



Leaderboard

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HOW TO GET INTO THE KENTUCKY DERBY STARTING GATE – The Road to the Kentucky Derby Presented by TwinSpires.com 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 141st running of the \$2 million Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (Grade I) on Saturday, May 2, 2015. 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 14 of the last 16 years.

Rank	Horse	Points	Owner(s)	Trainer	Non-Restricted Stakes Earnings
1.	El Kabeir	75	Zayat Stables, LLC (Ahmed Zayat)	John Terranova II	\$620,792
2.	International Star	71	Ken & Sarah Ramsey	Mike Maker	\$490,979
3.	Dortmund	70	Kaleem Shah Inc.	Bob Baffert	\$630,000
4.	Carpe Diem	64	WinStar Farm, LLC (Kenny Troutt) & Stonestreet Stables LLC (Barbara Banke)	Todd Pletcher	\$870,000
5.	Itsaknockout	50	Starlight Racing (Jack & Laurie Wolf & Donald & Barbara Lucarelli)	Todd Pletcher	\$240,560
6.	Upstart	36	Ralph M. Evans	Rick Violette Jr.	\$615,680
7.	War Story	24	Christopher T. Dunn & Looch Racing Stables, Inc. (Ron Paolucci)	Tom Amoss	\$120,000
8.	Far Right	22	Harry T. Rosenblum & Robert V. LaPenta	Ron Moquett	\$385,906
9.	Ami's Flatter	20	Ivan Dalos	Josie Carroll	\$99,200
10.	Prospect Park	20	Pam & Martin Wygod	Cliff Sise Jr.	\$80,000
	+Tiz Shea D	20	Wachtel Stable (Adam Wachtel), Brous Stable LLC (Nils Brous) & Gary Barber	Bill Mott	\$80,000
11.	Mr. Z	14	Zayat Stables, LLC (Ahmed Zayat)	D. Wayne Lukas	\$518,326
	Calculator	14	Richard C. Pell	Peter Miller	\$180,000
12.	Frosted	13	Godolphin Racing LLC (Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum et al)	Kiaran McLaughlin	\$176,200
13.	Classy Class	13	Cheyenne Stables LLC (Everett Dobson)	Kiaran McLaughlin	\$85,000
14.	Texas Red	12	Erich Brehm, Wayne Detmar, Lee Michaels, Keith Desormeaux & Gene Voss	Keith Desormeaux	\$1,176,000
15.	Keen Ice	12	Donegal Racing (Jerry Crawford)	Dale Romans	\$106,520
16.	Ocho Ocho Ocho	10	DP Racing, LLC (Deron Pearson)	Jim Cassidy	\$660,250
17.	American Pharoah	10	Zayat Stables, LLC (Ahmed Zayat)	Bob Baffert	\$360,000
18.	Daredevil	10	Let's Go Stable (Kevin Scatuorchio & Bryan Sullivan)	Todd Pletcher	\$339,600
	Leave the Light On	10	Klaravich Stables, Inc. (Seth Klarman) & William H. Lawrence	Chad Brown	\$240,000
19.	Far From Over	10	Black Rock Thoroughbreds, LLP (Steven Marshall)	Todd Pletcher	\$150,000
20.	Metaboss	10	M.J. Arndt, S.M. McPetridge, D. Preiss, M. Metanovic & C. Azcarate	Jeff Bonde	\$126,000
21.	Lucky Player	10	Jerry Durant	Steve Asmussen	\$97,231
22.	Bolo	10	Golden Pegasus Racing Inc. & Mack	Carla Gaines	\$94,980
	+Divining Rod	10	Lael Stables (Roy & Gretchen Jackson)	Arnaud Delacour	\$75,000
23.	Frammento	10	Mossarosa	Nick Zito	\$42,000
24.	Firing Line	8	Arnold Zetcher LLC	Simon Callaghan	\$130,000
25.	Bold Conquest	7	Ackerley Brothers Farm (Lee & Bob Ackerley)	Steve Asmussen	\$87,176
26.	Conquest Typhoon	6	Conquest Stables, LLC (Ernie Semersky & Dory Newell)	Mark Casse	\$335,827
27.	Lord Nelson	6	Peachtree Stable (John Fort)	Bob Baffert	\$228,571
28.	The Truth or Else	6	Harold Lerner, LLC	Kenny McPeck	\$136,000
29.	Rock Shandy	6	Donegal Racing (Jerry Crawford)	Peter Miller	\$56,000
30.	St. Joe Bay	6	Altamira Racing Stable & David A. Bernsen	Peter Miller	\$43,000
31.	Toasting Master	5	West Point Thoroughbreds	Dale Romans	\$21,000
32.	Danzig Moon	5	John C. Oxley	Mark Casse	\$17,500
33.	Bayerd	4	Clark O. Brewster	Steve Asmussen	\$246,000
34.	Imperia	4	Godolphin Racing LLC (Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum et al)	Kiaran McLaughlin	\$171,804
35.	Cross the Line	4	Hollendorfer, Todaro, Live Your Dream Racing Stable, Sigband et al.	Jerry Hollendorfer	\$100,000
36.	Nasa	4	Someday Farm (Pat Chapman)	John Servis	\$40,000
37.	Bluegrass Singer	2	Crossed Sabres Farm	Marcus Vitali	\$118,945
38.	Hashtag Bourbon	2	Bourbon Lane Farm (Jamie Hill)	Kellyn Gorder	\$74,117
39.	Hollywood Critic	2	Bruce Lunsford	Tommy Drury Jr.	\$35,528
40.	General Bellamy	2	Bach Stables LLC	Bill Mott	\$25,000
41.	Tiznow R J	2	Mike McCarthy	Steve Asmussen	\$24,000
	Eagle	2	William S. Parish	Neil Howard	\$23,902
	+Pioneer of the West	2	John C. Oxley	Mark Casse	\$14,250

