To: mshutty@comcast.net
Sent: Saturday, May 7, 2011 7:56:34 PM
Subject: Re: Fwd: Kentucky Derby Picks

Hey Mike, I bet one of your \$60 Trifectas and won nearly \$2,000! Thanks for the tip!!!!

PS - The guy behind me and the guy behind him at the window also won (they bet the same as me they were so impressed with your picks. I told them to check out Horse Racing Nation. :)

THANKS AGAIN!

Sent: Monday, May 09, 2011 12:18 PM
To: mail@horseracingnation.com
Subject: Message from HorseRacingNation.com

The following message was received via the Contact Us page on HorseRacingNation.com:

Name: Doug Kavanagh
Email: [REDACTED]@yahoo.com

Message:

I'd like to thank Mike for his Super Screener. I hit the Tri with his suggested bets!!! I would never have played Animal Kingdom on my own. Next year you should consider a full card package that includes the screener.Thanks Again

From: Ron Bailey <RBAiley@[REDACTED].com>
Date: Tue, May 10, 2011 at 7:56 AM
Subject: RE: Derby 2011
To: Mark M [REDACTED]@i.com>

Mark, I used the input from the Super Screener to hit the Derby tri. And I did hit the Pick 4 for a cartel out of Cincy. Anyhow, the Super Screener really helped and I look forward to your Breeders' Cup edition.

Ron

From: "Julie" <julies[REDACTED]@roadrunner.com>
To: "mshutty" <mshutty@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, May 8, 2011 7:04:21 PM
Subject: I'm a Believer!

Dear Mike,

Hope you are resting up from a fun, memorable and profitable Kentucky Derby.

You've made a believer out of me. I won the \$1 Trifecta on a \$60 ticket!!

Thank you!

Julie

From: mr [REDACTED]@comcast.net
To: "Mike Shutty" <mshutty@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2011 11:28:22 AM
Subject: Super Screener

If it weren't for the Super Screener's high ranking of Animal Kingdom, I would have never included him in my tickets. Thanks for the great analysis!

--Neal O'Donnell

From: Betty Nightingale <b[REDACTED].com>
To: Super Screener <mail@superscreener.com>
Date: Sat, 7 May 2011 17:11:45 -0700 (PDT)
Subject: Re: Updated Super Screener

I followed the instructions in "Super Screener" and just hit a Derby Trifecta. I am enstatic. Will I be able to get your advice for the Preakness and Belmont? Next time I might even try a superfecta. Thanks again.

Betty Nightingale

☆ from frank [REDACTED]@tampabay.rr.com [hide details](#) 9:52 AM (1 hour ago) [Reply](#) ▼
to Immerse LLC <immersellc@gmail.com>
date Mon, May 9, 2011 at 9:52 AM
subject Re: Thank you for your order
mailed-by tampabay.rr.com

Thanks man,

Cashed on 1.00 tri , appreciate it , good investment , look forward to next year

frank

From: "Dennis Allen" <dallen@[REDACTED].com>
To: mshutty@[REDACTED].com
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2011 4:53:31 AM
Subject: Superfecta hit

Mike,
I purchased the Derby Super Screener this year for myself and 4 other co-workers. With the help of the screener along with some independent handicapping we hit the 1.00 superfecta at OBS in Ocala Fl.
Biggest win for any of us ever!

Thanks,
Dennv Allen

2012 SUPER SCREENER SNEAK PREVIEW!

The first of the two final prep races for Derby contenders are now history. The early Kentucky Derby favorite is **Union Rags** by virtue of his impressive 2012 debut in the G2 Fountain of Youth Stakes and his troubled but eye-catching second place finish in the 2011 Breeders' Cup Juvenile. In that race, **Union Rags** earned the following BRIS Pace and Speed Ratings:

2011 BC Juvenile--1 1/16 Miles—1st Call = 99; 2nd Call = 109; Late Pace = 93; Final = 103

Unlike most years, when the Breeders' Cup Juvenile fails to produce serious Derby Contenders, the 2011 edition's top 4 finishers (**Hansen, Union Rags, Creative Cause** and **Dullahan**) all rank near the top of our **Super Screener Preview Rankings**.

With just one prep race to go for each Kentucky Derby hopeful, here's how the **Super Screener** ranks the top Grades Stakes earners as of 4/6/12.

