Wing's Watch

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NTRA.com's Eric Wing offers up his weekly insights on those he thinks are the Top 25 Triple Crown race contenders.

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#1 I'LL HAVE ANOTHER
Trainer*:* Doug O'Neill
Career record*:* 6-4-1-0
Possible next start: Preakness Stakes, PIM, 5/19
Wing's Things: Was the best mile and a quarter horse on the day it mattered most. On to Baltimore.
Video-- 2012 Kentucky Derby

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#2 BODEMEISTER
Trainer*:* Bob Baffert
Career record*:* 5-2-3-0
Possible next start: Preakness Stakes, PIM, 5/19
Wing's Things: Brilliant in defeat in the Derby. Shortening up by half a furlong only figures to help him.
Video-- 2012 Kentucky Derby

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#3 DULLAHAN
Trainer: Dale Romans
Career record: 9-2-2-3
Possible next start*:* Belmont Stakes, BEL, 6/9
Wing's Things: Half brother to 2009 Derby winner Mine That Bird put in a fine effort in Louisville, finishing third. Passing Preakness should bolster his chances in the Belmont.
Video-- 2012 Kentucky Derby

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#4 WENT THE DAY WELL
Trainer*:* Graham Motion
Career record*:* 6-2-2-0
Possible next start: Preakness Stakes, PIM, 5/19
Wing's Things*:* Might have been unlucky not to get second in Derby. Now heads home to Maryland.
Video-- 2012 Kentucky Derby

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#5 CREATIVE CAUSE
Trainer*:* Mike Harrington
Career record: 8-4-2-1
Possible next start: Preakness Stakes, PIM, 5/19
Wing's Things: Wide journey cost him a higher placing in Louisville. Never runs a bad race.
Video-- 2012 Kentucky Derby

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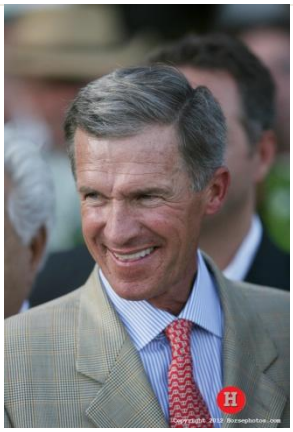
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#6 UNION RAGS
Trainer*:* Michael Matz
Career record*:* 7-4-1-1
Possible next start*:* Belmont Stakes, BEL, 6/9
Wing's Things*:* Troubled trip in Derby when 7th. Big colt needs clean trips to show his best, and expansive layout at Belmont Park should help him in that regard.
Video-- 2012 Kentucky Derby

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#7 MARK VALESKI
Trainer*:* Larry Jones
Career record*:* 6-3-2-0
Possible next start*:* Belmont Stakes, BEL, 6/9
Wing's Things*:* Impressive Peter Pan win, albeit over suspect field. Still he should be a major player in the Belmont.
Video--2012 Peter Pan S.

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#8 LIAISON
Trainer*:* Bob Baffert
Career record*:* 7-3-0-1
Possible next start*:* Undecided
Wing's Things: Should continue to benefit from being out East. His come-from-behind style was not well suited to Santa Anita.
Video-- 2012 Kentucky Derby

Photo courtesy of Tom Keieyser

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#9 HIERRO
Trainer*:* Steve Asmussen
Career record*:* 6-2-1-0
Possible next start*:* Undecided
Wing's Things: Finally enjoyed clean trip and closed impressively to win 1-mile Derby Trial over sloppy CD track, 4/28. Connections opting to skip Preakness.
Video-- 2012 Derby Trial

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#10 ALPHA
Trainer*:* Kiaran McLaughlin
Career record*:* 6-2-2-0
Possible next start*:* Undecided
Wing's Things*:* Another who got wound up pre-Derby and didn't do much running thereafter.
Video-- 2012 Kentucky Derby

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#11 ROUSING SERMON
Trainer: Jerry Hollendorfer
Career record*:* 10-2-2-4
Possible next start*:* Belmont Stakes, BEL, 6/9
Wing's Things: Cal-bred ran a respectable 8th in Derby. Has look and feel of a Belmont horse.
Video-- 2012 Kentucky Derby

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#12 DADDY NOSE BEST
Trainer*:* Steve Asmussen
Career record*:* 11-4-2-1
Possible next start: Preakness Stakes, PIM, 5/19
Wing's Things*:* Had nice trip but flattened out in last quarter mile of Derby. Leparoux back in saddle. He rode colt in last eight starts prior to Derby.
Video-- 2012 Kentucky Derby

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#13 STREET LIFE
Trainer*:* Chad Brown
Career record*:* 5-2-0-1
Possible next start*:* Belmont Stakes, BEL, 6/9
Wing's Things: Made up a lot of ground closing from last to third in 10-horse Peter Pan. Deserves shot in Belmont.
Video--2012 Peter Pan S.

