



Leaderboard

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HOW TO GET INTO THE KENTUCKY DERBY STARTING GATE – The Road to the Kentucky Derby is a 35-race series that awards points to the Top 4 finishers in each race. The top point earners will earn a spot in the starting gate for the 143rd running of the \$2 million Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (Grade I) on Saturday, May 6, 2017. The Kentucky Derby field has been limited to 20 starters since 1975. At least 20 horses have entered the 1 1/4-mile race for 3-year-olds every year since 2004, and 16 of the last 18 years.

Rank	Horse	Points	Owner(s)	Trainer	Non-Restricted Stakes Earnings
1.	Classic Empire	30	John C. Oxley	Mark Casse	\$1,459,520
2.	Gormley	20	Mr. & Mrs. Jerome S. Moss (Jerry & Ann Moss)	John Shirreffs	\$260,000
	Not This Time	48	Albaugh Family Stable (Dennis Albaugh)	Dale Romans	\$430,240
3.	Practical Joke	14	Klaravich Stables Inc. (Seth Klarman) & William H. Lawrence	Chad Brown	\$690,000
4.	Uncontested	11	Harry T. Rosenblum & Robert V. LaPenta	Wayne Catalano	\$99,300
5.	Gunnevera	10	Peacock Racing Stables LLC	Antonio Sano	\$738,600
6.	Lookin At Lee	10	L and N Racing LLC (Don Nelson)	Steve Asmussen	\$275,600
7.	Mastery	10	Cheyenne Stables LLC	Bob Baffert	\$240,000
8.	Mo Town	10	Mrs. John Magnier, Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith & Team D	Tony Dutrow	\$180,000
9.	McCraken	10	Whitham Thoroughbreds LLC (Janis R. Whitham)	Ian Wilkes	\$165,048
10.	El Areeb	10	M M G Stables LLC (Mohammed Al-Gadhi)	Cathal Lynch	\$150,000
11.	Guest Suite	10	William S. Farish & Lora Jean Kilroy	Neil Howard	\$128,040
12.	Wild Shot	6	Calumet Farm (Brad Kelley)	Rusty Arnold II	\$87,200
13.	No Dozing	5	Lael Stables (Roy & Gretchen Jackson)	Arnaud Delacour	\$85,000
14.	Klimt	4	Kaleem Shah Inc.	Art Sherman	\$380,000
15.	Hot Sean	4	Karl Watson, Mike Pegram & Paul Weitman	Bob Baffert	\$180,000
16.	Dangerfield	4	W. C. Racing (Josh Kaplan & Glenn Sorgenstein) and Zayat Stables LLC (Ahmed Zayat)	Doug O'Neill	\$168,500
17.	Syndergaard	4	Eric Fein, Christopher McKenna, Harris Fein, Guri Singh & Jerry Walia	Todd Pletcher	\$160,000
18.	Irapi	4	Reddam Racing LLC (J. Paul Reddam)	Doug O'Neill	\$60,000
19.	Petrov	4	Rialto Racing Stables LLC & Southern Spring Stables (Ron Moquett)	Ron Moquett	\$50,000
20.	Bonus Points	4	Three Diamonds Farm	Todd Pletcher	\$40,000 (Career: \$116,650)
21.	Untrapped	4	Michael Langford	Steve Asmussen	\$40,000 (Career: \$86,800)
22.	American Anthem	4	WinStar Farm LLC, S F Bloodstock LLC & China Horse Club	Bob Baffert	\$20,000
23.	Warrior's Club	3	Churchill Downs Racing Club (Gary Palmisano et al)	D. Wayne Lukas	\$26,100
24.	Straight Fire	2	Jungle Racing LLC (Jim & Janet Rome), LNJ Foxwoods (Larry, Nanci & Jaime Roth), KMN Racing LLC (Kim & Kevin Nish), J. Davenport & A. Molasky	Keith Desormeaux	\$96,000
25.	Favorable Outcome	2	Klaravich Stables Inc. (Seth Klarman) & William H. Lawrence	Chad Brown	\$50,345
26.	Recruiting Ready	2	Sagamore Farm (Kevin Plank)	Horacio DePaz	\$43,750
27.	Rowdy the Warrior	2	Robert H. Zoellner	Donnie Von Hemel	\$33,000
28.	Takaful	2	Shadwell Stable (Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum)	Kiaran McLaughlin	\$31,500
29.	Win With Pride	2	Repole Stable (Mike Repole) & St. Elias Stable (Vincent Viola)	Todd Pletcher	\$22,500
30.	Takeoff	2	John C. Oxley	Mark Casse	\$20,000
31.	True Timber	2	Calumet Farm (Brad Kelley)	Kiaran McLaughlin	\$15,000
32.	Big Hit	2	Gary & Mary West	Phil D'Amato	\$12,000
33.	Midnight Pleasure	1	Ruis Racing LLC (Mick Ruis Sr.) & Wendy Ruis	Craig Dollase	\$54,000
34.	J Boys Echo	1	Albaugh Family Stables LLC (Jason Loustch)	Dale Romans	\$50,000
35.	Big Gray Rocket	1	Frank Fletcher Racing Operations Inc.	Bob Baffert	\$25,000
36.	Bobby Abu Dhabi	1	Rockingham Ranch	Peter Miller	\$18,000
37.	Honor Thy Father	1	Fern Circle Stables (Paul Fireman)	Kenny McPeck	\$16,203
38.	Arklow	1	Donegal Racing (Jerry Crawford)	Brad Cox	\$8,000
39.	Bird Is the Word	1	Heart Racing Stable	G.F. Almeida	\$6,000

