Leaderboard

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HOW TO GET INTO THE KENTUCKY DERBY STARTING GATE – The Road to the Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve is a 35-race series that awards points to the Top 4 finishers in each race. The top 19 or 20 point earners will earn a spot in the starting gate for the 144th running of the $2 million Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve (Grade I) on Saturday, May 5, 2018. One invitation will be extended to the top point earners in the Europe Road to the Kentucky Presented by Woodford Reserve and one invitation will be extended to the top point earners in the Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve. 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 17 of the last 19 years.

Rank	Horse	Points	Owner(s)	Trainer	Non-Restricted Stakes Earnings
1.	Bravazo	54	Calumet Farm (Brad Kelley)	D. Wayne Lukas	$349,913
2.	Good Magic	24	e Five Racing Thoroughbreds (Bob, Kristine, Cassidy, Riley & Delaney Edwards) & Stonestreet Stables LLC (Barbara Banke)	Chad Brown	$1,200,000
3.	Firenze Fire	24	Mr. Amore Stable (Ron Lombardi)	Jason Servis	$567,500
4.	Snapper Sinclair	22	Bloom Racing Stable (Jeffrey Bloom)	Steve Asmussen	$301,810
5.	McKinzie	20	Karl Watson, Michael E. Pegram & Paul Weitman	Bob Baffert	$240,000
6.	Instilled Regard	19	Oxo Equine LLC (Lawrence Best)	Jerry Hollendorfer	$196,000
7.	Bolt d'Oro	14	Ruis Racing (Mick Ruis)	Mick Ruis	$540,000
8.	Free Drop Billy	14	Albaugh Family Stables LLC (Dennis Albaugh & Jason Loustch)	Dale Romans	$467,200
9.	Solomini	14	Zayat Stables LLC (Ahmed Zayat)	Bob Baffert	$436,000
10.	Catholic Boy	14	Robert V. LaPenta & Madaket Stables LLC (Sol Kumin)	Jonathan Thomas	$330,000
11.	Avery Island	14	Godolphin Racing LLC (Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum et al)	Kiaran McLaughlin	$320,000
12.	Enticed	13	Godolphin Racing LLC (Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum et al)	Kiaran McLaughlin	$180,880
13.	**My Boy Jack**	**12**	**Don't Tell My Wife Stables (Kirk Godbey & Rob Slack) & Monomoy Stables LLC (Sol Kumin)**	**Keith Desormeaux**	**$402,000**
14.	**Combatant**	**12**	**Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (Ron Winchell) & Willis Horton Racing LLC**	**Steve Asmussen**	**$210,000**
15.	**Mourinho**	**11**	**Phoenix Thoroughbred III (Amer Abdulaziz)**	**Bob Baffert**	**$149,360**
—	+Flameaway	10	John C. Oxley	Mark Casse	$402,260
16.	Greyvitos	10	Triple B Farms (Michelle Boghossian)	Adam Kitchingman	$300,000
17.	Audible	10	WinStar Farm LLC (Kenny Troutt), China Horse Club International Ltd. (Ah Khing Teo) & SF Racing LLC (Gavin Murphy)	Todd Pletcher	$208,320
—	+The Tabulator	10	Carolyn Wilson	Larry Rivelli	$186,750
18.	Lombo	10	Michael V. Lombardi	Mike Pender	$90,000

Note: One spot in the Kentucky Derby starting gate is an invitation to the Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby point leaders. The invitation order of preference is +Sumahama (JPN), Ruggero (JPN), +Taiki Ferveur (JPN) and ~~+Le Vent Se Leve (JPN)~~.

Note: One spot in the Kentucky Derby starting gate is an invitation to the European Road to the Kentucky Derby point leaders. The invitation order of preference will be final after the March 30 Burradon at Newcastle.

