



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 1/4-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.	Magnum Moon	150	Lawana L. & Robert E. Low	Todd Pletcher	\$1,140,000
2.	Good Magic	134	e Five Racing Thoroughbreds (Bob, Kristine, Cassidy, Riley & Delaney Edwards) & Stonestreet Stables LLC (Barbara Banke)	Chad Brown	\$1,838,400
3.	Audible	110	China Horse Club International Ltd. (Ah Khing Teo), Head of Plains Partners LLC (Sol Kumin), Starlight Racing (Jack Wolf) & WinStar Farm LLC (Kenny Troutt)	Todd Pletcher	\$803,520
4.	Noble Indy	110	WinStar Farm (Kenny Troutt) & Repole Stable (Mike Repole)	Todd Pletcher	\$640,000
5.	Vino Rosso	107	Repole Stable (Mike Repole) & St. Elias Stable (Vincent Viola)	Todd Pletcher	\$572,500
6.	Bolt d'Oro	104	Ruis Racing (Mick Ruis)	Mick Ruis	\$980,000
7.	Enticed	103	Godolphin Racing LLC (Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum et al)	Kiaran McLaughlin	\$545,880
8.	Mendelssohn	100	Derrick Smith, Mrs. John Magnier & Michael Tabor	Aidan O'Brien	\$1,947,299
9.	Justify	100	China Horse Club International Ltd. (Ah Khing Teo), Head of Plains Partners LLC (Sol Kumin), Starlight Racing (Jack Wolf) & WinStar Farm LLC (Kenny Troutt)	Bob Baffert	\$600,000
—	Quip	90	WinStar Farm LLC (Kenny Troutt), China Horse Club International Ltd. (Ah Khing Teo) & SF Racing LLC (Gavin Murphy)	Rodolphe Brisset	\$412,000
10.	\$-Flameaway	70	John C. Oxley	Mark Casse	\$672,260
11.	Solomini	54	Zayat Stables LLC (Ahmed Zayat), Mrs. John Magnier, Michael B. Tabor & Derrick Smith	Bob Baffert	\$716,000
12.	Bravazo	54	Calumet Farm (Brad Kelley)	D. Wayne Lukas	\$359,913
13.	My Boy Jack	52	Don't Tell My Wife Stables (Kirk Godbey & Rob Slack), Monomoy Stables LLC (Sol Kumin) & West Point Thoroughbreds (Terry Finley)	Keith Desormeaux	\$622,000
14.	Promises Fulfilled	52	Robert J. Baron	Dale Romans	\$266,480
—	\$-Runaway Ghost	50	Joe Peacock	Todd Fincher	\$520,310
15.	Free Drop Billy	44	Albaugh Family Stables LLC (Dennis Albaugh & Jason Loustch)	Dale Romans	\$597,200
16.	Lone Sailor	42	G M B Racing (Gayle Benson)	Tom Amoss	\$273,347
—	f-Rayya	40	Sheikh Rashid Bin Humaid Al Nuaimi	Bob Baffert	\$600,000
—	McKinzie	40	Karl Watson, Michael E. Pegram & Paul Weitman	Bob Baffert	\$320,000
17.	Hofburg	40	Juddmonte Farms Inc. (Prince Khalid Abdullah)	Bill Mott	\$192,000
18.	Firenze Fire	39	Mr. Amore Stable (Ron Lombardi)	Jason Servis	\$647,500
19.	Combatant	32	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (Ron Winchell) & Willis Horton Racing LLC	Steve Asmussen	\$350,000
—	Gronkowski	ERTKD Invite	Phoenix Thoroughbred III (Amer Abdulaziz)	Jeremy Nosedá	\$79,496
20.	Instilled Regard	29	Oxo Equine LLC (Lawrence Best)	Jerry Hollendorfer	\$246,000

