

Justwhistledixie Clear Choice in KOFW

Updated: Saturday, March 14, 2009 11:02 AM
Courtesy of The BloodHorse.com

[Justwhistledixie](#), an easy winner of the Davona Dale Stakes (gr. II) at Gulfstream Park, was a surprise favorite over morning line choices [Stardom Bound](#) and [Rachel Alexandra](#) following the March 12 opening day of betting in Churchill Downs' 2009 Kentucky Oaks Future Wager.

West Point Thoroughbreds, Lakland Farm, and Dee Hubbard's Justwhistledixie, a daughter of [Dixie Union](#) , stood as the 9-5 fan's choice after the opening session of the four-day wager. The Kiaran McLaughlin-trained filly won the March 1 Davona Dale by 3 3/4 lengths for her fourth consecutive victory. She had been listed as a 12-1 risk in Churchill Downs oddsmaker Mike Battaglia's morning line odds for the Kentucky Oaks Future Wager.

Stardom Bound, a five-time grade I stakes winner and the champion 2-year-old filly of 2008, was the 9-2 second choice, and Rachel Alexandra, winner of the Golden Rod (gr. II) at Churchill Downs and a heavy favorite in Saturday's Fair Grounds Oaks (GII), was the 5-1 third choice at the conclusion of the May 12 betting.

Stardom Bound was the 5-1 favorite in the morning line odds for the Oaks Future bet, while Rachel Alexandra was next in the morning line at 6-1. The mutuel field, which represents all 3-year-old fillies other than the 23 individual horses listed as wagering interests in the Oaks Future bet, closed the March 12 betting at 10-1, odds that were identical to the morning line price for the 'all others' bet.

The \$2 minimum wager allows bettors to bet on contenders for the Kentucky Oaks (gr. I) at odds that could be more attractive than those available on the day of the race. The 135th running of the \$500,000-added Kentucky Oaks is scheduled for May 1 at Churchill Downs.

Betting on the opening day of the Kentucky Oaks Future Wager totaled \$5,889.

Wagering on the Oaks Future Bet is scheduled to resume at noon (all times EDT) March 13. The pool will conclude March 15 at 6:30 p.m., 30 minutes after the close of betting in Pool 2 of the companion Kentucky Derby Future Wager.

Real time odds and other information on the Kentucky Oaks Future Wager are available on the official Kentucky Oaks event Web site at www.kentuckyoaks.com.

Justwhistledixie Tops Oaks Future Wager

Updated: Sunday, March 15, 2009 3:43 PM
[Courtesy of The BloodHorse.com](#)

[Justwhistledixie](#), a romping winner in the Davona Dale (gr. II) at Gulfstream Park last time out, remained the surprising favorite over the high-powered duo of champion Stardom Bound and streaking Rachel Alexandra on Friday, March 13, as Churchill Downs' 2009 Kentucky Oaks Future Wager reached the midway point of its four-day run.

West Point Thoroughbreds, Lakland Farm and Dee Hubbard's daughter of [Dixie Union](#) _ remained the 9-5 favorite after two days of betting in the four-day pool. The Kiaran McLaughlin-trained filly notched her fourth consecutive victory with her 3 3/4-length victory in the Davona Dale and had entered the Kentucky Oaks Future Wager as a 12-1 risk in Churchill Downs oddsmaker Mike Battaglia's morning line odds.

There was a shift in odds for the second and third choices in the Kentucky Oaks Future Wager Pool. [Rachel Alexandra](#), winner of the Golden Rod (gr. II) at Churchill Downs and the expected heavy favorite in Saturday's \$400,000 Fair Grounds Oaks (gr. II), saw her odds drop from 5-1 to 4-1 during Friday's betting. [Stardom Bound](#),

the champion 2-year-old filly of 2008 and winner of last week's Santa Anita Oaks (gr. I), closed at 6-1 on Friday after she had been the the 9-2 second choice in Thursday's opening day of the pool. The mutuel field, which includes all 3-year-old fillies other than the 23 individual horses on Pool 2's betting roster, ranked as the 9-1 third choice when Friday's betting drew to a close.

The Kentucky Oaks Future Wager, \$2 minimum wager and a "win" bet only, allows fans to wager on contenders for the 135th Kentucky Oaks (gr. I), scheduled for Friday, May 1 at Churchill Downs.

Betting through two days of the 2009 Kentucky Oaks Future Wager totaled \$14,759. Wagering on the Oaks Future Bet is scheduled to resume at noon (all times EDT) on Saturday, March 14. The pool will conclude on Sunday, March 15, at 6:30 p.m., 30 minutes after the close of betting in Pool 2 of the companion Kentucky Derby Future Wager.

Real time odds and other information on the Kentucky Oaks Future Wager are available on the official Kentucky Oaks event Web site at www.kentuckyoaks.com.