

TOM THE BOMB'S KY. DERBY PICKS AND ANALYSIS

1. **I'LL HAVE ANOTHER (No. 19, 12-1) ...** West Coast-based colt ran hole in the wind winning Lewis at 43-1, then came back with gutsy victory in Santa Anita Derby over Creative Cause; only bad race was in slop at Spa as 2-year-old; has right stalking style to sit behind hot pace and make winning move at top of stretch; wide post will help him sit outside speed.
2. **BODEMEISTER (No. 6, 4-1) ...** No telling just how good this son of Empire Maker is; speed figures say he's head and shoulders above rest and his Arkansas Derby romp may be beginning of legendary career; trainer has won this race three times and Hall of Fame rider has mount; bred to handle distance; bucking history since he didn't race as 2 year-old; inexperience only question mark.
3. **GEMOLOGIST (No. 15, 6-1) ...** Unbeaten colt has nation's leading trainer and jockey in his corner; won his only two races on this track and showed grit and determination in winning Wood; perfect post suits his running style; would be no surprise if he wins it all.
4. **CREATIVE CAUSE (No. 8, 12-1) ...** Has never finished worse than third in stellar, eight-race career; went by Bodemeister late to win San Felipe then got beat a nose in Santa Anita Derby by top choice; has tendency to drift in stretch but is talented and competitive; another with right stalking style for this race; real bargain at double-digit odds.

LONGSHOT SPECIAL: DADDY NOSE BEST (No. 10, 15-1) ... Sunland Derby winner should come running late; started his career on this track before switching to grass racing; won last two and may be peaking at right time; trainer and rider top shelf; gets comfortable draw in middle of field.

SUGGESTED BETTING STRATEGY

Since three of my five picks figure to offer value at 10-1 or more, I would suggest a win bet on all three. So, make win bets on No. 19, No. 8 and No. 10.

EXACTAS: First box my top four picks: 19, 6, 15 and 8 (12 bets). Then, play an exacta key with I'll Have Another and Daddy Nose Best on top. Those bets will look like this: 19/6-15-8-10 and 10/19-6-15-8. (8 bets). Then, key the 19 and the 10 in the second spot with the other four horses. Those bets will look like this: 6-15-8-10/19 and 19-6-15-8/10 (8 bets).

TRIFECTAS: Make the same bets as the exactas. Box the 19, 6, 15 and 8 (24 bets). Then, key the 19 over the other four and the 10 over the other four. Those bets will look like this: 19/6-15-8-10 (12 bets) and 10/19-6-15-8 (12 bets).

SUPERFECTAS: I don't usually get involved in superfecta betting. If you want to bet one, though, I would suggest a key with 19 on top. That bet will look like this: 19/6-15-8-10. (24 bets).

