



3 Betting Trends for Saturday's Kentucky Derby at The Brook

The first Saturday in May is days away and that means one thing and one thing only in sports betting circles: It's Kentucky Derby Week.

Much like March Madness and the Super Bowl, the Kentucky Derby is one of those rare, high-profile events that attracts attention from non-bettors and avid bettors alike. When the starting gun sounds for "The Most Exciting Two Minutes in Sports" this Saturday at 6:57 p.m. ET, everybody will want to have a ticket in their hands, especially those in attendance at [The Brook](#) for a full day and night of celebrations, including a special food menu and a Jack Daniels / Woodford Reserve taste test from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. to get you in the Derby "mood."

In addition, just in time for the Kentucky Derby, last week we unveiled an expanded gaming area with [Historical Horse Racing Machines](#) as well as a new [Gold Club and VIP Services](#).

The [DraftKings Sportsbook at The Brook](#) is an ideal spot to watch the entire card of races on Saturday and, of course, plunk down a few wagers on the 148th running of this historic race.

Before doing so, heed the advice below as we have come up with three historical Kentucky Derby trends that will help you decide which horses to back for this year's Run for the Roses.

1. Go outside

When the post positions are drawn, try to avoid betting on horses on the far inside. The Kentucky Derby attracts a larger field than most races with as many as 20 horses jockeying for position and this has historically made it difficult for those who start on the rail.

Since 1964, only one Kentucky Derby winner (Ferdinand, 1986) has come from the No. 1 post and in the last 24 years only two horses from the inside post have even come in the money. The No. 2 horse hasn't fared much better with only seven winners in the history of the Kentucky Derby and the last time it happened was way back in 1978 when Affirmed, a Triple Crown winner, prevailed.

2. Avoid Long Layoffs

When you get to The Brook on Saturday, grab yourself a Racing Form and take a look at the recent history of all of the Derby horses. If you find that any of them haven't had a start in the last six weeks, go ahead and cross them off your hit list.

Why? Because since 1956, only two horses that were idle in the six weeks leading up to the Derby have made it to the winner's circle and they both came in the last 11 years – Animal Kingdom (2011) and Authentic (2020).

3. Don't be afraid of chalk

For a long time, it was taboo to even think of backing the favorite in the Kentucky Derby. In fact, during a 19-year stretch from 1980 to 1999, the betting favorite at the start of the race was a "perfect" 0-for-20 and only came in the money a paltry seven times.

But times have changed dramatically in recent history. Since 2000, the Kentucky Derby betting favorite has won 10 of the 22 races. The lesson here? While everyone loves an underdog, don't shy away from using the favorite on Saturday in your portfolio of Derby wagers.

The Brook opens its doors at 9:45 a.m. on Saturday. With three, oversized cinema screens and hundreds of additional TVs with surround sound, the [DraftKings Sportsbook at The Brook](#) creates the feeling that you're in the front row. The Brook's new outdoor deck – complete with a fire pit, a massive 8K TV screen, comfortable seating and food and beverage service – is also a perfect spot to take in the action, weather permitting.

[Reserve your spot today](#) in the Stadium seating area, with couches and recliners, or watch the race from one of our private Skyboxes.

See you at the races!

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