Bold = Update from previously published Leaderboard ... Strikethrough = Sidelined, inactive or appears to be no longer under serious Kentucky Derby consideration.

JAPAN ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY DERBY – For 2016-17, Churchill Downs Incorporated has partnered with the Japan Racing Association to create a series of races in Japan that could annually produce a starter in the Kentucky Derby. The new “Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby” – which is separate from the 35-race “Road to the Kentucky Derby” series – includes two one-mile dirt stakes races at the famed Tokyo Racecourse: the Cattleya Sho for 2-year-olds on Nov. 26 (Top 4 Points: 40-16-8-4) and the Hyacinth for 3-year-olds on Feb. 19 (Top 4 Points: 50-20-10-5). One position in the Kentucky Derby starting gate will be awarded to the horse that accrues the most points in the “Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby” and accepts an invitation to compete. If the top point-earner declines, the horse with the second-most points may accept.

Rank	Horse	Points	Owner(s)	Trainer	Non-Restricted Stakes Earnings
1.	Mont Saint Legame-JPN	40	Shinichi Yamashita	Koji Maki	\$90,154
2.	Caucus-JPN	16	Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum	Hideaki Fujiwara	\$35,850
3.	Blane Eclat	8	KT Racing Co. Ltd.	Ryo Takei	\$22,340
4.	Lavapies-JPN	4	Silk Racing Co. Ltd.	Ryuji Okubo	\$52,163

2016-17 ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY DERBY SCHEDULE

35 Races

Kentucky Derby Prep Season (19 races)

