

## KENTUCKY DERBY ROUNDUP

# Maria's Mon has chance for Kentucky Oaks/Derby double

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While a number of others have come close, only four stallions have ever sired the winner of the Kentucky Oaks (G1) and Kentucky Derby (G1) in the same year.



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The first two, King Alfonso and \*McGee, did not themselves compete in the Kentucky Derby.

Bull Lea could do no better than eighth of ten in his start, while Native Dancer suffered his only lifetime loss by a head to Dark Star in the 1953 Derby.

### WAIT A WHILE

This year, there is only one stallion with the opportunity to join this elite list.

### Kentucky Oaks/Kentucky Derby Double

Stallions who sired the Kentucky Oaks (G1) and Kentucky Derby (G1) winners in the same year

Sire	Year	Oaks Winner	Derby Winner
King Alfonso	1885	Lizzie Dwyer	Joe Cotton
*McGee	1918	Viva America	Exterminator
Bull Lea	1952	Real Delight	Hill Gail
Native Dancer	1966	Native Street	Kauai King

Former juvenile champion, Maria's Mon, did not compete in the 1996 Kentucky Derby. He will be represented this year by a daughter, Wait a While, in the Oaks today, and a son, Cause to Believe, in the Derby on Saturday.

This year's set of Derby entrants illustrates how broad the spectrum of American female families has become, certainly in comparison to the increasingly narrow selection of sirelines.

The closest family relation within this year's field involves Seaside Retreat and Flashy Bull, who both share the ancestral matriarch The Apple (1886) by Hermit. She is Seaside Retreat's 11th dam and Flashy Bull's 12th dam.

In comparison, 18 of the 20 expected Derby starters descend in tail-male line to the great stallion Phalaris (1913), who appears in their pedigrees within seven to ten generations.

The contemporary dominant male line of Mr. Prospector has captured seven of the last eleven Derbies and is represented by seven runners in this year's classic.

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