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12 Cathryn Sophia (E/P 5) 9 9/2 Green, Multi-colored Crown, Green Shamrocks On White CASTELLANO JAVIER (0 0-0-0 0%)	B. f. 3 FTMSEP 2014 \$30k Sire : Street Boss (Street Cry (IRE)) \$12,500 Dam: Sheave (Mineshaft) Brdr: Robert T Mantlos (MD) Trnr: Servis John C (0 0-0-0 0%)	rime Power: 147.1 (1st) Life: 5 4-0-1 2016 3 2-0-1 2015 2 2-0-0 CD 0 0-0-0	\$385,520 102 Fst (109) 5 4 - 0 - 1 \$385,520 102 \$255,520 99 Off (109) 0 0 - 0 - 0 0 \$0 \$0 \$17f (110) 0 0 - 0 - 0 0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$17f (110) 0 0 - 0 - 0 0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0
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★ Finished 3rd in last race ★ Best Dirt Speed is fastest among today's st ★ Hot Jockey in last 7 days (13 4-5-1)	tarters ② ② ② ②	ailed as favorite in last race Poor 'Graded Stakes'	trainer record: 7% wins 28 sts
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FAIR GROUNDS STAKES SCHEDULE

Date	Race	Grade	Purse	Restrictions	Surface	Distance
Saturday, Nov 18	Mr. Sulu Overnight Stakes (LA)		\$50,000	3&UP	Turf	1 Mile
,	Happy Ticket Overnight Stakes (LA)		\$50,000	F&M 3&UP	Dirt	6 Furlongs
	Heitai Overnight Stakes (LA)		\$50,000	3&UP	Dirt	6 Furlongs
	Si Cima Overnight Stakes (LA)		\$50,000	F&M 3&UP	Turf	1 Mile
Thursday, Nov 23	Thanksgiving Handicap		\$75,000	3&UP	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Saturday, Dec 2	Richard R. Scherer Memorial Overnight Stakes		\$50,000	F&M 3&UP	Turf	5 1/2 Furlongs
Friday, Dec 8	The Magic City Classic		\$40,000	3&UP	Turf	1 Mile
Saturday, Dec 9	LA Champions Day Handicap Stakes		\$50,000	3&UP	Turf	1 Mile
Saturday, Dec 9	LA Champions Day QH Juvenile Stakes	II		2YO		
	LA Champions Day QH Juvenile Stakes LA Champions Day QH Derby	III	\$100,000 \$100,000	3YO	Dirt Dirt	350 Yards 400 Yards
	LA Champions Day QH Classic	II	\$100,000	4&UP	Dirt	440 Yards
	LA Champions Day Ladies Turf		\$100,000	F&M 3&UP	Turf	1 1/16 Miles
	LA Champions Day Juvenile		\$100,000	2YO	Dirt	6 Furlongs
	LA Champions Day Sprint		\$100,000	3&UP	Dirt	6 Furlongs
	LA Champions Day Ladies Sprint		\$100,000	F&M 3&UP	Dirt	6 Furlongs
	LA Champions Day Lassie		\$100,000	F2YO	Dirt	6 Furlongs
	LA Champions Day Classic		\$150,000	3&UP	Dirt	1 1/8 Miles
	LA Champions Day Turf		\$100,000	3&UP	Turf	1 1/16 Miles
Saturday, Dec 16	Tenacious Stakes		\$75,000	3&UP	Dirt	1 Mile 70 Yards
	Bonapaw		\$75,000	3&UP	Turf	5 1/2 Furlongs