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—	Catholic Boy	24	Robert V. LaPenta, Madaket Stables LLC (Sol Kumin) & Siena Farm LLC (Anthony Mangano, Ignacio Patino & David Pope)	Jonathan Thomas	\$378,000
21.	Snapper Sinclair	22	Bloom Racing Stable (Jeffrey Bloom)	Steve Asmussen	\$321,810
22.	\$-Blended Citizen	22	Greg Hall & SAYJAY Racing LLC (Steve Young)	Doug O'Neill	\$159,644
23.	Reride	20	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (Ron Winchell)	Steve Asmussen	\$298,000
—	Strike Power	20	Courtlandt Farms (Donald & Donna Adam)	Mark Hennig	\$209,560
24.	Dream Baby Dream	20	Dream Baby Dream Racing Stable	Steve Asmussen	\$181,000
—	+Core Beliefs	20	Gary Broad	Peter Euron	\$120,000
25.	Restoring Hope	20	Gary & Mary West	Bob Baffert	\$100,000 (Career: \$146,880)

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—	Old Time Revival	20	Fred J. Brci	Kenneth Decker	\$100,000 (Career: \$128,400)
—	Mississippi	20	Mrs. John Magnier, Michael Tabor, John C. Oxley, Derrick Smith & Markus Jooste	Mark Casse	\$96,000
—	Peace	15	Spendthrift Farm LLC (B. Wayne Hughes) & Town and Country Racing LLC (Louise & Kiki Courtelis)	Richard Mandella	\$123,000
—	Avery Island	14	Godolphin Racing LLC (Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum et al)	Kieran McLaughlin	\$320,000
26.	Sporting Chance	12	Robert C. Baker & William L. Mack	D. Wayne Lukas	\$337,000
—	Greyvitos	42	Triple B Farms (Michelle Boghossian)	Adam Kitchingman	\$310,000
27.	Givemeaminit	12	Valene Farms LLC (Murray Valene)	Dallas Stewart	\$196,000
28.	Pony Up	12	Calumet Farm (Brad Kelley)	Todd Pletcher	\$101,580
—	Mourinho	41	Phoenix Thoroughbred III (Amer Abdulaziz)	Bob Baffert	\$149,360
—	\$-Gold Town (GB)	40	Godolphin Racing LLC (Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum et al)	Charlie Appleby	\$251,342
—	+The Tabulator	40	Carolyn Wilson	Larry Rivelli	\$186,750
—	Kanthaka	40	West Point Thoroughbreds LLC (Terry Finley)	Jerry Hollendorfer	\$170,223
—	World of Trouble	40	Michael Dubb & Bethlehem Stables LLC	Jason Servis	\$145,000
—	Lombo	40	Michael V. Lombardi	Mike Pender	\$90,345
—	+f Paved	40	Ciaglia Racing LLC (Joseph Ciaglia) & Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners (Aron Wellman)	Michael McCarthy	\$60,000
—	Seven Trumpets	9	West Point Thoroughbreds (Terry Finley)	Dale Romans	\$86,000
—	Telekinesis	8	Stonestreet Stables LLC (Barbara Banke)	Mark Casse	\$40,000
—	Tiz-Mischief	6	Frank L. Jones Jr.	Dale Romans	\$83,123
—	Hollywood Star	5	Albaugh Family Stables LLC (Dennis Albaugh & Jason Lousteh)	Dale Romans	\$98,500