**2012 HRN's KENTUCKY DERBY SUPER SCREENER "ONE PREP TO GO"
PREVIEW RANKING**

KENTUCKY DERBY SUPER SCREENER PREVIEW RANK	HORSE	PREP RACE	DISTANCE	PREP RATING	RUNNING STYLE	PLACING
#1	Creative Cause	G2 San Felipe	1 1/16	A-	Off the Pace	1st
#2	Union Rags	G2 Fountain of Youth	1 1/16	B	Off the Pace	1st
#3	Alpha	G3 Withers	1 1/16	B+	Closer	1st
#4	Hansen	G3 Gotham	1 1/16	A	Wire to Wire	1st
#5	On Fire Baby (filly)	G3 Honeybee	1 1/16	C+	Presser	1st
#6	My Adonis	G3 Gotham	1 1/16	A	Presser	2nd
#7	Dullahan	G3 Palm Beach	1 1/8 Turf	C+	Closer	2nd
#8	El Padrino	G2 Risen Star	1 1/16	B	Off the Pace	1st
#9	Secret Circle	G2 Rebel G2 Tampa Bay	1 1/16	B+	Presser	1st
#10	Prospective	Derby	1 1/16	C+	Closer	1st
#11	Liaison	G2 San Felipe G2 Robert B.	1 1/16	A-	Closer	4th
#12	I'll Have Another	Lewis	1 1/16	C	Wire to Wire	1st
#13	Scatman	G2 Rebel	1 1/16	B+	Wire to Wire	3rd
#14	Rousing Sermon	G2 San Felipe	1 1/16	A-	Closer	5th
#15	Gemologist	Allowance	1 mile	D	Wire to Wire	1st
#16	Optimizer	G2 Rebel G3 El Camino	1 1/16	B+	Closer	2nd
#17	Daddy Nose Best	Real	1 1/8 Syn	C	Closer	1st
#18	Castaway	G3 Southwest G3 El Camino	1 mile	D	Wire to Wire	2nd
#19	Lucky Chappy	Real G2 Tampa Bay	1 1/8 Syn	C	Closer	2nd
#20	Battle Hardened	Derby	1 1/16	B+	Off the Pace	6th
#21	Sabercat	G2 Rebel	1 1/16	B+	Closer	8th
#22	Brother Francis	MSW	1 mile turf	F	Closer	3rd
#23	Currency Swap	Allowance	1 mile	F	Presser	2nd
#24	Mr. Bowling	G2 Risen Star	1 1/16	B	Off the Pace	11th

In the days that follow the running of the final major Derby preps on Saturday, April 14^h, we'll release for sale the initial Super Screening of the probable Kentucky Derby field. On Thursday, May 3rd, buyers of Horse Racing Nation's Derby **Super Screener** will receive an updated screening of the final field with Post Positions. And, we will include our ever-popular bonus material...the recommended **Super Screener** wagers for all budget levels complete with running lines of final two preps, analysis and comments, Super Screener criteria misses/hits and completely revised rankings!

Reserve your 2012 Horse Racing Nation Kentucky Derby Super Screener now! Order by Friday, March 30th, 2012 and receive a 15% early bird discount. Go to <http://www.superscreener.com/> and place your order now!

In the meantime, you can vote for your favorite Derby contenders, get the best Derby blog coverage anywhere, view all Derby prep race replays on one convenient wall, check out the Derby future wagers and PP's and so much more at Horse Racing Nation's [Kentucky Derby 2012 Contenders](#).

Remember, order your Super Screener NOW and don't miss out on what could be the score of a lifetime!

GO FAST AND WIN!

**2012 HRN's KENTUCKY DERBY SUPER SCREENER "FINAL PREPS TO GO"
PREVIEW RANKING**

**KENTUCKY DERBY
SUPER SCREENER**

PREVIEW RANK	HORSE	PREP RACE	DISTANCE	PREP RATING	RUNNING STYLE	PLACING
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#1	Creative Cause	G2 San Felipe	1 1/16	A-	Off the Pace	1st
#2	Union Rags	G1 Florida Dby	1 1/8	A-	Off the Pace	3rd
#3	Alpha	G3 Withers	1 1/16	B+	Closer	1st
#4	Hansen	G3 Gotham	1 1/16	A	Wire to Wire	1st
#5	Daddy Nose Best	G3 Sunland D.	1 1/8	B-	Closer	1st
#6	My Adonis	G3 Gotham	1 1/16	A	Presser	2nd
#7	El Padrino	G1 Florida Dby	1 1/8	A-	Off the Pace	4th
#8	Went the Day Well	G3 Spiral Stakes	1 1/8	C+	Off the Pace	1st
#9	Dullahan	G3 Palm Beach	1 1/8 Turf	C+	Closer	2nd
#10	Wrote	G2 Dubai Derby	1 1/8	B-	Off the Pace	3rd

#11	Daddy Long Legs	G2 Dubai Derby	1 1/8	B-	Presser	1st
#12	Secret Circle	G2 Rebel	1 1/16	B+	Presser	1st
#13	Prospective	G2 Tampa Bay	1 1/16	C+	Closer	1st
#14	Take Charge Indy	G1 Florida Dby	1 1/8	A-	Wire to Wire	1st
#15	Liaison	G2 San Felipe	1 1/16	A-	Closer	4th
#16	I'll Have Another	G2 RobertLewis	1 1/16	C	Wire to Wire	1st
#17	Rousing Sermon	G2 LA Derby	1 1/8	C	Closer	2nd
#18	Mark Valeski	G2 LA Derby	1 1/8	C	Presser	2nd
#19	Reveron	G1 Florida Derby	1 1/8	A-	Presser	2nd
#20	Optimizer	G2 Rebel	1 1/16	B+	Closer	2nd

#21	Isn't He Clever	G2 Sunland	1 1/8	B-	Off the Pace	2nd
#22	Trinniberg	G3 Swale Stakes	7 F	D	Wire to Wire	1st
#23	Sabercat	G2 Rebel	1 1/16	B+	Closer	8th
#24	Currency Swap	Allowance	1 mile	F	Presser	2nd
#25	Hero of Order	G2 LA Derby	1 1/8	C	Wire to Wire	1st
#26	Castaway	G3 Sunland D.	1 1/8	B-	Wire to Wire	7th