	Blushing Kid		\$75,000	F&M 3&UP	Turf	1 1/16 Miles
	Buddy Diliberto		\$75,000	3&UP	Turf	1 1/16 Miles
	Letellier Overnight Stakes		\$50,000	F2YO	Dirt	6 Furlongs
	Sugar Bowl Overnight Stakes		\$50,000	2YO	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Tuesday, Dec 26	Tiffany Lass Overnight Stakes		\$50,000	F&M 3&UP	Dirt	1 Mile 70 Yards
Saturday, Dec 30	Woodchopper		\$75,000	3YO	Turf	1 Mile
Saturday, Dec 30	Pago Hop		\$75,000	F3YO	Turf	1 Mile
Sunday, Dec 31	LA Futurity Boys (LA)		\$100,000	C&G2YO	Dirt	6 Furlongs
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Catumalan Iam 6	LA Futurity Girls (LA)					6 Furlongs 5 1/2 Furlongs
Saturday, Jan 6	Pan Zareta Overnight Stakes		\$50,000	F&M 4&UP	Turf	
Saturday, Jan 13	Lecomte Stakes (©) Silverbulletday 💥	III	\$200,000 \$150,000	3YO F3YO	Dirt Dirt	1 Mile 70 Yards 1 Mile 70 Yards
	Duncan F. Kenner Stakes		\$75,000	4&UP	Dirt	6 Furlongs
	Louisiana Stakes		\$75,000	4&UP	Dirt	1 1/16 Miles
		III		4&UP	Turf	1 1/16 Miles
	Col E.R. Bradley Handicap	III	\$125,000			
T 5 40	Marie G. Krantz Memorial Stakes		\$75,000	F&M 4&UP	Turf	1 1/16 Miles
Tuesday, Feb 13	Mardi Gras Stakes		\$75,000	F&M 4&UP	Turf	5 1/2 Furlongs
Saturday, Feb 17	Mineshaft Stakes Risen Star Stakes	III II	\$150,000 \$400,000	4&UP 3YO	Dirt Dirt	1 1/16 Miles 1 1/16 Miles
	Rachel Alexandra Stakes 💥	ii	\$200,000	F3YO	Dirt	1 1/16 Miles
	Fair Grounds Handicap	III	\$150,000	4&UP	Turf	1 1/ 8 Miles
	Colonel Power Overnight Stakes		\$50,000	4&UP	Turf	5 1/2 Furlongs
	Daisy Devine Stakes		\$75,000	F&M 4&UP	Turf	1 1/16 Miles
Saturday, Mar 3	Black Gold Overnight Stakes		\$50,000	3YO	Turf	1 Mile
	Dixie Poker Ace (LA)		\$60,000	4&UP	Tuf	1 Mile
Saturday, Mar 10	Allen Lacombe Overnight Stakes		\$50,000	F3YO	Turf	1 Mile
	Nelson J. Menard Memorial Overnight Stakes		\$50,000	F&M 4&UP	Turf	5 1/2 Furlongs
Saturday, Mar 17	Red Camilia		\$60,000	F&M 4&UP	Turf	1 Mile
Saturday, Mar 24	New Orleans Ladies Overnight Stakes		\$50,000	F&M 4&UP	Turf	1 1/16 Miles
	Costa Rising (LA)		\$60,000	4&UP	Turf	5 1/2 Furlongs
	Muniz Memorial Handicap	II	\$300,000	4&UP	Turf	1 1/8 Miles
	New Orleans Handicap	II.	\$400,000	4&UP	Dirt	1 1/8 Miles
	Fair Grounds Oaks 💥	 	\$400,000	F3YO	Dirt	1 1/16 Miles
	Louisiana Derby (©)	 I	\$1,000,000	3YO	Dirt	1 1/8 Miles
	Crescent City Derby (LA)	ı	\$75,000	3YO	Dirt	1 1/16 Miles
	Crescent City Derby (LA) Crescent City Oaks (LA)		\$75,000	F3YO	Dirt	1 Mile 70 Yards
Caturday Mar 21	-					
Saturday, Mar 31	Star Guitar (LA)		\$60,000	4&UP	Dirt	1 1/16 Miles



