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KENTUCKY DERBY HOPEFUL BOLD CONQUEST BREEZES; NEEDS DEFECTIONS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Monday, April 20, 2015) – The **Ackerley Brothers Farm's Bold Conquest** worked five furlongs over a track labeled as “good” in 1:02.80 on an overcast Monday morning at Churchill Downs.

Working after the morning renovation break during the time reserved for Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks candidates, Bold Conquest produced fractions of :12.60, :24.80, :37.40, :50.20 and galloped out in 1:16.80. Exercise rider **Abel Flores** was aboard for the work that was the sixth fastest of nine at the distance.

Trainer **Steve Asmussen**, who is attending the spring sale of 2-year-olds in training in Ocala, Fla., texted after the work: “He just ran eight days ago, so he didn’t need much.”

Bold Conquest stands 23rd on the Kentucky Derby leaderboard and would need three defections from horses under consideration for the Kentucky Derby to fall by the wayside by the time entries are taken April 29.

OTHER KENTUCKY DERBY NOTES

AMERICAN PHAROAH – **Zayat Stables'** runaway Arkansas Derby (GI) winner **American Pharoah** jogged back to the starting gate at the head of the stretch and then galloped a mile and a half under exercise rider **Jorge Alvarez** after the renovation break.

DANZIG MOON – **John Oxley's Danzig Moon** galloped a mile and a half after the morning renovation break under exercise rider **William Cano**. Trained by **Mark Casse**, Danzig Moon is scheduled to work Saturday with jockey **Julien Leparoux** up.

FAR RIGHT – **Harry Rosenblum** and **Robert LaPenta's Far Right** had a scheduled walk day Monday and will return to the track to jog Tuesday, trainer **Ron Moquett** said. The Arkansas Derby (GI) runner-up is scheduled to work Saturday or Sunday.

INTERNATIONAL STAR – **Ken and Sarah Ramsey's International Star** galloped 1 ¼ miles at the nearby Trakside training center for trainer **Mike Maker**. Regular exercise rider **Joel Barrientos** was aboard the Louisiana Derby (GII) winner who is scheduled to work at Churchill Downs on Saturday.

KEEN ICE – **Donegal Racing's Keen Ice** walked the shedrow for a second day following a Saturday work and trainer **Dale Romans** said the Curlin colt would return to the track Tuesday to jog.

MR. Z – **Zayat Stables' Mr. Z** galloped a little more than a mile shortly after the track opened for training at 5:45 Monday morning. Exercise rider **Edvin Vargas** was aboard the colt trained by four-time Kentucky Derby winner **D. Wayne Lukas**.

MUBTAAHIJ – **Mubtaahij**, owned by Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum, had a two-lap spin over Arlington International's Polytrack surface Monday morning under regular work rider **Lisa Moncrieff**. The first was just a jog the wrong way after which he turned and did one lap in an easy canter. He went in company with anticipated Woodford Reserve Turf Classic (GI) starter **Umgiyo**.

“We were very happy with both our horses today. They were perky and bright eyed and appear to have suffered no ill effects from the long travel,” assistant trainer **Trevor Brown** said. “They have settled well and are eating up.”

Brown advised that, after consultation with trainer **Mike de Kock**, still in South Africa and due to arrive stateside this weekend, Mubtaahij likely will work a half mile on Tuesday. “He will likely go very easy in the first furlong and pick it up from there,” Brown said.

TENCENDUR – **Philip Birsh's Tencendur** arrived at Churchill Downs at 5 o'clock Monday morning after vanning from Belmont Park. Trainer **George Weaver** said **Tencendur**, stabled in Barn 42, would gallop Tuesday and probably work Saturday. Weaver is scheduled to arrive in Louisville on Wednesday and be at the track Thursday.

WAR STORY – Loooch Racing Stables, Glenn Ellis and Christopher Dunn's **War Story** galloped 1 ½ miles under exercise rider **Marvin Orantes** before the morning renovation break when the track was labeled muddy. Third in the Louisiana Derby (GII) in his most recent start, War Story will have his third local work since that race "Wednesday or Thursday, depending on the weather" trainer **Tom Amoss** said.

KENTUCKY OAKS NOTES

BIRDATTHEWIRE – Forum Racing's **Birdatthewire** walked the shedrow for a second day following a Saturday work and trainer **Dale Romans** said the Gulfstream Park Oaks (GII) winner would return to the track Tuesday to jog.