—	Ayacara (GB)	5	Cynthia & Charles K. Marquis	Keith Desormeaux	\$71,345
—	Title Ready	5	Charles E. Fipke	Steve Asmussen	\$52,500
—	Machismo	5	Loooch Racing Stables Inc. (Ron Paolucci) & Ashley Quartarolo	Anthony Quartarolo	\$25,422
—	+City Plan	4	Godolphin Racing LLC (Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum et al)	Eoin Harty	\$67,345
—	\$-Arawak	4	R3 Racing LLC, Steven Keh & C.T.R Stables LLC	Doug O'Neill	\$65,378
—	\$-All Out Blitz	4	Kaleem Shah Inc. (Kaleem Shah)	Simon Callaghan	\$56,000
—	Principe Guilherme	4	Three Chimneys Farm (Goncalo Borges Torrealba & Zulcika B. Torrealba)	Steve Asmussen	\$44,000
—	Coltandmississippi	3	Teresa Viola Racing & St. Elias Stable (Vincent Viola)	Todd Pletcher	\$31,137
—	+Ten City	2	Tommie M. Lewis & Magdalena Racing (Sherri McPeck)	Kenny McPeck	\$83,300
—	+Tap Daddy	2	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (Ron Winchell)	Steve Asmussen	\$67,400
—	Dark Vader	2	Sharon Alesia, Burns Racing LLC, Ciaglia Racing LLC (Joseph Ciaglia) & R. Christensen	Peter Earton	\$50,000
—	+Kingsville	2	Stewart L. Armstrong, Albert Sacnz & Danny Pish	Danny Pish	\$44,000
—	Marconi	2	Bridlewood Farm (John & Leslie Malone), Mrs. John Magnier, Derrick Smith & Michael B. Tabor	Todd Pletcher	\$38,742
—	Take the One O One	2	Jay Em Ess Stable (Samantha Siegel)	Brian Koriner	\$36,345
—	Vouch	2	Lael Stables (Roy & Gretchen Jackson) & Three Chimneys Farm (Goncalo Borges Torrealba & Zulcika B. Torrealba)	Arnaud Delacour	\$25,000
—	+Zanesville	2	Rosemont Farm LLC	Tom Amoss	\$10,200
—	High North	1	Shortleaf Stable Inc. (John Ed Anthony)	Brad Cox	\$110,800
—	+Kowboy Karma	1	J. Larry Jones, Cindy Jones & Michael Pressley	Larry Jones	\$94,000
—	+Mugaritz	1	Alcjandro Mercado	Jonathan Wong	\$31,840
—	Zing Zang	1	Jackpot Ranch (Terry Greene)	Steve Asmussen	\$28,822
—	+Night Strike	1	Erich G. Brehm	Bret Calhoun	\$28,400
—	+Bode's Maker	1	Keene Thoroughbreds LLC (Danny Keene)	Allen Milligan	\$27,500
—	Lionite	1	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (Ron Winchell) & Willis Horton Racing LLC	Steve Asmussen	\$25,000
—	For Him	1	Michael V. Lombardi	Mike Pender	\$24,000
—	+Ebben	1	Craig Aguiar	Steve Margolis	\$14,671
—	+Alkhaatam	1	Shadwell Stables (Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum)	Chad Brown	\$12,500
—	Regulate	1	Juddmonte Farms LLC	Bob Baffert	\$9,000
—	+Regahan	1	Island Wind Racing	Chris Englehart	\$7,500
—	Shivermetimbers	1	Mark DeDomenico LLC & West Point Thoroughbreds (Terry Finley)	Jerry Hollendorfer	\$6,345

