

Stay Lucky Picks: Challenging Louisiana Derby Weekend

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Horses race through the stretch at Fair Grounds in this 2013 file photo.

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WEEKEND TELEVISION SCHEDULE

Friday, March 20: 1:30-3 p.m. ET on FS2; 3-6:30 p.m. ET on FS1; post time varies on TVG

Saturday, March 21: 1:30-6:30 p.m. ET on FS1; 4-8 p.m. ET on NBCSN

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***Sunday, March 22: 1:30-6:30 p.m. ET
on **FS1**; 4-8 p.m. ET on **NBCSN*****

The object is simple: pick winners from North American graded stakes races that draw at least six entrants. Races will be scored in real time but streaks will be updated only once daily to make sure they are scored in the correct order.

Pick as many races each weekend as you like, but be sure to play at least one race every weekend or your streak will be reset.

This weekend's Stay Lucky slate is highlighted by the \$1 million, Grade 2 [Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby](#) on Saturday, March 21 at [Fair Grounds](#).

Saturday, March 21

[New Orleans Classic Stakes](#) (4:10 p.m. ET): I'm going to take a shot on a lightly raced colt with a ton of promise in [Fearless](#) (#3), who freaked when stretching out for the first time in his second career start and won by 8 1/2 lengths. This is a quality field with several others who have turned in big races on this main track, but I'll take a shot with Fearless.



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[Muniz Memorial Classic Stakes](#) (4:42 p.m. ET): I've liked what I've seen from [Instilled Regard](#) (#6) in five races on the grass – all top-three finishes. Coming off a third in the Pegasus World Cup Turf, I think he'll appreciate a little class relief and take a big step forward for trainer [Chad Brown](#).

[San Simeon Stakes](#) (5:30 p.m. ET): [Bound for Nowhere](#) (#2) ships in from Kentucky for this turf sprint. He's been an elite sprinter on the grass for several years, running well on several occasions against Group 1 competition in Europe. He returns off a long layoff, but at his best he should be able to handle this competition.

[Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby](#) (5:49 p.m. ET): I don't have a strong feeling about any of the logical top betting choices, so I'll take a swing with a longshot to light up the board in [Chestertown](#) (#4), who I think should relish the distance and enters off a strong runner-up finish on this track. I also really like his 15-1 morning-line odds.

San Luis Rey Stakes (6:30 p.m. ET): [Oscar Dominguez](#) (#4) has an edge on class and current form, plus he's probably the best equipped to handle the 1 ½-mile distance. A strong play for me this week.

Mike's Top Stay Lucky Pick

(2 winners from 9 top plays in 2020)

1. [Oscar Dominguez](#) (San Luis Rey Stakes)
2. [Instilled Regard](#) (Muniz Memorial Classic Stakes)