FOREVER UNBRIDLED – Charles Fipke's **Forever Unbridled** galloped 1 ½ miles before the renovation break under **Emerson Chavez** for trainer **Dallas Stewart**. A daughter of 2006 Kentucky Oaks winner Lemons Forever, Forever Unbridled is scheduled to work Friday.

LUMINANCE/MAYBELLENE – Kaleem Shah's **Luminance** jogged early Monday morning with exercise rider **Jorge Alvarez** up for trainer **Bob Baffert**. The filly had worked a bullet half-mile in :46.20 on Saturday. **Maybellene**, owned by **Jill Baffert**, galloped under Alvarez before the break, and is scheduled to breeze Tuesday, possibly under the supervision of her trainer.

OCEANWAVE – Gary and Mary West's **Oceanwave** jogged once around accompanied by a pony after the morning renovation break with exercise rider **Santos Rivera** aboard for trainer **Wayne Catalano**. Runner-up in the Fantasy (GIII) in her most recent start, Oceanwave is scheduled to work Thursday.

PUCA – Donegal Racing's **Puca** galloped a mile and a half before the renovation break with exercise rider Jo Lawson up. Trainer **Bill Mott** said that **Junior Alvarado**, who rode the filly in her first three starts, will have the Oaks mount. Mott said that Puca was likely to breeze Saturday.

SHOOK UP – Regis Racing's **Shook Up** walked the shedrow a day after working a bullet five furlongs in :59 here.

UPCOMING STAKES PROBABLES

The following is an early rundown of known possible starters in Derby Week stakes races, according to assistant racing secretary and stakes coordinator **Dan Bork**:

\$100,000 WILLIAM WALKER (Entries taken Wednesday; race Saturday) – Cinco Charlie, Senor Grits, Weast Hill. **Possible:** Made Bail, Sylven Park, Yockey's Warrior.

\$400,000 ALYSHEBA (GII) (Entries taken April 28; race May 1) – Call Me George, Honor Code, Noble Bird, Ride On Curlin. **Possible:** Den's Legacy.

\$300,000 LA TROIENNE (GI) (Entries taken April 28; race May 1) – America, Frivolous, Molly Morgan, My Miss Sophia, Pearl Turn, Sheer Drama, Stopchargingmaria, Tiz Windy, Wedding Toast. **Possible:** Interest Free.

\$200,000 EIGHT BELLES (GIII) (Entries taken April 28; race May 1) – Ekati's Phaeton, Fancy and Flashy, Lavender Chrissie, Mizz Money, Promise Me Silver, Streeheart, Taylor S, Wonder Gal.

\$150,000 EDGEWOOD PRESENTED BY FORCHT BANK (GIII) (Entries taken April 28; race May 1) – Pangburn, Peace and War, Quality Rocks, Qunita Verde (IRE). **Possible:** B Rockett, Sweet Opportunity, Whimsicality.

\$150,000 TWIN SPIRES TURF SPRINT (GIII) (Entries taken April 28; race May 1) – Berlino Di Tiger (BRZ), Buster Rose, Channel Marker, Good Deed, Heitai, Positive Side, Power Alert (AUS), Something Extra, Undrafted.

\$500,000 WOODFORD RESERVE TURF CLASSIC (GI) (Entries taken April 29; race May 2) – Chocolate Ride, Finnegans Wake, Seek Again, Umgiyo (AUS).

\$500,000 CHURCHILL DOWNS (GII) (Entries taken April 29; race May 2) – Bayern, C. Zee, Coup de Grace, Pants On Fire, Private Zone. **Possible:** The Big Beast.

\$300,000 CHURCHILL DOWNS DISTAFF TURF MILE (GII) (Entries taken April 29; race May 2) – Coffee Clique, I'm Already Sexy, Lady Lara (IRE), Maid On a Mission, Personal Diary, Sandiva (IRE), Solid Appeal, Strike Charmer, Tepin.

\$300,000 HUMANA DISTAFF (GI) (Entries taken April 29; race May 2) – Classic Point, Dame Dorothy, Judy the Beauty, Princess Violet, Sweet Reason, Sweet Whiskey, You Bought Her. **Possible:** Clearly Confused.

\$250,000 AMERICAN TURF (GII) (Entries taken April 29; race May 2) – A Lot, Conquest Typhoon, Firespike, Force the Pass, Metaboss, Tuba, World Approval. **Possible:** Royal Son.

\$200,000 PAT DAY MILE (GIII) (Entries taken April 29; race May 2) – Competitive Edge, Conquest Bigluck E, Hillbilly Royalty, Pain and Misery, Prospect Park, Toasting Master, Where's the Moon.

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