Bold = Update from previously published Leaderboard ... \$ = Late Triple Crown Nominee ... + = Not Triple Crown Nominated ... Strikethrough = Sidelined, inactive or appears to be no longer under serious Kentucky Derby consideration ... f = filly.

2017-18 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. 16	Iroquois	Churchill Downs	1 1/16 Miles	The Tabulator (10)	Hollywood Star (4)	Fen 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)	Givemecamin (2)
Nov. 18	Delta Downs Jackpot	Delta Downs	1 1/16 Miles	(40)	(4)	(2)	(4)
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	1 st (Points)	2 nd (Points)	3 rd (Points)	4 th (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	Promises Fulfilled (50)	Strike Power (20)	Good Magic (10)	Machismo (5)
March 10	Tampa Bay Derby	Tampa Bay Downs	1 1/16 Miles	Quip (50)	Flameaway (20)	World of Trouble (10)	Vino Rosso (5)
March 10	Gotham	Aqueduct	1 Mile	Enticed (50)	Old Time Revival (20)	Free Drop Billy (10)	Firenze Fire (5)
March 10	San Felipe	Santa Anita	1 1/16 Miles	Bolt d'Oro (50) via DQ	McKinzie (20) DQ from 1 st	Kanthaka (10)	Peace (5)
March 17	Jeff Ruby Steaks	Turfway Park	1 1/8 Miles (S)	Blended Citizen (20)	Pony Up (8)	Arawak (4)	Zanesville (2)
March 17	Rebel	Oaklawn Park	1 1/16 Miles	Magnum Moon (50)	Solomini (20)	Combatant (10)	Title Ready (5)
March 24	Louisiana Derby	Fair Grounds	1 1/8 Miles	Noble Indy (100)	Lone Sailor (40)	My Boy Jack (20)	Givemecamin (10)
March 25	Sunland Derby	Sunland Park	1 1/8 Miles	Runaway Ghost (50)	Dream Baby Dream (20)	Peace (10)	Seven Trumpets (5)
March 31	UAE Derby	Meydan Racecourse	1 3/16 Miles	Mendelssohn (100)	F-Rayya (40)	Reride (20)	Gold Town (GB) (10)
March 31	Florida Derby	Gulfstream Park	1 1/8 Miles	Audible (100)	Hofburg (40)	Mississippi (20)	Catholic Boy (10)
April 7	Wood Memorial	Aqueduct	1 1/8 Miles	Vino Rosso (100)	Enticed (40)	Restoring Hope (20)	Firenze Fire (10)
April 7	Blue Grass	Keeneland	1 1/8 Miles	Good Magic (100)	Flameaway (40)	Free Drop Billy (20)	Sporting Chance (10)
April 7	Santa Anita Derby	Santa Anita	1 1/8 Miles	Justify (100)	Bolt d'Oro (40)	Core Beliefs (20)	Instilled Regard (10)
April 14	Lexington	Keeneland	1 1/16 Miles	My Boy Jack (20)	Telekinesis (8)	Pony Up (4)	Greyvitos (2)
April 14	Arkansas Derby	Oaklawn Park	1 1/8 Miles	Magnum Moon (100)	Quip (40)	Solomini (20)	Combatant (10)

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... Note: The Nov. 18 Delta Jackpot was cancelled on Sept. 12 when track officials, in conjunction with the Louisiana Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, feared an adverse economic impact to the region from Hurricane Harvey. ... The Jan. 1 Jerome was postponed by the New York Racing Association, Inc. on Dec. 31 due to extremely cold temperatures and dangerously low wind chill values impacting the New York City metropolitan area.

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.	Gronkowski	50	Phoenix Thoroughbred III (Amer Abdulaziz)	Jeremy Nosedá	\$79,496
2.	Mendelssohn	20	Derrick Smith, Mrs. John Magnier & Michael Tabor	Aidan O’Brien	\$1,947,299
3.	+Saxon Warrior-JPN	20	Derrick Smith, Mrs. John Magnier & Michael Tabor	Aidan O’Brien	\$245,017
4.	+Roaring Lion	14	Qatar Racing Limited	John Gosden	\$136,807
—	+Iconic Sunset (GB)	12	Mr. Saeed Manana	James Tate	\$30,139
—	+f-Happily-IRE	10	Derrick Smith, Mrs. John Magnier & Michael Tabor	Aidan O’Brien	\$543,648
—	Threecandfourpence	8	Mrs. Evelyn M. Stockwell	Aidan O’Brien	\$53,150
—	+Court House (IRE)	8	HRH Princess Haya of Jordan	John Gosden	\$0
—	+Dark Acclaim (IRE)	6	Middleham Park Racing CXXI & Partners	Marco Botti	\$21,854
—	Seahenge	4	Derrick Smith, Mrs. John Magnier & Michael Tabor	Aidan O’Brien	\$204,705
—	+Olmedo-FR	4	Antonio Caro & Gerard Augustin Normand	Jean-Claude Rouget	\$113,505
—	+Nelson-IRE	4	Derrick Smith, Mrs. John Magnier & Michael Tabor	Aidan O’Brien	\$99,826
—	+Delano Roosevelt-IRE	4	Derrick Smith, Mrs. John Magnier & Michael Tabor	Aidan O’Brien	\$38,074
—	+Fortune’s Pearl (IRE)	4	Qatar Racing Limited	Andrew Balding	\$1,800
—	+Purser	3	Mr. K. Abdullah	John Gosden	\$19,215
—	+Masar-IRE	2	Godolphin Racing LLC	Charlie Appleby	\$101,264
—	+The Pentagon-IRE	2	Derrick Smith, Mrs. John Magnier & Michael Tabor	Aidan O’Brien	\$71,981
—	+Mildenberger-GB	2	Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Al Maktoum	Mark Johnston	\$64,634
—	+Warm The Voice-IRE	2	Mrs. J.S. Bolger	Brendan Duke	\$12,904
—	+f-Blackgold Fairy	2	Zhang Yuesheng	Michael Halford	\$3,694
—	+Ventura Knight (IRE)	2	Middleham Park Racing XXXVII	Mark Johnston	\$0
—	+Verbal Dexterity-IRE	1	Mrs. J.S. Bolger	Jim Bolger	\$280,269
—	+Kew Gardens-IRE	1	Derrick Smith, Mrs. John Magnier & Michael Tabor	Aidan O’Brien	\$28,605
—	+Woodmax-GER	1	Markus J. Jooste	Nicolas Clement	\$23,610
—	+Petrus-IRE	1	Mr. G.P.M. Morland	Brian Meehan	\$7,182