—	+f-Paved	10	Ciaglia Racing LLC (Joseph Ciaglia) & Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners (Aron Wellman)	Michael McCarthy	$60,000
19.	Noble Indy	10	WinStar Farm (Kenny Trout) & Repole Stable (Mike Repole)	Todd Pletcher	$40,000
20.	Tiz Mischief	6	Frank L. Jones Jr.	Dale Romans	$70,400
21.	Hollywood Star	5	Albaugh Family Stables LLC (Dennis Albaugh & Jason Loustch)	Dale Romans	$98,500
22.	Ayacara (GB)	5	Cynthia & Charles K. Marquis	Keith Desormeaux	$63,345
—	+City Plan	4	Godolphin Racing LLC (Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum et al)	Eoin Harty	$67,345
23.	Principe Guilherme	4	Three Chimneys Farm (Goncalo Borges Torrealba & Zuleika B. Torrealba)	Steve Asmussen	$44,000
24.	Seven Trumpets	4	West Point Thoroughbreds (Terry Finley)	Dale Romans	**$31,666**
—	+All Out Blitz	4	Kaleem Shah Inc. (Kaleem Shah)	Simon Callaghan	$20,000
25.	Coltandmississippi	3	Teresa Viola Racing & St. Elias Stable (Vincent Viola)	Todd Pletcher	$31,137
26.	**Sporting Chance**	**2**	**Robert C. Baker & William L. Mack**	**D. Wayne Lukas**	**$260,000**
27.	Givemeaminit	2	Valene Farms LLC (Murray Valene)	Dallas Stewart	$156,000
28.	Lone Sailor	2	G M B Racing (Tom & Gayle Benson)	Tom Amoss	$73,347
—	+Tap Daddy	2	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (Ron Winchell)	Steve Asmussen	$65,000
—	+Kingsville	2	Stewart L. Armstrong, Albert Saenz & Danny Pish	Danny Pish	$44,000
29.	Take the One O One	2	Jay Em Ess Stable (Samantha Siegel)	Brian Koriner	$36,345

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30.	Marconi	2	Bridlewood Farm (John & Leslie Malone), Mrs. John Magnier, Derrick Smith & Michael B. Tabor	Todd Pletcher	$25,000 (Career: $73,000)
31.	Vouch	2	Lael Stables (Roy & Gretchen Jackson) & Three Chimneys Farm (Goncalo Borges Torrealba & Zuleika B. Torrealba)	Arnaud Delacour	$25,000 (Career: $47,800)
32.	Vino Rosso	2	Repole Stable (Mike Repole) & St. Elias Stable (Vincent Viola)	Todd Pletcher	$20,000
33.	Promises Fulfilled	2	Robert J. Baron	Dale Romans	$18,400
34.	Dark Vader	2	Sharon Alesia, Burns Racing LLC, Ciaglia Racing LLC (Joseph Ciaglia) & R. Christensen	Peter Eurton	$18,000
—	+Blended Citizen	2	Greg Hall & Sayjay Racing, LLC	Doug O'Neill	$16,644
—	+Kowboy Karma	1	J. Larry Jones, Cindy Jones & Michael Pressley	Larry Jones	$94,000
—	+Night Strike	1	Erich G. Brehm	Bret Calhoun	$28,400
—	+Bode's Maker	1	Keene Thoroughbreds LLC (Danny Keene)	Allen Milligan	$27,500
—	+Mugaritz	1	Alejandro Mercado	Jonathan Wong	$26,000
35.	Lionite	1	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (Ron Winchell) & Willis Horton Racing LLC	Steve Asmussen	$25,000
36.	For Him	1	Michael V. Lombardi	Mike Pender	$24,000
37.	High North	1	Shortleaf Stable Inc. (John Ed Anthony)	Brad Cox	$17,200
—	+Alkhaatam	1	Shadwell Stables (Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum)	Chad Brown	$12,500
—	+Ebben	1	Craig Aguiar	Steve Margolis	$10,671
38.	Zing Zang	1	Jackpot Ranch (Terry Greene)	Steve Asmussen	**$9,166**
39.	Regulate	1	Juddmonte Farms LLC	Bob Baffert	$9,000
—	+Regalian	1	Island Wind Racing	Chris Englehart	$7,500
40.	Shivermetimbers	1	Mark DeDomenico LLC & West Point Thoroughbreds (Terry Finley)	Jerry Hollendorfer	$6,000

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2017-18 ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY DERBY SCHEDULE

