



## PEDIGREE PROFILE

# Dunkirk, Chocolate Candy among strong cast with Derby-friendly pedigrees

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This year's collection of Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1) participants provides another interesting cross section of America's leading Thoroughbred bloodlines.



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### DUNKIRK

The gray Unbridled's Song colt is out of the A.P. Indy mare Secret Status, winner of the 2000 Kentucky Oaks (G1) and Mother Goose Stakes (G1), from a top Argentine family.

Another blue blood is the A.P. Indy colt Friesan Fire whose dam, Bollinger (Aus), and grandam, Bint Marscay (Aus), both were Australian Group 1 winners.

A third entrant with similar lofty credentials is Papa Clem, by 2007 and '08 leading United States sire Smart Strike. His dam, Miss Houdini, and grandam, Magical Maiden, both were Grade 1 winners as well.

Several other contenders have pedigrees that look particularly encouraging when their first five or six generations are evaluated as a whole.

One that catches the eye is the cleverly bred Chocolate Candy, who hails from the first crop of unbeaten Candy Ride (Arg).



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### CHOCOLATE CANDY

Out of a stakes-winning daughter of 1977 Triple Crown winner Seattle Slew, Chocolate Candy is from the immediate family of 1978 Triple Crown winner Affirmed.

Sweetening the deal, Chocolate Candy is inbred to the family of both his paternal grandsire and great-grand-sire, creating an extraordinary female family inbreeding pattern tracing back to Foundation Mare Alablue and her key daughter, 1956 Spinaway Stakes winner Alanesian.

Two colts who performed well in their Derby preps but whose

### 2009 KENTUCKY DERBY CONTENDERS

Horse	Sire	2009 stud fee	Racing class of dam	Auction price
Advice	Chapel Royal	\$10,000	placed	\$68,000
Atomic Rain	Smart Strike +	125,000	winner	170,000
Chocolate Candy	Candy Ride (Arg)	12,500	SW	homebred
Desert Party	STREET CRY +	150,000	winner	2,100,000
Dunkirk	Unbridled's Song +	125,000	G1SW	3,700,000
Flying Private	Fusaichi Pegasus +	30,000	SP	700,000
Friesan Fire	A.P. Indy	250,000	G1SW	homebred
General Quarters	Sky Mesa	30,000	unplaced	20,000
Hold Me Back	Giant's Causeway	125,000	unraced	400,000
I Want Revenge	Stephen Got Even	7,500	G1-placed	homebred
Join in the Dance	Sky Mesa	30,000	unraced	RNA (\$90,000)
Mine That Bird	Birdstone +	10,000	unraced	10,000
Mr. Hot Stuff	Tiznow #	75,000	winner	200,000
Musket Man	Yonaguska	4,000	SP	15,000
Nowhere to Hide	Vindication	deceased	unraced	250,000
Papa Clem	Smart Strike +	125,000	G1SW	homebred
Pioneerof the Nile	Empire Maker +	75,000	SW	290,000
Regal Ransom	DISTORTED HUMOR +	150,000	placed	675,000
Summer Bird	Birdstone +	10,000	placed	homebred
West Side Bernie	Bernstein	27,500	winner	50,000

# non-Phalaris male line

+ Mr. Prospector male line

Sires in CAPITAL LETTERS already have sired a Derby winner

pedigrees provide major question marks as to their ability to get a classic distance are Illinois Derby (G2) winner Musket Man, by Yonaguska, and Coolmore Lexington Stakes (G2) winner Advice, by Chapel Royal

The contemporary dominant male line of Mr. Prospector, which has captured eight of the last 14 Derbys, is represented by nine runners in this year's classic.

Alternatively, the two most closely related Derby starters in tail-female line are Desert Party and Hold Me Back.

Desert Party's eighth dam, Laughing Queen (family number 3-j), also serves as Hold Me Back's sixth dam. A full sister to 1925 juvenile champion Pompey, Laughing Queen captured the 1931 Selima Stakes prior to becoming an influential matriarch.

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