



# Leaderboard

Updated: Sunday, Nov. 1, 2015

**HOW TO GET INTO THE KENTUCKY OAKS STARTING GATE** – The “Road to the Kentucky Oaks” is a 31-race series that awards points to the Top 4 finishers in each race. The Top 14 point earners nominated to the Longines Kentucky Oaks will earn a spot in the starting gate for the 142<sup>nd</sup> running of the Grade I, \$1 million Longines Kentucky Oaks on Friday, May 6, 2016. The 1 1/8-mile Oaks is the nation’s premier race for 3-year-old fillies.

| Rank | Horse                     | Points | Owner(s)   | Trainer                   | Non-Restricted Stakes Earnings |
|------|---------------------------|--------|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1.   | <b>Songbird</b>           | 30     | <b>Fox Hill Farms Inc. (Rick Porter)</b>                         | <b>Jerry Hollendorfer</b> | <b>\$360,000</b>               |
| 2.   | <b>Dothraki Queen</b>     | 18     | <b>Magdalena Racing (Kenny McPeck et al)</b>                     | <b>Kenny McPeck</b>       | <b>\$400,280</b>               |
| 3.   | <b>Nickname</b>           | 12     | <b>LNJ Foxwoods (Larry, Nanci and Jamie Roth)</b>                | <b>Steve Asmussen</b>     | <b>\$360,000</b>               |
| 4.   | Gomo                      | 10     | Reddam Racing LLC (J. Paul Reddam)                               | Doug O'Neill              | \$292,000                      |
| 5.   | Gamble's Ghost            | 10     | Ivan Dalos   | Josie Carroll             | \$118,299                      |
| 6.   | <b>Rachel's Valentina</b> | 8      | <b>Stonestreet Stables LLC (Barbara Banke)</b>                   | <b>Todd Pletcher</b>      | <b>\$570,000</b>               |
| 7.   | <b>Nemoralia</b>          | 4      | <b>Terry Allan, James Lovat &amp; Charles Pigram</b>             | <b>Jeremy Noseda</b>      | <b>\$180,000</b>               |
| 8.   | Land Over Sea             | 4      | Reddam Racing LLC (J. Paul Reddam)                               | Doug O'Neill              | \$96,000                       |
| 9.   | Dream Dance               | 4      | Stoneway Farm (James L. Stone)                                   | Neil Howard               | \$38,800                       |
| 10.  | Swoop and Strike          | 4      | Sam-Son Farm (Rick Balaz, Kim Samuel & Mark Samuel)              | Malcolm Pierce            | \$27,371                       |
| 11.  | Right There               | 2      | Big Chief Racing LLC (Matthew W. Bryan)                          | Keith Desormeaux          | \$141,000                      |
| 12.  | <b>Me Can Do It</b>       | 2      | <b>Kyle W. Nagel</b>   | <b>Dale Romans</b>        | <b>\$100,000</b>               |
| 13.  | She's All Ready           | 2      | Nirvana Stables (Mike Salerno)                                   | James Ryerson             | \$40,000                       |
| 14.  | Bold Quality              | 2      | George & Lori Hall   | Kelly Breen               | \$19,400                       |
| 15.  | Garavogue Colleen         | 2      | Dura Racing & M. J. Doyle Racing Stables Ltd.                    | Michael Doyle             | \$15,054                       |
| 16.  | Just Wicked               | 1      | Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (Ron Winchell)                        | Steve Asmussen            | \$131,300                      |
| 17.  | <b>Width</b>              | 1      | <b>Claiborne Farm (Seth Hancock) &amp; Adele B. Dilschneider</b> | <b>Christophe Clement</b> | <b>\$25,000</b>                |
| 18.  | Put Da Blame On Me        | 1      | Michael J. Bruder  | Dale Romans               | \$22,000                       |
| 19.  | Vieja Luna                | 1      | Juan Francisco Landaeta  | Gustavo Amaya             | \$21,600                       |
| 20.  | Audacious Bear            | 1      | Bear Stables, Ltd. (Danny “Bear” Dion)                           | Michael De Paulo          | \$8,211                        |