35 Races

Kentucky Derby Prep Season (19 races)

Date	Race	Racetrack	Distance	1st (Points)	2nd (Points)	3rd (Points)	4th (Points)
Sept. 16	Iroquois	Churchill Downs	1 1/16 Miles	The Tabulator (10)	Hollywood Star (4)	~~Ten City (2)~~	Ebben (1)
Sept. 30	FrontRunner	Santa Anita	1 1/16 Miles	Bolt d'Oro (10)	Solomini (4)	Take the One O One (2)	Ayacara (1)
Oct. 7	Champagne	Belmont Park	1 Mile	Firenze Fire (10)	Good Magic (4)	Enticed (2)	Kowboy Karma (1)
Oct. 7	Breeders' Futurity	Keeneland	1 1/16 Miles	Free Drop Billy (10)	Bravazo (4)	Lone Sailor (2)	Lionite (1)
Nov. 4	Breeders' Cup Juvenile	Del Mar	1 1/16 Miles	Good Magic (20)	Solomini (8)	Bolt d'Oro (4)	Givemeaminit (2)
~~Nov. 18~~	~~Delta Downs Jackpot~~	~~Delta Downs~~	~~1 1/16 Miles~~	~~(10)~~	~~(4)~~	~~(2)~~	~~(1)~~
Nov. 25	Kentucky Jockey Club	Churchill Downs	1 1/16 Miles	Enticed (10)	Tiz Mischief (4)	Promises Fulfilled (2)	High North (1)
Dec. 2	Remsen	Aqueduct	1 1/8 Miles	Catholic Boy (10)	Avery Island (4)	Vouch (2)	Alkhaatam (1)
Dec. 9	Los Alamitos Futurity	Los Alamitos	1 1/16 Miles	McKinzie (10)	Instilled Regard (4)	Solomini (2)	For Him (1)
Dec. 17	Springboard Mile	Remington Park	1 Mile	Greyvitos (10)	Combatant (4)	Kingsville (2)	Night Strike (1)
Jan. 6	Sham	Santa Anita	1 Mile	McKinzie (10)	All Out Blitz (4)	My Boy Jack (2)	Shivermetimber (1)
Jan. 13	Jerome	Aqueduct	1 Mile	Firenze Fire (10)	Seven Trumpets (4)	Coltandmississippi (2)	Regalian (1)
Jan. 13	Lecomte	Fair Grounds	1 Mile 70 Yards	Instilled Regard (10)	Principe Guilherme (4)	Snapper Sinclair (2)	Zing Zang (1)
Jan. 15	Smarty Jones	Oaklawn Park	1 Mile	Mourinho (10)	Combatant (4)	Tap Daddy (2)	Bode's Maker (1)
Feb. 3	Withers	Aqueduct	1 1/8 Miles	Avery Island (10)	Firenze Fire (4)	Marconi (2)	Coltandmississippi (1)
Feb. 3	Robert B. Lewis	Santa Anita	1 1/16 Miles	Lombo (10)	Ayacara-GB (4)	Dark Vader (2)	Regulate (1)
Feb. 3	Holy Bull	Gulfstream Park	1 1/16 Miles	Audible (10)	Free Drop Billy (4)	Tiz Mischief (2)	Enticed (1)
Feb. 10	Sam F. Davis	Tampa Bay Downs	1 1/16 Miles	Flameaway (10)	Catholic Boy (4)	Vino Rosso (2)	Hollywood Star (1)
Feb. 17	El Camino Real Derby	Golden Gate	1 1/8 Miles (S)	f-Paved (10)	City Plan (4)	Blended Citizen (2)	Mugaritz (1)
Feb. 19	**Southwest**	**Oaklawn Park**	**1 1/16 Miles**	**My Boy Jack (10)**	**Combatant (4)**	**Sporting Chance (2)**	**Mourinho (1)**

Kentucky Derby Championship Series (16 races)

