



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 20 point earners will earn a spot in the starting gate for the 142nd running of the \$2 million Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (Grade I) on Saturday, May 7, 2016. The Kentucky Derby field has been limited to 20 starters since 1975. At least 20 horses have entered the 1 ¼-mile race for 3-year-olds every year since 2004, and 15 of the last 17 years.

Rank	Horse	Points	Owner(s)	Trainer	Non-Restricted Stakes Earnings
1.	Nyquist	30	Reddam Racing LLC (J. Paul Reddam)	Doug O'Neill	\$1,580,000
2.	Exaggerator	16	Big Chief Racing LLC (Matthew W. Bryan)	Keith Desormeaux	\$940,000
3.	Brody's Cause	14	Albaugh Family Stable (Dennis Albaugh)	Dale Romans	\$500,000
4.	Swipe	12	Big Chief Racing LLC (Matthew W. Bryan)	Keith Desormeaux	\$597,130
5.	Airoforce	10	John C. Oxley	Mark Casse	\$444,080
6.	Greepointcrusader	10	St. Elias Stable (Vincent Viola), MeB Racing Stables LLC & Brooklyn Boyz Stables (Mary Ellen and Anthony Bonomo)	Dominick Schettino	\$300,000
7.	Mohaymen	10	Shadwell Stable	Kiaran McLaughlin	\$300,000
8.	Cocked and Loaded	10	Richard Ravin & Patricia's Hope LLC (Vince Foglia)	Larry Rivelli	\$280,840
9.	Riker	10	Tucci Stables (Carlo & Lou Tucci)	Nick Gonzalez	\$182,375
10.	Sunny Ridge	8	Dennis A. Drazin	Jason Servis	\$355,600
11.	Rated R Superstar	6	Radar Racing LLC (Paul Parker)	Kenny McPeck	\$80,200
12.	Flexibility	4	Klaravich Stables Inc. (Seth Klarman) & William H. Lawrence	Chad Brown	\$100,000
13.	Mor Spirit	4	Michael L. Petersen	Bob Baffert	\$36,800
14.	Kasseopia-GB	4	Team Valor International (Barry Irwin) & Gary Barber	Charlie Fellowes	\$22,809
15.	Harlan Punch	2	Rosemont Farm LLC	Tom Amoss	\$138,000
16.	Hollywood Don	2	Rockingham Ranch	Peter Miller	\$96,000
17.	Mo Tom	2	G M B Racing (Gayle Benson)	Tom Amoss	\$68,326
18.	Sail Ahoy	2	Phipps Stable (Ogden Mills "Dinny" Phipps)	Shug McGaughey III	\$60,000
19.	Portfolio Manager	2	Klaravich Stables Inc. (Seth Klarman) & William H. Lawrence	Chad Brown	\$50,000
20.	Tizzarunner	2	John C. Oxley	Mark Casse	\$40,948
21.	Gift Box	2	W.S. Farish	Chad Brown	\$40,000
22.	Unbridled Outlaw	2	Albaugh Family Stable (Dennis Albaugh)	Dale Romans	\$14,100
23.	Found Money	1	Reddam Racing LLC (J. Paul Reddam)	Doug O'Neill	\$129,000
24.	Van Damme	1	Mast Thoroughbreds LLC	Robert Gorham	\$31,290
25.	Stickstatelydude	1	Estate of Alvin Haynes, John S. Ferris, Brad Ward and Pack Pride Racing (Beth Burchell)	Greg Burchell	\$25,000
26.	Rare Candy	1	Tarabilla Farms Inc. (Susan Osborne)	David Hofmans	\$24,000
27.	Gun Runner	1	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC & Three Chimney Farms	Steve Asmussen	\$9,200
28.	Conquest Windycity	1	Conquest Stables LLC (Ernie Semersky & Dory Newell)	Mark Casse	\$7,050