Bold = Update from previously published Leaderboard ... Strikethrough = Sidelined, inactive, appears to be no longer under serious Kentucky Oaks consideration or not Kentucky Oaks nominated

## 2015-16 ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY OAKS

### 31 Races

#### Kentucky Oaks Prep Season (16 races)

| Date           | Race                       | Racetrack              | Distance            | 1 <sup>st</sup>      | 2 <sup>nd</sup>               | 3 <sup>rd</sup>           | 4 <sup>th</sup>        |
|----------------|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Sept. 12       | Pocahontas                 | Churchill Downs        | 1 1/16 Miles        | Dothraki Queen (10)  | Dream Dance (4)               | Bold Quality (2)          | Just Wicked (1)        |
| Sept. 26       | Chandelier                 | Santa Anita            | 1 1/16 Miles        | Songbird (10)        | Land Over Sea (4)             | Right There (2)           | Vieja Luna (1)         |
| Oct. 2         | Alcibiades                 | Keeneland              | 1 1/16 Miles        | Gomo (10)            | Dothraki Queen (4)            | Ma Can Do It (2)          | Put Da Blame On Me (1) |
| Oct. 3         | Frizette                   | Belmont Park           | 1 Mile              | Nickname (10)        | Nemoralia (4)                 | She's All Ready (2)       | Width (1)              |
| Oct. 4         | Mazarine                   | Woodbine               | 1 1/16 Miles (S)    | Gamble's Ghost (10)  | Swoop and Strike (4)          | Garavogue Colleen (2)     | Audacious Bear (1)     |
| <b>Oct. 31</b> | <b>BC Juvenile Fillies</b> | <b>Keeneland</b>       | <b>1 1/16 Miles</b> | <b>Songbird (20)</b> | <b>Rachel's Valentina (8)</b> | <b>Dothraki Queen (4)</b> | <b>Nickname (2)</b>    |
| Nov. 21        | Delta Downs Princess       | Delta Downs            | 1 Mile              | (10)                 | (4)                           | (2)                       | (1)                    |
| <b>Nov. 28</b> | <b>Demoiselle</b>          | <b>Aqueduct</b>        | <b>1 1/8 Miles</b>  | <b>(10)</b>          | <b>(4)</b>                    | <b>(2)</b>                | <b>(1)</b>             |
| Nov. 28        | Golden Rod                 | Churchill Downs        | 1 1/16 Miles        | (10)                 | (4)                           | (2)                       | (1)                    |
| *Dec. 12       | Starlet                    | Los Alamitos           | 1 1/16 Miles        | (10)                 | (4)                           | (2)                       | (1)                    |
| *Jan. 9        | Santa Ynez                 | Santa Anita            | 6 1/2 Furlongs      | (10)                 | (4)                           | (2)                       | (1)                    |
| *Jan. 16       | Busanda                    | Aqueduct               | 1 Mile 70 Yards     | (10)                 | (4)                           | (2)                       | (1)                    |
| Jan. 16        | Silverbulletday            | Fair Grounds           | 1 Mile 70 Yards     | (10)                 | (4)                           | (2)                       | (1)                    |
| <b>Jan. 30</b> | <b>Forward Gal</b>         | <b>Gulfstream Park</b> | <b>7 Furlongs</b>   | <b>(10)</b>          | <b>(4)</b>                    | <b>(2)</b>                | <b>(1)</b>             |
| Feb. 6         | Martha Washington          | Oaklawn Park           | 1 Mile              | (10)                 | (4)                           | (2)                       | (1)                    |
| <b>Feb. 6</b>  | <b>Las Virgenes</b>        | <b>Santa Anita</b>     | <b>1 Mile</b>       | <b>(10)</b>          | <b>(4)</b>                    | <b>(2)</b>                | <b>(1)</b>             |