Date	Race	Racetrack	Distance	1 st (Points)	2 nd (Points)	3 rd (Points)	4 th (Points)
Sept. 17	Iroquois	Churchill Downs	1 1/16 Miles	Not This Time (10)	Lookin At Lee (4)	Recruiting Ready (2)	Honor Thy Father (1)
Oct. 1	FrontRunner	Santa Anita	1 1/16 Miles	Gormley (10)	Klimt (4)	Straight Fire (2)	Midnight Pleasure (1)
Oct. 8	Champagne	Belmont Park	1 Mile	Practical Joke (10)	Syndergaard (4)	Favorable Outcome (2)	Big Gray Rocket (1)
Oct. 8	Breeders' Futurity	Keeneland	1 1/16 Miles	Classic Empire (10)	Lookin At Lee (4)	Wild Shot (2)	No Dozing (1)
Nov. 5	Breeders' Cup Juvenile	Santa Anita	1 1/16 Miles	Classic Empire (20)	Not This Time (8)	Practical Joke (4)	Looking At Lee (2)
Nov. 19	Delta Downs Jackpot	Delta Downs	1 1/16 Miles	Gunnevera (10)	Hot Scan (4)	Dangerfield (2)	J Boys Echo (1)
Nov. 26	Remsen	Aqueduct	1 1/8 Miles	Mo Town (10)	No Dozing (4)	Takaful (2)	Win With Pride (1)
Nov. 26	Kentucky Jockey Club	Churchill Downs	1 1/16 Miles	McCraken (10)	Wild Shot (4)	Warrior's Club (2)	Uncontested (1)
Dec. 10	Los Alamitos Futurity	Los Alamitos	1 1/16 Miles	Mastery (10)	Irap (4)	Dangerfield (2)	Bobby Abu Dhabi (1)
Jan. 2	Jerome	Aqueduct	1 Mile 70 Yards	El Areeb (10)	Bonus Points (4)	True Timber (2)	Win With Pride (1)
Jan. 7	Sham	Santa Anita	1 Mile	Gormley (10)	American Anthem (4)	Big Hit (2)	Bird Is the Word (1)
Jan. 16	Smarty Jones	Oaklawn Park	1 Mile	Uncontested (10)	Petrov (4)	Rowdy the Warrior (2)	Warrior's Club (1)
Jan. 21	Lecomte	Fair Grounds	1 Mile 70 Yards	Guest Suite (10)	Untrapped (4)	Takeoff (2)	Arklow (1)
Feb. 4	Withers	Aqueduct	1 1/16 Miles	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
Feb. 4	Holy Bull	Gulfstream Park	1 1/16 Miles	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
Feb. 4	Robert B. Lewis	Santa Anita	1 1/16 Miles	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
Feb. 11	+Sam F. Davis	Tampa Bay Downs	1 1/16 Miles	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
Feb. 18	El Camino Real Derby	Golden Gate	1 1/8 Miles (S)	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
Feb. 20	Southwest	Oaklawn Park	1 1/16 Miles	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)

Kentucky Derby Championship Series (16 races)

Date	Race	Racetrack	Distance	1 st (Points)	2 nd (Points)	3 rd (Points)	4 th (Points)
Feb. 25	Risen Star	Fair Grounds	1 1/16 Miles	(50)	(20)	(10)	(5)
March 4	Fountain of Youth	Gulfstream Park	1 1/16 Miles	(50)	(20)	(10)	(5)
March 4	Gotham	Aqueduct	1 1/16 Miles	(50)	(20)	(10)	(5)
March 11	Tampa Bay Derby	Tampa Bay Downs	1 1/16 Miles	(50)	(20)	(10)	(5)
March 11	San Felipe	Santa Anita	1 1/16 Miles	(50)	(20)	(10)	(5)
March 18	Rebel	Oaklawn Park	1 1/16 Miles	(50)	(20)	(10)	(5)
March 25	UAE Derby	Meydan Racecourse	1 3/16 Miles	(100)	(40)	(20)	(10)
March 25	Spiral	Turfway Park	1 1/8 Miles (S)	(50)	(20)	(10)	(5)
March 26	Sunland Derby	Sunland Park	1 1/8 Miles	(50)	(20)	(10)	(5)
April 1	Louisiana Derby	Fair Grounds	1 1/8 Miles	(100)	(40)	(20)	(10)
April 1	Florida Derby	Gulfstream Park	1 1/8 Miles	(100)	(40)	(20)	(10)
*April 8	Wood Memorial	Aqueduct	1 1/8 Miles	(100)	(40)	(20)	(10)
April 8	Blue Grass	Keeneland	1 1/8 Miles	(100)	(40)	(20)	(10)
April 8	Santa Anita Derby	Santa Anita	1 1/8 Miles	(100)	(40)	(20)	(10)
April 15	Arkansas Derby	Oaklawn Park	1 1/8 Miles	(100)	(40)	(20)	(10)
April 15	Lexington	Keeneland	1 1/16 Miles	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)

+ New Race Included in Series.