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

2015-16 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. 12	Iroquois	Churchill Downs	1 1/16 Miles	Cocked and Loaded (10)	Rated R Superstar (4)	Unbridled Outlaw (2)	Conquest Windycity (1)
Sept. 26	FrontRunner	Santa Anita	1 1/16 Miles	Nyquist (10)	Swipe (4)	Hollywood Don (2)	Rare Candy (1)
Oct. 3	Champagne	Belmont Park	1 Mile	Greenpointcrusader (10)	Sunny Ridge (4)	Portfolio Manager (2)	Sail Ahoy (1)
Oct. 3	Breeders' Futurity	Keeneland	1 1/16 Miles	Brody's Cause (10)	Exaggerator (4)	Rated R Superstar (2)	Stickstatelydude (1)
Oct. 4	Grey	Woodbine	1 1/16 Miles (S)	Riker (10)	Kasseopia-GB (4)	Tizzarunner (2)	Van Damme (1)
Oct. 31	Breeders' Cup Juvenile	Keeneland	1 1/16 Miles	Nyquist (20)	Swipe (8)	Brody's Cause (4)	Exaggerator (2)
Nov. 21	Delta Downs Jackpot	Delta Downs	1 1/16 Miles	Exaggerator (10)	Sunny Ridge (4)	Harlan Punch (2)	Found Money (1)
Nov. 28	Remsen	Aqueduct	1 1/8 Miles	Mohaymen (10)	Flexibility (4)	Gift Box (2)	Sail Ahoy (1)
Nov. 28	Kentucky Jockey Club	Churchill Downs	1 1/16 Miles	Airoforce (10)	Mor Spirit (4)	Mo Tom (2)	Gun Runner (1)
Dec. 19	Los Alamitos Futurity	Los Alamitos	1 1/16 Miles	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
Jan. 2	Jerome	Aqueduct	1 Mile 70 Yards	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
Jan. 9	Sham	Santa Anita	1 Mile	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
Jan. 16	Lecomte	Fair Grounds	1 Mile 70 Yards	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
Jan. 18	Smarty Jones	Oaklawn Park	1 Mile	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
Jan. 30	Holy Bull	Gulfstream Park	1 1/16 Miles	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
Jan. 30	Withers	Aqueduct	1 1/16 Miles	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
Feb. 6	Robert B. Lewis	Santa Anita	1 1/16 Miles	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
Feb. 15	Southwest	Oaklawn Park	1 1/16 Miles	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
*Feb. 20	El Camino Real Derby	Golden Gate	1 1/8 Miles (S)	(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. 20	Risen Star	Fair Grounds	1 1/16 Miles	(50)	(20)	(10)	(5)
Feb. 27	Fountain of Youth	Gulfstream Park	1 1/16 Miles	(50)	(20)	(10)	(5)
March 5	Gotham	Aqueduct	1 1/16 Miles	(50)	(20)	(10)	(5)
March 12	Tampa Bay Derby	Tampa Bay Downs	1 1/16 Miles	(50)	(20)	(10)	(5)
March 12	San Felipe	Santa Anita	1 1/16 Miles	(50)	(20)	(10)	(5)
March 19	Rebel	Oaklawn Park	1 1/16 Miles	(50)	(20)	(10)	(5)
March 20	Sunland Derby	Sunland Park	1 1/8 Miles	(50)	(20)	(10)	(5)
March 26	UAE Derby	Meydan Racecourse	1 3/16 Miles	(100)	(40)	(20)	(10)
March 26	Louisiana Derby	Fair Grounds	1 1/8 Miles	(100)	(40)	(20)	(10)
April 2	Florida Derby	Gulfstream Park	1 1/8 Miles	(100)	(40)	(20)	(10)
April 2	Spiral	Turfway Park	1 1/8 Miles (S)	(50)	(20)	(10)	(5)
April 9	Wood Memorial	Aqueduct	1 1/8 Miles	(100)	(40)	(20)	(10)
*April 9	Blue Grass	Keeneland	1 1/8 Miles	(100)	(40)	(20)	(10)
April 9	Santa Anita Derby	Santa Anita	1 1/8 Miles	(100)	(40)	(20)	(10)
April 16	Arkansas Derby	Oaklawn Park	1 1/8 Miles	(100)	(40)	(20)	(10)
*April 16	Lexington	Keeneland	1 1/16 Miles	(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”).

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 2013 can be made eligible to run in the 2016 Kentucky Derby and Triple Crown with a \$600 early payment due by Jan. 23, 2016. A late period for nominations at \$6,000 each will be open Jan. 24, 2016 through March 28, 2016. 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 4, 2016, and an additional \$25,000 to start. A horse not nominated to the Triple Crown with sufficient points may be supplemented for \$200,000.

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 on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 5:30 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 6, 2016 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 20 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 23,000 Thoroughbreds were foaled in North America in 2013, 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 15 of the last 17 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.