Date	Race	Racetrack	Distance	1st (Points)	2nd (Points)	3rd (Points)	4th (Points)
Feb. 17	Risen Star	Fair Grounds	1 1/16 Miles	Bravazo (50)	Snapper Sinclair (20)	Noble Indy (10)	Instilled Regard (5)
March 3	Fountain of Youth	Gulfstream Park	1 1/16 Miles	(50)	(20)	(10)	(5)
March 10	Gotham	Aqueduct	1 Mile	(50)	(20)	(10)	(5)
March 10	San Felipe	Santa Anita	1 1/16 Miles	(50)	(20)	(10)	(5)
March 10	Tampa Bay Derby	Tampa Bay Downs	1 1/16 Miles	(50)	(20)	(10)	(5)
March 17	Rebel	Oaklawn Park	1 1/16 Miles	(50)	(20)	(10)	(5)
March 17	Spiral	Turfway Park	1 1/8 Miles (S)	(20)	(8)	(4)	(2)
March 24	Louisiana Derby	Fair Grounds	1 1/8 Miles	(100)	(40)	(20)	(10)
March 25	Sunland Derby	Sunland Park	1 1/8 Miles	(50)	(20)	(10)	(5)
March 31	UAE Derby	Meydan Racecourse	1 3/16 Miles	(100)	(40)	(20)	(10)
March 31	Florida Derby	Gulfstream Park	1 1/8 Miles	(100)	(40)	(20)	(10)
April 7	Wood Memorial	Aqueduct	1 1/8 Miles	(100)	(40)	(20)	(10)
April 7	Blue Grass	Keeneland	1 1/8 Miles	(100)	(40)	(20)	(10)
April 7	Santa Anita Derby	Santa Anita	1 1/8 Miles	(100)	(40)	(20)	(10)
April 14	Arkansas Derby	Oaklawn Park	1 1/8 Miles	(100)	(40)	(20)	(10)
April 14	Lexington	Keeneland	1 1/16 Miles	(20)	(8)	(4)	(2)

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2017-18 EUROPEAN ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY DERBY SCHEDULE

EUROPEAN ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY DERBY – Building upon an initiative to further international interest in America's greatest race, Churchill Downs officials have partnered with racing officials in England, France and Ireland to create a path to the 144th running of the $2 million Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve (GI) for horses based in Europe. The new "European Road to the Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve" is a stand-alone series of seven races that is separate from America's 35-race "Road to the Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve" sequence. Only one invitation to compete in the Kentucky Derby will be extended with preference given to the horses with the most points in the "European Road to the Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve" series. No invitation will be extended beyond the Top 4 point earners but if a horse also qualifies through America's 35-race "Road to the Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve" series, the invite will be extended to the next eligible horse. If two or more horses have the same number of points, the tiebreakers are earnings in non-restricted stakes races as of April 14, 2018 followed by lifetime earnings as of April 14, 2018. Since 1967, there have been 36 horses who previously raced outside North America and ran in the Kentucky Derby. Venezuela's Canonero II won the 1971 Derby, while Bold Arrangement (GB), who was campaigned in Great Britain and France, finished second to Ferdinand in the 1986 renewal.

Rank	Horse	Points	Owner(s)	Trainer	Non-Restricted Stakes Earnings
1.	+Saxon Warrior-JPN	20	Derrick Smith, Mrs. John Magnier & Michael Tabor	Aidan O'Brien	$245,017
2.	+Roaring Lion	14	Qatar Racing Limited	John Gosden	$136,807
3.	+f-Happily-IRE	10	Derrick Smith, Mrs. John Magnier & Michael Tabor	Aidan O'Brien	$543,648
4.	+Olmedo-FR	4	Antonio Caro & Gerard Augustin-Normand	Jean-Claude Rouget	$113,505
5.	+Nelson-IRE	4	Derrick Smith, Mrs. John Magnier & Michael Tabor	Aidan O'Brien	$99,826
6.	+Delano Roosevelt-IRE	4	Derrick Smith, Mrs. John Magnier & Michael Tabor	Aidan O'Brien	$38,074
7.	+Masar-IRE	2	Godolphin Racing LLC	Charlie Appleby	$101,264
8.	+The Pentagon-IRE	2	Derrick Smith, Mrs. John Magnier & Michael Tabor	Aidan O'Brien	$71,981
9.	+Mildenberger-GB	2	Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Al Maktoum	Mark Johnston	$64,634
10.	+Warm The Voice-IRE	2	Mrs. J.S. Bolger	Brendan Duke	$12,904
11.	+Verbal Dexterity-IRE	1	Mrs. J.S. Bolger	Jim Bolger	$280,269
12.	+Kew Gardens-IRE	1	Derrick Smith, Mrs. John Magnier & Michael Tabor	Aidan O'Brien	$28,605
13.	+Woodmax-GER	1	Markus J. Jooste	Nicolas Clement	$23,610
14.	+Petrus-IRE	1	Mr. G.P.M. Morland	Brian Meehan	$7,182