AT A GLANCE

A look at the full Fair Grounds meet: November 18, 2017 through March 18, 2018

AVG. WINNING ODDS: 5.00 - 1

FAVORITE WIN%: 36% **FAVORITE ITM%:** 74%

EXOTICS	PAYOFF
Exacta	82.58
Daily Double	84.48
Trifecta	574.49
Pick 3	574.03
Superfecta	3,322.34
Pick 4	5,453.29
Pick 5 Jackpot	36,543.51
Super High Five	4,536.01



TRACK BIAS MEET (11/18 - 03/18)

Distance	# Race	% Wire	Best Style	Best Posts
5.5fDirt	43	26%	E/P	Rail/Ins
6.0fDirt	211	29%	E	Rail/Ins
1 MileDirt	86	30%	E	Rail/Ins
1m 70yDirt	73	37%	E	Rail
Turf Sprint	83	25%	E/P	Inside
Turf Routes	145	16%	Р	Rail

TRACK BIAS WEEK (03/12 - 03/18)

Distance	# Race	% Wire	Best Style	Best Posts
5.5fDirt	2	0%		Ins/Mid
6.0fDirt	11	45%		Rail/Ins
1 MileDirt	4	50%		Inside
1m 70yDirt	6	50%		Rail/Ins
Turf Sprint	7	29%		Rail/Ins
Turf Routes	8	0%		Outside

WHO'S HOT, WHO'S NOT

HOT TRAINERS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Winning Favorites	'17-' 18 Win %
Casse Mark E.	8	3	1	1	3.89	1	18%
Amoss Thomas M.	9	3	1	2	3.42	2	25%
Breaux Samuel	3	2	0	0	14.47	0	14%
Moquett Ron	4	2	0	0	22.45	0	13%
Robertson Hugh H.	5	2	1	1	10.06	0	17%
Rini Anthony F.	6	2	1	0	11.23	0	23%

HOT JOCKEYS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Winning Favorites	'17-' 18 Win %
Geroux Florent	16	8	1	2	3.15	6	19%
Bravo Joe	9	4	2	0	5.54	3	18%

COLD JOCKEYS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Beaten Favorites	'16-' 17 Win %
Graham James	17	0	1	2	16.65	0	12%
Saez Gabriel	16	0	2	1	16.36	1	12%
Dominguez Joel	11	0	1	0	63.28	0	10%



TWINSPIRES TIPSHEET



LOUISIANA DERBY

Louisiana Derby (G2) 1 1/8-Miles PURSE \$1,000,000

POST	HORSE	ML ODDS
1	Bravazo	7-2
2	Noble Indy	7-2
3	Marmello	50-1
4	Givemeaminit	20-1
5	Retirement Fund	12-1
6	Hyndford	8-1
7	Snapper Sinclair	9-2
8	Lone Sailor	20-1
9	My Boy Jack	5-2
10	Dark Templar	12-1

ТОР	TOP PICKS				
2	Noble Indy				
9	My Boy Jack				
1	Bravazo				
WIN					
2					
\$1 E	XACTA PART-WHEEL				
1, 2, 7, 9 with 3, 8, 10 (\$12)					
50¢	TRIFECTA PART-WHEEL				
	1, 2, 7, 9 with 1, 2, 7, 9 with 3, 8, 10 (\$18)				

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Handicapping the Louisiana Derby comes down to this question, which race do you like better: The Southwest Stakes or the Risen Star Stakes?

Despite their disparity in points—My Boy Jack earned 10 points for winning the Southwest while Bravazo won 50 for winning the Risen Star—both races serve similar purposes to the Louisiana Derby as the prep for this spot, which will be most horse's final prep for the Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve in 6 weeks.

Unfortunately, I have no good answer other than I think both races are strong enough relative to this group that I'm not looking to get too creative on the win end.

If the Louisiana Derby were 1 1/16 miles as the Risen Star and Southwest both were then I'd favor Snapper Sinclair as the fourth wagering choice (based on morning line) but who is as good as these. Unfortunately, this is 1 1/8 miles, and I have enough concern about the City Zip-Yes It's True breeding to back Snapper Sinclair bullishly at longer distances.