* Race dates and distances to be announced by host track; date based on previous year's placement. Schedule subject to change.

2016-17 JAPAN ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY DERBY SCHEDULE

2 Races

Date	Race	Racetrack	Distance	1 st (Points)	2 nd (Points)	3 rd (Points)	4 th (Points)
Nov. 26	Cattleya Sho	Tokyo Racecourse	1 Mile	(40)	(16)	(8)	(4)
Feb. 19	Hyacinth	Tokyo Racecourse	1 Mile	(50)	(20)	(10)	(5)

TIEBREAKERS – If two or more horses have the same number of points, the tiebreaker is earnings in non-restricted stakes races. In the case of remaining ties, the additional starter(s) and/or also-eligible horses shall be determined by lifetime earnings. In the case of remaining ties, the additional starter(s) and/or also-eligible horses shall be determined by lot (aka a “shake”).

FILLIES – If a filly wants to run in the Kentucky Derby she can, but she’ll have to earn her way into the field by accumulating points against open company just like the rest of the colts and geldings. Additionally, any points earned by a filly in the “Road to the Kentucky Derby” series against open company will be credited to her point total in the “Road to the Kentucky Oaks” series.

DEAD-HEATS – In the event of a dead-heat (tie) in a “Road to the Kentucky Derby” race, those horses will divide equally the points they would have received jointly had one beaten the other.

SPLIT DIVISIONS – In the event a “Road to the Kentucky Derby” race is split into divisions and each division awards its originally published purse money, points will be awarded as scheduled for each division. If the originally published purse is halved for each division, points will be halved as well.

NOMINATIONS – Horses born in 2014 can be made eligible to run in the 2017 Kentucky Derby and Triple Crown with a \$600 early payment due by Jan. 14, 2017. A late period for nominations at \$6,000 each will be open Jan. 15, 2017 through March 20, 2017. A horse not nominated to the Triple Crown with sufficient points may be supplemented at the time of entry for \$200,000. In addition to the Triple Crown nomination fee, owners must pay \$25,000 to enter the Derby by 10 a.m. ET on Wednesday, May 3, 2017, and an additional \$25,000 to start.

POST POSITION DRAW – The Kentucky Derby post position draw – a traditional “pill pull” in which horses’ entry blanks are pulled simultaneously with a numbered pill to determine what stall a horse will break from the starting gate – will be held at Churchill Downs in the Aristides Lounge on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 from 5:30-6 p.m. ET (live on NBCSN). Up to 24 horses may enter the race and four horses can be listed as “also eligible” and would be ranked in order accordingly; they could draw into the field should any horse(s) be scratched before scratch time on Friday, May 5, 2017 at 9 a.m. ET.

PRIZE MONEY – The Kentucky Derby winner will receive a gold trophy plus an estimated \$1.24 million payday. A total of \$400,000 will be awarded to the runner-up, \$200,000 to third, \$100,000 to fourth and \$60,000 to fifth.

BACKGROUND – Churchill Downs abandoned the graded stakes earnings criteria for the 2013 Kentucky Derby (used from 1986-2012) and proactively adopted a tiered point system to determine which horses would have preference for America’s greatest race. Today, a sliding scale of points is awarded to the Top 4 finishers in select races, and at the series’ end, the top point earners get first crack to start in the Kentucky Derby.