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#14 COZZETTI
Trainer*:* Dale Romans
Career record: 7-1-0-1
Possible next start: Preakness Stakes, PIM, 5/19
Wing's Things: Made sneaky good middle move when 4th behind Bodemeister in Arkansas
Video-- 2012 Arkansas Derby

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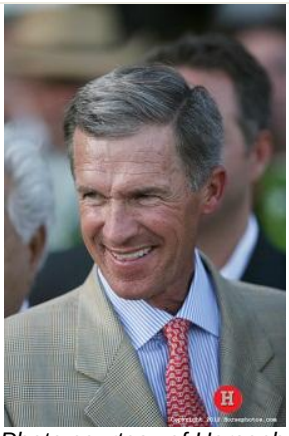
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#15 TEETH OF THE DOG
Trainer: Michael Matz
Career record*:* 4-1-1-2
Possible next start: Preakness Stakes, PIM, 5/19
Wing's Things*:* Stakes debut was a plenty respectable third behind Gemologist and Alpha in the Wood.
Video-- 2012 Wood Memorial

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#16 PROSPECTIVE
Trainer*:* Mark Casse
Career record: 9-4-2-0
Possible next start: Belmont Stakes, BEL, 6/9
Wing's Things: Brutal trip when 18th in Louisville. Throw that race out.
Video-- 2012 Kentucky Derby

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#17 TIGER WALK
Trainer*:* Ignacio Correas
Career record*:* 7-2-0-1
Possible next start: Preakness Stakes, PIM, 5/19
Wing's Things: Maryland-based horse ran a respectable 4th in Wood Memorial.
Video-- 2012 Wood Memorial

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#18 OPTIMIZER
Trainer*:* D. Wayne Lukas
Career record*:* 10-1-2-1
Possible next start: Preakness Stakes, PIM, 5/19
Wing's Things*:* Likely to stay on the trail despite running 11th and 9th in his last two races.
Video--2012 Kentucky Derby

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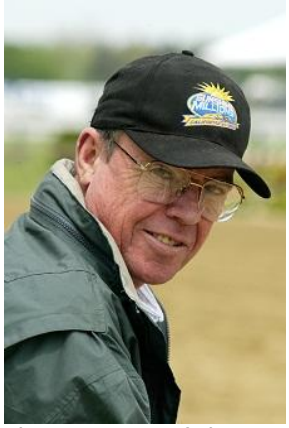
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#19 DONE TALKING
Trainer*:* Hamilton Smith
Career record*:* 8-3-0-2
Possible next start*:* Undecided
Wing's Things: Uncompelling effort in Derby. May need softer company.
Video-- 2012 Kentucky Derby

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#20 PRETENSION
Trainer*:* Christopher Grove
Career record: 8-3-3-0
Possible next start*:* Preakness Stakes, PIM, 5/19
Wing's Things*:* Captured local prep for Preakness.
Video-- 2012 Canonero II Stakes

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#21 ZETTERHOLM
Trainer*:* Rick Dutrow
Career record*:* 5-3-1-0
Possible next start: Preakness Stakes, PIM, 5/19
Wing's Things*:* Scratched out of Peter Pan in favor of Preakness. Seems up against it in this spot.
Video-- 2012 Patsyprospect Stakes

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#22 BRIMSTONE ISLAND
Trainer*:* William Campbell
Career record*:* 10-4-3-1
Possible next start*:* Undecided
Wing's Things: $16,000 claim in February was close second behind Pretension in Canonero II Stakes.
Video-- 2012 Canonero II Stakes

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#23 STIRRED UP
Trainer*:* Bob Baffert
Career record*:* 5-1-1-3
Possible next start*:* Undecided
Wing's Things: Late-running Baffert ridgling close for third in both Sunland Derby and Jerome. Could see him in Belmont.
Video-- 2012 Jerome S.

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#24 GOOD MORNING DIVA
Trainer*:* J. David Braddy
Career record*:* 5-2-0-1
Possible next start*:* Belmont Stakes, BEL, 6/9
Wing's Things*:* Decent close for fourth in Peter Pan
Video--2012 Peter Pan S.

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#25 FLASHY DRESSER
Trainer*:* Fred Seitz
Career record*:* 4-3-0-0
Possible next start*:* Undecided
Wing's Things*:* Wouldn't be surprised to see this one pointed to Belmont after turf experiment failed on Oaks Day undercard.
Video-- 2012 American Turf Stakes