Bravazo fits OK, too, but he figures to get overbet having won his last race. The same applies to My Boy Jack, who has additional questions surrounding his last win considering it came in the slop following an ideal trip.

That leaves Noble Indy as the play. With the added distance he should be even closer to the pace and if good enough will be in better position than in the Risen Star to dictate terms late.



LOUISIANA DERBY HISTORICAL TRENDS

by Alastair Bull

Every year, the Louisiana Derby draws a competitive field. With \$1 million in prizemoney available and 100 points toward the Road to the Kentucky Derby table, it's a fantastic contest.

The race doesn't have the track record of providing Kentucky Derby winners as some Derby preps. Only Black Gold in 1924 and Grindstone in 1996 among Louisiana Derby winners have gone on to win on the First Saturday in May, though 2003 Louisiana Derby runner-up Funny Cide went on to win at Churchill Downs.

However, several horses have finished in the first three in both races – they include Gun Runner, Commanding Curve, Revolutionary, Mucho Macho Man, Peace Rules, and Risen Star.

The best way to look for a winner in the Louisiana Derby is without doubt to study the form from the main prep race at Fair Grounds, the Risen Star Stakes (G2). Only two winners in the past 10 years – Revolutionary (2013) and Mission Impazible (2010) – didn't run in the Risen Star Stakes.

For the past three years, the winner of the Risen Star Stakes went on to win the Louisiana Derby – International Star in 2015, Gun Runner in 2016, and Girvin last year. The double has also been completed this century by Friesan Fire (2009), Pyro (2008), and Repent (2002).

Some of the recent successes may be related to a significant move in date that was made in 2010, when it was moved to the last weekend of March, or occasionally the first week in April – five weeks before the Kentucky Derby. This has allowed horses to use this race as a final lead-up to Churchill Downs. Previously the race was held in mid-March, and Kentucky Derby contenders usually ran somewhere else in between.

The first race in the Fair Grounds Derby prep season, the Lecomte Stakes in January, can also be a good guide. Lecomte Stakes winners that went on to win the Louisiana Derby in recent years include International Star (2015), Vicar's In Trouble (2014), and Friesan Fire (2009).

Unlike some of the major Kentucky Derby preps, the Louisiana Derby is not a race that any stables have dominated in recent years. Todd Pletcher has won the races three times – his victories coming with Circular Quay (2007), Mission Impazible (2010), and Revolutionary (2013), while Steve Asmussen has won the race three times since 2001, the most recent with Gun Runner in 2016. Michael Maker is a recent double winner.

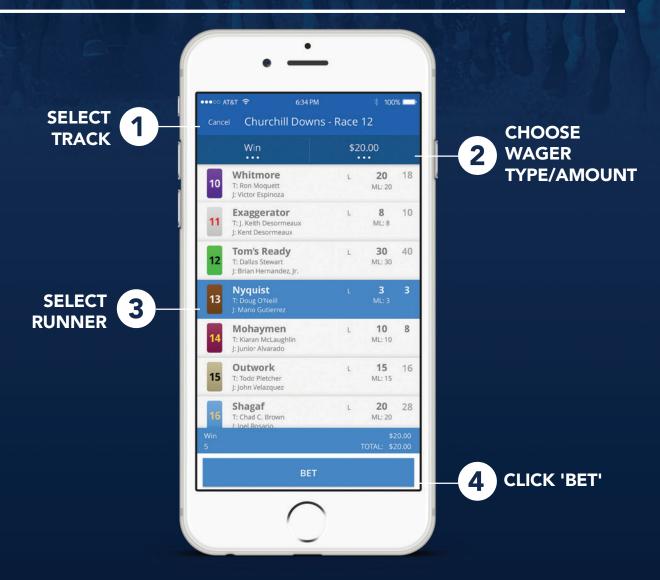
Usually, class wins out in the Louisiana Derby. Occasionally a late-arriving shipper wins, but most often the Fair Grounds form is the form to follow. Good luck sorting it out!





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