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7 Races

Date	Race	Racetrack	Distance	1 st (Points)	2 nd (Points)	3 rd (Points)	4 th (Points)
Sept. 24	Juddmonte Beresford	Naas (Ire)	1 Mile (I)	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 (I)	Roaring Lion (10)	Nelson-IRE (4)	Mildenberger-GB (2)	Petrus-IRE (1)
Oct. 1	Qatar Prix Jean-Luc Lagardère	Chantilly (Fr)	1 Mile (I)	f-Happily-IRE (10)	Olmedo-FR (4)	Masar-IRE (2)	Woodmax-GER (1)
Oct. 28	Racing Post Trophy	Doncaster (GB)	1 Mile (I)	Saxon Warrior-JPN (10)	Roaring Lion (4)	The Pentagon-IRE (2)	Verbal Dexterity-IRE (1)
March 7*	Road to the Kentucky Derby Condition Stakes	Kempton Park (GB)	1 Mile (S)	Gronkowski (20)	Court House (IRE) (8)	Fortune’s Pearl (IRE) (4)	Ventura Knight (IRE) (2)
March 9*	Patton (Listed)	Dundalk (Ire)	1 Mile (S)	Mendelssohn (20)	Threecandfourpence (8)	Seahenge (4)	f-Blackgold Fairy (IRE) (2)
March 30	Burradon	Newcastle (GB)	1 Mile (S)	Gronkowski (30)	Iconic Sunset (GB) (12)	Dark Acclaim (IRE) (6)	Purser (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.

Note: One spot in the Kentucky Derby starting gate was an invitation to the Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby point leaders. The invitation order of preference was +Sumahama (JPN), Ruggero (JPN), +Taiki Ferveur (JPN) and +Le Vent Se Leve (JPN). No invitation was accepted in 2018.

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	\$240,689
4.	+Le Vent Se Leve JPN	10	G1 Racing Co. Ltd.	Kiyoshi Hagiwara	\$463,935
—	+Don Fortis JPN	4	Koichi Yamada	Mitsunori Makiura	\$436,916
—	+Mic Ben Hur JPN	4	Kiratto One Co. Ltd.	Yoshihiro Hatakeyama	\$122,696
—	+Great Time JPN	3	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co. Ltd.	Hideaki Fujiwara	\$186,586
—	+Haseno Pyro JPN	2	Fumio Hasegawa	Kenki Sato	\$263,981
—	+Meiner Yukitsubaki JPN	2	K-Thoroughbred Club Ruffian	Noboru Takagi	\$151,796
—	+Dark Repulser JPN	1	Akira Katayama	Takashi Kanari	\$200,920
—	+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. McCracken (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).

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