ABOUT THE DERBY – To have a horse draped in the garland of roses while raising the solid gold trophy high atop the Kentucky Derby winner’s stand is the Holy Grail for horsemen around the world. Restricted to 3-year-old Thoroughbreds, horses only have one chance to win the Kentucky Derby, and it’s quite an accomplishment just to receive a berth in the starting gate. Approximately 22,000 Thoroughbreds were foaled in North America in 2014, and if history is any indication, about one percent of the crop will be nominated to next spring’s Triple Crown. Only 20 will be allowed to “Run for the Roses,” as the Derby field has been limited to 20 starters since 1975. At least 20 horses have entered the race since 2004, and 16 of the last 18 years. Once a horse earns its coveted Kentucky Derby berth, it, in most cases, will race the extended 1 ¼-mile distance for the first time. A combination of speed and the stamina it takes to complete the final eighth of a mile in the Derby often determines a win or loss.

LEADERBOARD HISTORY – FINAL

2016 FINAL LEADERBOARD – 1. Gun Runner (151), 2. Nyquist (130), 3. Exaggerator (126), 4. Outwork (120), 5. Brody’s Cause (114), 6. Creator (110), 7. Lani (100), 8. Mor Spirit (84), 9. Mohaymen (80), 10. Danzing Candy (60), 11. Destin (51), 12. Suddenbreakingnews (50, \$637,000), 13. Oscar Nominated (50, 321,360), 14. Shagaf (50, \$270,000), 15. Whitmore (44, \$400,000), 16. Tom’s Ready (44, \$270,670), 17. My Man Sam (40, \$200,000), 18. Majesto (40, \$190,000, \$239,500), 19. Trojan Nation (40, \$190,000, \$213,290), 20. Mo Tom (32, \$268,326), AE 21. Laoban (32, \$142,000) and AE 22. Cherry Wine (25, \$145,000).

2015 FINAL LEADERBOARD – 1. International Star (171), 2. Dortmund (170), 3. Carpe Diem (164), 4. American Pharoah (160), 5. Frosted (113), 6. Muhtaahij-IRE (100, \$1,400,000), 7. Materiality (100, \$632,028), 8. El Kabeir (95), 9. Upstart (76), 10. Far Right (62), 11. Itsaknockout (60), 12. Firing Line (58), 13. Danzig Moon (45), 14. War Story (44), 15. Tencendur (41), 16. Stanford (40), 17. Mr. Z (34), 18. Ocho Ocho Ocho (30, \$760,250), 19. Bolo (30, \$214,980), 20. Keen Ice (22), AE 21. Frammento (20) and AE 22. Tale of Verve (0).

2014 FINAL LEADERBOARD – 1. California Chrome (150), 2. Vicar’s in Trouble (120), 3. Dance With Fate (108), 4. Wicked Strong (102), 5. Samraat (100, \$640,000), 6. Danza (100, \$620,000), 7. Hoppertunity (95), 8. Intense Holiday (93), 9. Wildcat Red (90), 10. We Miss Artie (60), 11. Ride On Curlin (55), 12. Chitu (54), 13. Tapiture (52), 14. General a Rod (40, \$240,000), 15. Medal Count (40, \$226,500), 16. Candy Boy (30), 17. Uncle Sigh (24), 18. Vinceremos (20, \$191,666), 19. Harry’s Holiday (20, \$152,622), 20. Commanding Curve (20, \$104,000) and AE 21. Pablo Del Monte (20, \$102,000).

2013 FINAL LEADERBOARD – 1. Orb (150, \$840,000), 2. Verrazano (150, \$810,000), 3. Goldencents (129), 4. Java’s War (122), 5. Overanalyze (110, \$908,381), 6. Revolutionary (110, \$720,000), 7. Lines of Battle (100), 8. Vyjack (70), 9. Will Take Charge (60), 10. Itsmyluckyday (50, \$593,600), 11. Black Onyx (50, \$317,130), 12. Palace Malice (50, \$200,000), 13. Normandy Invasion (44, \$258,000), 14. Frac Daddy (44, \$240,596), 15. Mylute (42), 16. Oxbow (36), 17. Falling Sky (30), 18. Charming Kitten (20), 19. Golden Soul (14), 20. Giant Finish (10) and AE 21. Fear the Kitten (6).

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