

OUTSIDER WINS KENTUCKY DERBY

It was a gift for punters at the Kentucky Derby. No.1, Native Dancer, biggest favourite for years, the rest nowhere. Dark Star, No.10, out among 25-1 also rans.

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That was how thousands figured it as the eleven 3-year-olds left the traps. And right away outsider Dark Star took the lead. Nothing to worry about there. What counts is the first one past the post. Round the first bend hot favourite

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~~Native Dancer~~ was bumped, but not enough to put him seriously off his stride. But to the dismay of experts Dark Star *came* ~~into~~ into the homestretch with a long lead and still going strong.

Native Dancer's jockey now made his effort. Still plenty of time to get to the front. In slow motion the camera shows what a close thing it was. Native Dancer^r just couldn't make it. ^{By a head} Dark Star won the biggest flat race in America at 25-1.

It was a great day for the bookies.

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DARK STAR (Dark Horse) WINS THE DERBY

In the land of the Kentucky blue grass, where the horse is king! Number one horse is Native Dancer, his name on every tongue. Dark Star, Derby trial winner is a 25-1 underdog. So they go to the post for the 79th Kentucky Derby. Eleven-three-year-olds get away on a fast track, and number ten, Dark Star, blazes to the front! But none among those who bet nearly 400 thousand dollars on Native Dancer to win is concerned.... Not even when he's bumped on the first turn.... not even when he's hung up 10 lengths behind front-running Dark Star. Native Dancer can make it, they're sure of that! Rounding into the stretch, Native Dancer slips through next to the rail..... moving up to third place.... then into second position behind Dark Star; curving to the outside now is Native Dancer. And in slow motion, the race to the wire! Jockey Eric Guerin feverishly going to the whip..... Native Dancer's long strides pulling him closer and closer to Dark Star. The glistening brown colt, Dark Star, won't be denied.... an upset, one of the greatest in Derby history; Dark Star beats Native Dancer by a head!

A sparkling 2:02 for the mile and a quarter; he pays \$51.80 for two-dollars; for Jockey Hank Moreno victory on his first Derby mount. All in all, a great day in Kentucky for the outsider!