**Kentucky Oaks Championship Series (15 races)**

| Date            | Race                 | Racetrack         | Distance     | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Feb. 20         | Rachel Alexandra     | Fair Grounds      | 1 1/16 Miles | (50)            | (20)            | (10)            | (5)             |
| *Feb. 25        | UAE Oaks             | Meydan Racecourse | 1 3/16 Miles | (50)            | (20)            | (10)            | (5)             |
| <b>Feb. 27</b>  | Davona Dale          | Gulfstream Park   | 1 1/16 Miles | (50)            | (20)            | (10)            | (5)             |
| *Feb. 27        | Busher               | Aqueduct          | 1 1/16 Miles | (50)            | (20)            | (10)            | (5)             |
| *March 5        | Santa Ysabel         | Santa Anita       | 1 1/16 Miles | (50)            | (20)            | (10)            | (5)             |
| March 12        | Honeybee             | Oaklawn Park      | 1 1/16 Miles | (50)            | (20)            | (10)            | (5)             |
| <b>March 20</b> | Sunland Park Oaks    | Sunland Park      | 1 1/16 Miles | (50)            | (20)            | (10)            | (5)             |
| *March 26       | Bourbonette Oaks     | Turfway Park      | 1 Mile (S)   | (50)            | (20)            | (10)            | (5)             |
| March 26        | Fair Grounds Oaks    | Fair Grounds      | 1 1/16 Miles | (100)           | (40)            | (20)            | (10)            |
| <b>April 2</b>  | Gulfstream Park Oaks | Gulfstream Park   | 1 1/8 Miles  | (100)           | (40)            | (20)            | (10)            |
| <b>April 9</b>  | Santa Anita Oaks     | Santa Anita       | 1 1/16 Miles | (100)           | (40)            | (20)            | (10)            |
| *April 9        | Gazelle              | Aqueduct          | 1 1/8 Miles  | (100)           | (40)            | (20)            | (10)            |
| *April 9        | Ashland              | Keeneland         | 1 1/16 Miles | (100)           | (40)            | (20)            | (10)            |
| April 9         | Fantasy              | Oaklawn Park      | 1 1/16 Miles | (100)           | (40)            | (20)            | (10)            |
| *April 17       | Beaumont             | Keeneland         | 7 Furlongs   | (10)            | (4)             | (2)             | (1)             |

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

Schedule subject to change.

**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”).

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

**ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY DERBY POINTS VS. MALES** – 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.

**SPLIT DIVISIONS** – In the event a “Road to the Kentucky Oaks” 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** – Fillies born in 2013 can be made eligible to run in the 2016 Longines Kentucky Oaks with a \$200 early payment due by late Feb. 27, 2016. A late period for nominations at \$1,500 each will close Wednesday, April 13, 2016. A supplemental nomination of \$30,000 may be made at the time of entry. In addition to the Oaks nomination fee, owners must pay \$5,000 to enter the Oaks by 10 a.m. ET on Tuesday, May 3, 2016, and an additional \$5,000 to start.

**POST POSITION DRAW** – The Longines Kentucky Oaks 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 in The Parlay Media Briefing Room on Tuesday, May 3, 2016, at 11 a.m. ET. Up to 18 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 6, 2016 at 9 a.m. ET.

**PRIZE MONEY** – The Kentucky Oaks winner will receive a silver trophy plus an estimated \$564,200 payday. A total of \$182,000 will be awarded to the runner-up, \$91,000 to third, \$45,500 to fourth; \$27,300 to fifth; and \$10,000 each to sixth through last.

**BACKGROUND** – Churchill Downs abandoned the graded stakes earnings criteria for the 2013 Longines Kentucky Oaks (used from 1986-2012) and proactively adopted a tiered point system to determine which horses would have preference for the 1 1/8-mile race. Today, a sliding scale of points is awarded to the Top 4 finishers in select races, and at the series’ end, the Top 14 point earners nominated to the Longines Kentucky Oaks get first crack to start in the Kentucky Derby’s sister race.

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