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Rank	Horse	Points	Owner(s)	Trainer	Non-Restricted Stakes Earnings
	The Great War	4	Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith, Mrs. John Magnier & Joseph Allen LLC	Wesley Ward	\$215,662
42.	Private Prospect	1	Mellon Patch Inc.	Michael Campbell	\$138,000
43.	Danny Boy	1	Donegal Racing (Jerry Crawford)	Dale Romans	\$59,544
	+Saratoga Heater	1	P.R. Racing	Al Stall Jr.	\$50,000
44.	Bench Warrant	1	Doubledown Stables Inc.	John Sadler	\$42,000
45.	Juan and Bina	1	Grupo 7C Racing Stable	Gustavo Delgado	\$40,330
46.	Tough Customer	1	Gary & Mary West	Wayne Catalano	\$25,000
47.	Tencendur	1	Philip S. Birsh	George Weaver	\$24,500
48.	Another Lemon Drop	1	Rigney Racing LLC (Richard Rigney)	Phil Bauer	\$20,000
	+Ackeret	1	Pick Six Racing & Silver Streak Stable	Rudy Rodriguez	\$13,000
49.	Harmonic	1	R. Awtry, R. Hammond, Phillips Racing Partnership, C. Schummer et al.	Jerry Hollendorfer	\$12,000
50.	Hero Ten All	1	Edward K. Gaylord II	Jeff Mullins	\$9,250
51.	Flashaway	1	John C. Oxley	Mark Casse	\$8,999

+ = Not Triple Crown Nominated ... Bold = Update from previously published Leaderboard

2014-15 ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY DERBY

35 Races (16 Championship Series Races)

Kentucky Derby Prep Season (20 races)

Date	Race	Racetrack	Distance	1 st (Points)	2 nd (Points)	3 rd (Points)	4 th (Points)
Sept. 6	Iroquois	Churchill Downs	1 1/16 Miles	Lucky Player (10)	Bold Conquest (4)	Hashtag Bourbon (2)	Danny Boy (1)
Sept. 27	FrontRunner	Santa Anita	1 1/16 Miles	American Pharoah (10)	Calculator (4)	Texas Red (2)	Lord Nelson (1)
Oct. 4	Champagne	Belmont Park	1 Mile	Daredevil (10)	Upstart (4)	The Truth or Else (2)	El Kabeir (1)
Oct. 4	Breeders' Futurity	Keeneland	1 1/16 Miles	Carpe Diem (10)	Mr. Z (4)	Bold Conquest (2)	Tough Customer (1)
Oct. 5	Grey	Woodbine	1 1/16 Miles (S)	International Star (10)	Conquest Typhoon (4)	Hollywood Critic (2)	Flashaway (1)
Nov. 1	Breeders' Cup Juvenile	Santa Anita	1 1/16 Miles	Texas Red (10)	Carpe Diem (4)	Upstart (2)	The Great War (1)
Nov. 22	Delta Downs Jackpot	Delta Downs	1 1/16 Miles	Ocho Ocho Ocho (10)	Mr. Z (4)	Far Right (2)	Saratoga Heater (1)
Nov. 29	Remsen	Aqueduct	1 1/8 Miles	Leave the Light On (10)	Frosted (4)	Keen Ice (2)	Classy Class (1)
Nov. 29	Kentucky Jockey Club	Churchill Downs	1 1/16 Miles	El Kabeir (10)	Imperia (4)	Eagle (2)	International Star (1)
Dec. 20	Los Alamitos Futurity	Los Alamitos	1 1/16 Miles	Dortmund (10)	Firing Line (4)	Mr. Z (2)	Bench Warrant (1)
Jan. 3	Jerome	Aqueduct	1 Mile 70 Yards	El Kabeir (10)	Nasa (4)	General Bellamy (2)	Ackeret (1)
Jan. 10	Sham	Santa Anita	1 Mile	Calculator (10)	Rock Shandy (4)	Pioneer of the West (2)	St. Joe Bay (1)
Jan. 17	Lecomte	Fair Grounds	1 Mile 70 Yards	International Star (10)	War Story (4)	Tiznow R J (2)	Another Lemon Drop (1)
Jan. 19	Smarty Jones	Oaklawn Park	1 Mile	Far Right (10)	Bayerd (4)	Mr. Z (2)	Private Prospect (1)
Jan. 24	Holy Bull	Gulfstream Park	1 1/16 Miles	Upstart (10)	Frosted (4)	Bluegrass Singer (2)	Juan and Bina (1)
Feb. 7	Withers	Aqueduct	1 1/16 Miles	Far From Over (10)	El Kabeir (4)	Classy Class (2)	Tencendur (1)
Feb. 7	Robert B. Lewis	Santa Anita	1 1/16 Miles	Dortmund (10)	Firing Line (4)	Rock Shandy (2)	Hero Ten All (1)
Feb. 14	El Camino Real Derby	Golden Gate	1 1/8 Miles (S)	Metaboss (10)	Cross the Line (4)	Conquest Typhoon (2)	Harmonic (1)
Feb. 22	Southwest	Oaklawn Park	1 1/16 Miles	Far Right (10)	The Truth Or Else (4)	Mr. Z (2)	Bold Conquest (1)

