

# Barbaro's run to record heads north to Preakness

■ The colt, soaking up its Derby win, will see familiar faces at Pimlico.

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. — It was a quiet Sunday morning at Churchill Downs. Barbaro, winner of the 132nd Kentucky Derby, nibbled on grass and tree leaves, oblivious to a steady stream of fans taking his photograph.

Trainer Michael Matz stayed in the owner's box and celebrated until 9:30 Saturday night, returning to Barn 42 to see his dark bay colt before heading to hotel for a few drinks.

At 6 a.m. Sunday, Matz returned to the barn.

"It feels a lot different; I'm a lot calmer this morning," Matz joked as he stood near the garland of roses.

On Friday, he had joked that it



Derby winner Barbaro, only the sixth unbeaten victor in 132 runnings of the race, buries his nose in a blanket of roses at Churchill Downs.

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was "all up to the gods, (jockey) Edgar (Prado) and Barbaro."

By Saturday evening, Barbaro had completed his run into the Derby record books. His 6½-length win was the largest since 1946 Triple Crown winner Assault won by 8, and with a 5-for-5 pre-Derby record, Barbaro joined unbeaten winners Smarty Jones (6-0, 2004), Seattle Slew (6-0, 1977), Majestic Prince (7-0, 1969), Morvich (11-0, 1922) and Regret (3-0, 1915).

Matz said Barbaro was leaving Sunday and would arrive in Fair Hill, Md., today after a 12-hour van trip. Pimlico, home of the Preakness Stakes, the second leg of the Triple Crown, is just 60 miles away.

Barbaro, who gave Prado his first Derby win, will go against familiar faces in the 131st running of the 1 3/16-mile Preakness on May 20, including Brother Derek, who finished in a dead



Winning trainer Michael Matz planned Barbaro's season around the Triple Crown.

firmed in 1978.

"We're about due for another one," Lukas said outside his barn at Churchill Downs, where the Derby winner has gone on to win the Preakness six times in the past nine years. "And I think he can do it."

When Matz thinks of Triple Crown winners, he recalls Secretariat, because the trainer was at the June 9, 1973, Belmont Stakes. It was a last-minute thing. Matz and a friend got in the car and drove from New Jersey to New York's Belmont Park.

## UP NEXT

**PREAKNESS STAKES:** 1 3/16 miles, Pimlico Race Course, 5 p.m., May 20.  
**TV:** Ch. 8.

**BELMONT STAKES:** 1½ miles, Belmont Park, 5 p.m., June 10.  
**TV:** Ch. 28.

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## Day after, Prado wins 3

One day after winning the Derby aboard Barbaro, Edgar Prado rode three winners at Belmont Park on Sunday.

The trio of victories included the featured \$110,600 Bouwerie Stakes for New York-bred 3-year-old fillies. "This is a good end to a big weekend," Prado said.

In the Bouwerie, Prado teamed with Oprah Winney to win by three-quarters of a length.

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heat for fourth in the Derby with Jazil, Derby favorite Sweetnorthernsaint (seventh) and Lawyer Ron (12th). Jazil is probable.

Among the expected new entries in a field limited to 14 are Gotham winner Like Now and Withers winner Bernardini. Also a possibility is Simon Pure, though his trainer, D. Wayne Lukas, on Sunday seemed to be rooting for Barbaro to complete the first Triple Crown since Af-

"We thought it might be a Triple Crown and we thought we'd like to be a part of it," Matz said. "We did not have seats. Nothing. We got there early and walked right in.

"It was a great race," he said of Secretariat's 31-length victory. "He just demolished the field."

Matz limited Barbaro's races to three this year, including a five-week layoff before the Derby, with the Triple Crown in

mind.

"It's very difficult, that's why so few horses have done it," Matz said. "That's why we made a plan not just for one race but for the rest of the season. If your plan is to do the Triple Crown, to go off a three-week layoff means it's four races in eight weeks. That's pretty tough. I'm trying to make it as simple as possible to do what's best for my horse."