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7 Races

Date	Race	Racetrack	Distance	1st (Points)	2nd (Points)	3rd (Points)	4th (Points)
Sept. 24	Juddmonte Beresford	Naas (Ire)	1 Mile (T)	Saxon Warrior-JPN (10)	Delano Roosevelt-IRE (4)	Warm the Voice-IRE (2)	Kew Gardens-IRE (1)
Sept. 30	Juddmonte Royal Lodge	Newmarket (GB)	1 Mile (T)	Roaring Lion (10)	Nelson-IRE (4)	Mildenberger-GB (2)	Petrus-IRE (1)
Oct. 1	Qatar Prix Jean-Luc Lagardère	Chantilly (Fr)	1 Mile (T)	f-Happily-IRE (10)	Olmedo-FR (4)	Masar-IRE (2)	Woodmax-GER (1)
Oct. 28	Racing Post Trophy	Doncaster (GB)	1 Mile (T)	Saxon Warrior-JPN (10)	Roaring Lion (4)	The Pentagon-IRE (2)	Verbal Dexterity-IRE (1)
March 1	Road to the Kentucky Derby Condition Stakes	Kempton Park (GB)	1 Mile (S)	(20)	(8)	(4)	(2)
March 2	Patton (Listed)	Dundalk (Ire)	1 Mile (S)	(20)	(8)	(4)	(2)
March 30	Burradon	Newcastle (GB)	1 Mile (S)	(30)	(12)	(6)	(3)

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2017-18 JAPAN ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY DERBY SCHEDULE

JAPAN ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY DERBY – First staged in 2017, the "Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve" is a separate sequence of three races from America's 35-race "Road to the Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve" series. Only one invitation to compete in the Kentucky Derby will be extended with preference given to the horses with the most points in the "Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve" series. No invitation will be extended beyond the Top 4 point earners but if a horse also qualifies through America's 35-race "Road to the Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve" series, the invite will be extended to the next eligible horse. If two or more horses have the same number of points, the tiebreaker is lifetime earnings as of April 14, 2018. Two horses based in Japan have run in the Kentucky Derby: Ski Captain (14th in 1995) and Lani (ninth in 2016). U Carrot Farm's Epicharis (Jpn) was last year's point leader after a three-quarter length victory in the Hyacinth. He'd later run second in the UAE Derby (GII) but quarantine matters made it problematic for the colt to be seriously considered for the Derby. Instead, Epicharis (Jpn) targeted the Belmont Stakes (GI) but was scratched on the morning of the race after inflammation was detected in his right front leg.

Rank	Horse	Points	Owner(s)	Trainer	Career Earnings
1.	+Sumahama-JPN	30	Sanshisuimei Co. Ltd.	Ryo Takahashi	$291,287
2.	Ruggero-JPN	16	Takashi Muraki	Yuichi Shikato	$220,861
3.	+Taiki Ferveur-JPN	12	U. Taiki Farm	Mitsunori Makiura	$200,689
4.	+Le Vent Se Leve-JPN	10	G1 Racing Co. Ltd.	Kiyoshi Hagiwara	$463,935
5.	+Don Fortis-JPN	4	Koichi Yamada	Mitsunori Makiura	$436,916
6.	+Mic Ben Hur-JPN	4	Kiratto One Co. Ltd.	Yoshihiro Hatakeyama	$122,696
7.	+Great Time-JPN	3	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co. Ltd.	Hideaki Fujiwara	$186,586
8.	+Haseno Pyro-JPN	2	Fumio Hasegawa	Kenki Sato	$263,981
9.	+Meiner Yukitsubaki-JPN	2	K Thoroughbred Club Ruffian	Noboru Takagi	$151,796
10.	+Dark Repulser-JPN	1	Akira Katayama	Takashi Kanari	$200,920
11.	+Bronze Kay-JPN	1	Hiroshi Hatasa	Koichi Tsunoda	$75,979

