



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	32	John C. Oxley	Mark Casse	\$1,493,820
2.	El Areeb	20	M M G Stables LLC (Mohammed Al-Gadhi)	Cathal Lynch	\$300,000
3.	McCraken	20	Whitham Thoroughbreds LLC (Janis R. Whitham)	Ian Wilkes	\$285,048
4.	Gormley	20	Mr. & Mrs. Jerome S. Moss (Jerry & Ann Moss)	John Shirreffs	\$260,000
	Not This Time	18	Albaugh Family Stable (Dennis Albaugh)	Dale Romans	\$430,210
5.	Gunnevera	14	Peacock Racing Stables LLC (Solomon Del-Valle, Guillermo Guerra & Jaime Diaz)	Antonio Sano	\$807,200
6.	Practical Joke	14	Klaravich Stables Inc. (Seth Klarman) & William H. Lawrence	Chad Brown	\$690,000
7.	Uncontested	11	Harry T. Rosenblum & Robert V. LaPenta	Wayne Catalano	\$99,300
8.	Lookin At Lee	10	L and N Racing LLC (Don Nelson)	Steve Asmussen	\$275,600
9.	Irish War Cry	10	Isabella De Tomaso	Graham Motion	\$272,660
10.	Mastery	10	Cheyenne Stables LLC (Everett Dobson)	Bob Baffert	\$240,000
11.	Mo Town	10	Mrs. John Magnier, Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith & Team D	Tony Dutrow	\$180,000
12.	Guest Suite	10	William S. Farish & Lora Jean Kilroy	Neil Howard	\$128,040
13.	Royal Mo	10	Mr. & Mrs. Jerome S. Moss (Jerry & Ann Moss)	John Shirreffs	\$90,000
14.	Irap	8	Reddam Racing LLC (J. Paul Reddam)	Doug O'Neill	\$90,000
15.	Wild Shot	7	Calumet Farm (Brad Kelley)	Rusty Arnold II	\$97,200
16.	True Timber	6	Calumet Farm (Brad Kelley)	Kiaran McLaughlin	\$65,000
17.	No Dozing	5	Lael Stables (Roy & Gretchen Jackson)	Arnaud Delacour	\$89,000
18.	Bonus Points	5	Three Diamonds Farm (Kirk, Debra & Jordan Wycoff)	Todd Pletcher	\$52,500
19.	Klimt	4	Kaleem Shah Inc.	Art Sherman	\$380,000
20.	Hot Sean	4	Karl Watson, Mike Pegram & Paul Weitman	Bob Baffert	\$180,000
21.	Dangerfield	4	W. C. Racing (Josh Kaplan & Glenn Sorgenstein) and Zayat Stables LLC (Ahmed Zayat)	Doug O'Neill	\$171,500
22.	Syndergaard	4	Eric Fein, Christopher McKenna, Harris Fein, Guri Singh & Jerry Walia	Todd Pletcher	\$160,000
23.	Tapwrit	4	Bridlewood Farm, Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners (Aron Wellman) & Robert V. LaPenta	Todd Pletcher	\$85,570
24.	Petrov	4	Rialto Racing Stables LLC (Catherine Adams Hutt) & Southern Spring Stables (Ron Moquett)	Ron Moquett	\$50,000
25.	Untrapped	4	Michael Langford	Steve Asmussen	\$40,000
26.	American Anthem	4	WinStar Farm LLC (Kenny Troutt), S F Bloodstock LLC (Garvin Murphy, Neil Bowden & Tom Ryan) & China Horse Club (Ah Khing Teo)	Bob Baffert	\$20,000
27.	J Boys Echo	3	Albaugh Family Stables LLC (Jason Loustch)	Dale Romans	\$75,000
28.	Warrior's Club	3	Churchill Downs Racing Club (Gary Palmisano et al)	D. Wayne Lukas	\$26,100
29.	Recruiting Ready	2	Sagamore Farm (Kevin Plank)	Horacio DePaz	\$52,025
30.	State of Honor	2	Conrad Farm	Mark Casse	\$49,564
31.	Rowdy the Warrior	2	Robert H. Zoellner	Donnie Von Hemel	\$33,000
32.	Takaful	2	Shadwell Stable (Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum)	Kiaran McLaughlin	\$31,500
33.	Win With Pride	2	Repole Stable (Mike Repole) & St. Elias Stable (Vincent Viola)	Todd Pletcher	\$22,500
34.	Takeoff	2	John C. Oxley	Mark Casse	\$20,000
35.	Sheer Flattery	2	Thomas Barrow, Richard Robertson & Jerry Hollendorfer	Jerry Hollendorfer	\$18,000
36.	Big Hit	2	Gary & Mary West	Phil D'Amato	\$12,000
37.	Term of Art	1	Calumet Farm (Brad Kelley)	Doug O'Neill	\$71,000
38.	Midnight Pleasure	1	Ruis Racing LLC (Mick Ruis Sr.) & Wendy Ruis	Craig Dollase	\$54,000
39.	Talk Logistics	1	Hardway Stables (Ralph Nabavi)	Eddie Plesa Jr.	\$41,100
40.	Big Gray Rocket	1	Frank Fletcher Racing Operations Inc.	Bob Baffert	\$25,000
41.	Ann Arbor Eddie	1	Reddam Racing LLC (J. Paul Reddam)	Doug O'Neill	\$24,000
42.	Bobby Abu Dhabi	1	Rockingham Ranch (Gary Hartunian)	Peter Miller	\$18,000
43.	Arklow	1	Donegal Racing (Jerry Crawford)	Brad Cox	\$8,000

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

NOT TRIPLE CROWN NOMINATED – **Zakaroff (10)**, **More Power to Him (4)**, Straight Fire (2 points), Favorable Outcome (2 points), **Tribal Storm (2)**, Honor Thy Father (1 point) and Bird Is the Word (1 point).

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. If the second-most point-earner declines, the horse with the third-most points may accept. No other invitation will be extended beyond the top three point earners.

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

NOT TRIPLE CROWN NOMINATED – Blane Eclat (8 points) and Lavapies-JPN (4 points).

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 Sean (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	admiMastery (10)	Irap (4)	Dangerfield (2)	Bobby Abu Dhabi (1)
Jan. 2	Jerome	Aqueduct	1 Mile 70 Yards	El Arceb (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	Robert B. Lewis	Santa Anita	1 1/16 Miles	Royal Mo (10)	Irap (4)	Sheer Flattery (2)	Term of Art (1)
Feb. 4	Withers	Aqueduct	1 1/16 Miles	El Arceb (10)	True Timber (4)	J Boys Echo (2)	Bonus Points (1)
Feb. 4	Holy Bull	Gulfstream Park	1 1/16 Miles	Irish War Cry (10)	Gunnevera (4)	Classic Empire (2)	Talk Logistics (1)
Feb. 11	+Sam F. Davis	Tampa Bay Downs	1 1/16 Miles	McCraken (10)	Tapwrit (4)	State of Honor (2)	Wild Shot (1)
Feb. 18	El Camino Real Derby	Golden Gate	1 1/8 Miles (S)	Zakaroff (10)	More Power to Him (4)	Tribal Storm (2)	Ann Arbor Eddie (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)

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	Mont Saint Legame-JPN (40)	Caucus-JPN (16)	Blane Eclat (8)	Lavapies-JPN (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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