Kentucky Derby Championship Series (16 races)

Date	Race	Racetrack	Distance	1 st (Points)	2 nd (Points)	3 rd (Points)	4 th (Points)
Feb. 21	Fountain of Youth	Gulfstream Park	1 1/16 Miles	Itsaknockout (50)	Upstart (20)	Frammento (10)	Frosted (5)
Feb. 21	Risen Star	Fair Grounds	1 1/16 Miles	International Star (50)	War Story (20)	Keen Ice (10)	St. Joe Bay (5)
March 7	Gotham	Aqueduct	1 1/16 Miles	El Kabeir (50)	Tiz Shea D (20)	Classy Class (10)	Toasting Master (5)
March 7	Tampa Bay Derby	Tampa Bay Downs	1 1/16 Miles	Carpe Diem (50)	Ami's Flatter (20)	Divining Rod (10)	Danzig Moon (5)
March 7	San Felipe	Santa Anita	1 1/16 Miles	Dortmund (50)	Prospect Park (20)	Bolo (10)	Lord Nelson (5)
March 14	Rebel	Oaklawn Park	1 1/16 Miles	(50)	(20)	(10)	(5)
March 21	Spiral	Turfway Park	1 1/8 Miles (S)	(50)	(20)	(10)	(5)
March 22	Sunland Derby	Sunland Park	1 1/8 Miles	(50)	(20)	(10)	(5)
March 28	UAE Derby	Meydan Racecourse	1 3/16 Miles	(100)	(40)	(20)	(10)
March 28	Florida Derby	Gulfstream Park	1 1/8 Miles	(100)	(40)	(20)	(10)
March 28	Louisiana Derby	Fair Grounds	1 1/8 Miles	(100)	(40)	(20)	(10)
April 4	Wood Memorial	Aqueduct	1 1/8 Miles	(100)	(40)	(20)	(10)
April 4	Blue Grass	Keeneland	1 1/8 Miles	(100)	(40)	(20)	(10)
April 4	Santa Anita Derby	Santa Anita	1 1/8 Miles	(100)	(40)	(20)	(10)
April 11	Arkansas Derby	Oaklawn Park	1 1/8 Miles	(100)	(40)	(20)	(10)
April 11	Lexington	Keeneland	1 1/16 Miles	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)

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 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 2012 can be made eligible to run in the 2015 Kentucky Derby and Triple Crown with a \$600 early payment due by Jan. 17, 2015. A late period for nominations at \$6,000 each will be open Jan. 18, 2015 through March 23, 2015. In addition to the Triple Crown nomination fee, owners must pay \$25,000 to enter the Derby by 10 a.m. ET on Wednesday, April 29, 2015, 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, April 29, 2015, 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 1, 2015 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.

METRICS – More than \$59.7 million was wagered on the 34-race “Road to the Kentucky Derby” series in 2013-14 with an average of 9.38 horses per race. Betting on the 16-race Championship Series totaled more \$34.8 million and an average of 9.94 horses competed in each event. On Kentucky Derby Day, Churchill Downs had its second-largest crowd (164,909), second-highest all-sources betting handle (\$186.6 million) and 15.3 million viewers watched the race on NBC. Combined Kentucky Oaks and Kentucky Derby Day attendance was a record 277,977 and all-sources betting totaled \$229.8 million, which was second only behind 2013’s \$230.4 million.

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 23,500 Thoroughbreds were foaled in North America in 2012, 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 14 of the last 16 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.

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