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3 Races

Date	Race	Racetrack	Distance	1st (Points)	2nd (Points)	3rd (Points)	4th (Points)
Nov. 25	Cattleya Sho	Tokyo Racecourse	1 Mile	Ruggero-JPN (10)	Mic Ben Hur-JPN (4)	Meiner Yukitsubaki-JPN (2)	Bronze Kay-JPN (1)
Dec. 13	Zen-Nippon Nisai Yushun	Kawasaki Racecourse	1 Mile	Le Vent Se Leve-JPN (10)	Don Fortis-JPN (4)	Haseno Pyro-JPN (2)	Dark Repulser-JPN (1)
Feb. 18	Hyacinth	Tokyo Racecourse	1 Mile	Sumahama-JPN (30)	Taiki Ferveur-JPN (12)	Ruggero-JPN (6)	Great Time-JPN (3)

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RULES AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

TIEBREAKERS –

- America's Road to the Kentucky Derby: 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"). For the Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve, the tiebreaker is lifetime earnings.
- European Road to the Kentucky Derby: If two or more horses have the same number of points, the tiebreaker is earnings in non-restricted stakes races as of April 14, 2018. In the case of remaining ties, the additional starter(s) and/or also-eligible horses shall be determined by lifetime earnings as of April 14, 2018. In the case of remaining ties, the additional starter(s) and/or also-eligible horses shall be determined by lot (aka a "shake").
- Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby: If two or more horses have the same number of points, the tiebreaker is lifetime earnings as of April 14, 2018. 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 Presented by Woodford Reserve" 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 Presented by Woodford Reserve" 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 Presented by Woodford Reserve" 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 2015 can be made eligible to run in the 2018 Kentucky Derby and Triple Crown with a $600 early payment due by Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018. A late period for nominations at $6,000 each will be open Sunday, Jan. 21, 2018 through late Monday, March 19, 2018. 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. EDT on Tuesday, May 1, 2018, 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 Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 11 a.m. ET. 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 4, 2018 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 22,500 Thoroughbreds were foaled in North America in 2015, 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 17 of the last 19 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

2017 FINAL LEADERBOARD – 1. Girvin (150), 2. Classic Empire (132), 3. Gormley (125), 4. Irap (113), 5. Irish War Cry (110), 6. Thunder Snow-IRE (100, $1,621,063), 7. **Always Dreaming** (100, $589,000), 8. Gunnevera (84), 9. Practical Joke (74), 10. J Boys Echo (63), 11. State of Honor (62), 12. Tapwrit (54), 13. Hence (50, $401,429), 14. Fast and Accurate (50, $320,712), 15. McCraken (40, $385,048), 16. Battle of Midway (40, $224,000), 17. Patch (40, $200,000), 18. Untrapped (34), 19. Lookin At Lee (32), 20. Sonneteer (30, $236,000), AE 21. Royal Mo (30, $213,000) and AE 22. Master Plan (20).

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. Mubtaahij-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).

LEADERBOARD HISTORY – PREP SEASON ONLY

2017 TOP 20 AT CONCLUSION OF PREP SEASON (8 ENTERED IN KENTUCKY DERBY) – 1. **Classic Empire** (32), 2. El Areeb (20, $300,000), 3. **McCraken** (20, $285,048), 4. **Gormley** (20, $260,000), 5. **Gunnevera** (14, $807,200), 6. **Practical Joke** (14, $690,000), 7. **Lookin At Lee** (12), 8. Uncontested (11), 9. One Liner (10, $300,000), 10. **Irish War Cry** (10, $272,660), 11. Mastery (10, $240,000), 12. Mo Town (10, $180,000), 13. Guest Suite (10, $128,040), 14. Royal Mo (10, $90,000), 15. Petrov (8, $150,000), 16. **Irap** (8, $90,000), 17. Wild Shot (7), 18. True Timber (6), 19. No Dozing (5, $89,000) and 20. Bonus Points (5, $52,500).

2016 TOP 20 AT CONCLUSION OF PREP SEASON (7 ENTERED IN KENTUCKY DERBY) – 1. **Nyquist** (30), 2. **Mor Spirit** (24), 3. **Mohaymen** (20), 4. Sunny Ridge (18), 5. **Exaggerator** (16), 6. Flexibility (15), 7. **Brody's Cause** (14, $500,000), 8. Greenpointcrusader (14, $369,300), 9. Swipe (12, $597,130), 10. **Mo Tom** (12, $188,326), 11. Collected (11), 12. Airoforce (10, $444,080), 13. **Suddenbreakingnews** (10, $410,000), 14. Cocked and Loaded (10, $280,840), 15. Discreetness (10, $246,153), 16. Frank Conversation (10, $199,000), 17. Riker (10, $182,375), 18. Vorticity (8), 19. Rated R Superstar (6, $80,200) and 20. Kasseopia-GB (6, $46,809).

2015 TOP 20 AT CONCLUSION OF PREP SEASON (11 ENTERED IN KENTUCKY DERBY) – 1. **El Kabeir** (25), 2. **Far Right** (22), 3. **International Star** (21), 4. **Dortmund** (20), 5. **Upstart** (16), 6. **Carpe Diem** (14, $660,000), 7. **Mr. Z** (14, $518,326), 8. Calculator (14, $180,000), 9. Texas Red (12, $1,176,000), 10. **Ocho Ocho Ocho** (10, $660,000), 11. **American Pharoah** (10, $360,000), 12. Daredevil (10, $300,000), 13. Leave the Light On (10, $240,000), 14. Far From Over (10, $150,000), 15. Metaboss (10, $126,000), 16. Lucky Player (10, $97,231), 17. **Frosted** (8, $156,800), 18. **Firing Line** (8, $130,000), 19. Bold Conquest (7) and 20. Conquest Typhoon (6, $335,827).

2014 TOP 20 AT CONCLUSION OF PREP SEASON (6 ENTERED IN KENTUCKY DERBY) – 1. **Tapiture** (22), 2. Havana (14, $660,000), 3. Cairo Prince (14, $470,000), 4. Honor Code (14, $340,000), 5. Tamarando (12, $490,000), 6. Midnight Hawk (12, $84,000), 7. Bond Holder (11), 8. New Year's Day (10, $1,100,000), 9. Rise Up (10, $782,633), 10. **We Miss Artie** (10, $262,000), 11. **Candy Boy** (10, $260,000), 12. **Samraat** (10, $150,000), 13. Noble Moon (10, $145,000), 14. Ami's Holiday (10, $136,145), 15. **Vicar's in Trouble** (10, $120,000), 16. Cleburne (10, $102,044), 17. Tanzanite Cat (10, $99,000), 18. **Dance With Fate** (8), 19. Strong Mandate (6) and 20. Casiguapo (5, $271,050).

2013 TOP 20 AT CONCLUSION OF PREP SEASON (7 ENTERED IN KENTUCKY DERBY) – 1. Shanghai Bobby (24, $1,731,000), 2. **Goldencents** (24, $740,000), 3. **Oxbow** (11), 4. Violence (10, $495,000), 5. **Itsmyluckyday** (10, $393,600), 6. Joha (10, $370,538), 7. **Overanalyze** (10, $296,381), 8. Uncaptured (10, $292,374), 9. Den's Legacy (10, $265,000), 10. Power Broker (10, $210,000), 11. Super Ninety Nine (10, $200,000), 12. Steeler-IRE (10, $170,278), 13. **Will Take Charge** (10, $152,971), 14. River Seven (10, $147,125), 15. **Falling Sky** (10, $122,500), 16. Dice Flavor (10, $120,000), 16. Flashback (10, $120,000), 16. **Revolutionary** (10, $120,000), 19. Dynamic Sky (8) and 20. He's Had Enough (6, $430,000).

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