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RUN FOR THE ROSES

Several horses with a real chance to win 152nd Kentucky Derby

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Even more so than most years, the 2026 Kentucky Derby is setting up to be a wide-open affair, with the obvious favorite starting from the rail and more than a few horses with a real chance to win. The 152nd Run for the Roses is scheduled to go off at 6:57 p.m. ET, 5:57 p.m. CT on Saturday, and NBC has the broadcast.

The field for the Derby was set on Sunday, as 20 horses plus four also-eligibles drew into the field. As the first opportunity for the three-year-olds to run 1 ¼ miles approaches, here's what to know about each of the entries, along with their morning line odds.



At 4-1 morning odds, Renegade is among the favorites to win the 152nd Kentucky Derby.

1- RENEGADE

Trainer: Todd Pletcher
Jockey: Irad Ortiz Jr.
Odds: 4-1
What to know: A son of Into Mischief out of Spice Is Nice, Renegade is undefeated so far in 2026, winning the Grade 1 Arkansas Derby at Oaklawn Park after also taking the Sam F. Davis at Gulfstream. He would likely be the betting favorite had he not drawn the rail, where no horse has won from since 1986.

2- ALBUS

Trainer: Riley Mott
Jockey: Manuel Franco
Odds: 30-1
What to know: Albus comes into the Derby fresh off a win in the Wood Memorial (G2) at Aqueduct. However, that win was his only experience in a stakes race, and the Run for the Roses might be too much of a step up for one of Mott's two runners.

3- INTREPIDO

Trainer: Jeff Mullins
Jockey: Hector Berrios
Odds: 50-1
What to know: The enormous morning line odds are a sign that the son of Into Mischief is in far over his head in the Kentucky Derby. Last time out, he finished fourth in the Santa Anita Derby (G1), and he hasn't won since October, when he took the American Pharoah (G1) as a two-year-old.

4- LITMUS TEST

Trainer: Bob Baffert
Jockey: Martin Garcia



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The 152nd Kentucky Derby will be held Saturday at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky.

Odds: 30-1

What to know: There's less storylines around Baffert this year, after the controversial trainer made his Churchill Downs return to the Derby last year. Litmus Test hasn't won as a three-year-old and finished seventh in the Arkansas Derby last time out.



Right to Party's trainer, Kenny McPeck, won the 2023 Derby with Mystik Dan.

5- RIGHT TO PARTY

Trainer: Kenny McPeck
Jockey: Christopher Elliott
Odds: 30-1
What to know: McPeck, who won the 2023 Derby with Mystik Dan, returns with Right To Party, who hasn't won a stakes race. The son of Constitution earned enough points to make the field with a second-place effort in the Wood Memorial after finishing third in the Gotham (G3) at Aqueduct.

6- COMMANDMENT

Trainer: Brad Cox
Jockey: Luis Saez
Odds: 6-1
What to know: One of the likely favorites got as favorable a draw as is possible from the 20-horse gate. Commandment won the Florida Derby (G1) at Gulfstream last time out, and is on a four-race winning streak that also included the Fountain of Youth (G2) and the Mucho Macho Man.

7- DANON BOURBON

Trainer: Manabu Ikezo

Jockey: Atsuya Nishimura

Odds: 20-1
What to know: Popular theory would suggest that eventually, a horse from Japan will break through in the Kentucky Derby given the country's investment in breeding during recent years. This son of Maxfield has a good spot in the gate, but the race will tell whether he's up to the increased level of competition.

8- SO HAPPY

Trainer: Mark Glatt
Jockey: Mike Smith
Odds: 15-1
What to know: The winner of the Santa Anita Derby is his trainer's first ever Derby starter. He'll be ridden by Smith, who has won two times in past years, in 2005 aboard 50-1 longshot Giacomo and in 2018, on eventual Triple Crown winner Justify

9- THE PUMA

Trainer: Gustavo Delgado
Jockey: Javier Castellano
Odds: 10-1
What to know: The Puma is staying in the same stall in Delgado's barn as Mage, winner of the 2023 Derby. He enters the race off a second-place finish in the Florida Derby and won the Tampa Bay Derby (G3) back in March.

10- WONDER DEAN

Trainer: Daisuke Takayanagi
Jockey: Ryusei Sakai
Odds: 30-1
What to know: Another entry who took the Japan route to the Derby. Wonder Dean won the UAE Derby (G2) last time out in order to secure a spot in the gate, something that has historically not been a road to success in the Run for the Roses, though he had solid form in Japan before that race.

11- INCREDIBOLT

Trainer: Riley Mott
Jockey: Jaime Torres
Odds: 20-1
What to know: Mott's other entry in the race won the Virginia Derby in his last

start. He won at Churchill Downs as a two-year-old, going 1 1/16 miles in the Street Sense (G3) in October

12- CHIEF WALLABEE

Trainer: Bill Mott
Jockey: Junior Alvarado
Odds: 8-1
What to know: Riley Mott's father, Bill, who won last year's Derby with Sovereignty, returns with a horse who hasn't won a stakes race yet. However, the son of Constitution has had multiple solid finishes at Gulfstream Park, including a Florida Derby third and Fountain of Youth second.



Silent Tactic enters the Derby at 20-1 odds following a second-place finish at the Arkansas Derby.

13- SILENT TACTIC

Trainer: Mark Casse
Jockey: Cristian Torres
Odds: 20-1
What to know: Casse, one of the top trainers without a Derby win, returns with the second-place finisher from the Arkansas Derby. Silent Tactic, who took the Oaklawn Park road to the Derby, also finished second in the Rebel (G2) after winning the Southwest (G3) in February.

14- POTENTE

Trainer: Bob Baffert
Jockey: Juan Hernandez
Odds: 20-1
What to know: Another entry for Baffert, the son of



Fulleffort gets a morning workout Sunday at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky.

15- EMERGING MARKET

Trainer: Chad Brown
Jockey: Flavien Prat
Odds: 15-1
What to know: Another top trainer who hasn't won the Derby, Brown brings Emerging Market to the race after winning the Louisiana Derby (G2) at Fair Grounds. That win is the son of Candy Ride's only start in a stakes race, and just his second overall.

16- PAVLOVIAN

Trainer: Doug O'Neill
Jockey: Edwin Maldonado
Odds: 30-1
What to know: The second-place finisher in the Louisiana Derby, Pavlovian has raced quite a bit, winning the Sunland Derby in February at Sunland Park. However, that race in New Mexico is his lone stakes win, and he hasn't won against anything approaching Derby-quality competition.

17- SIX SPEED

Trainer: Bhupat Seemar
Jockey: Brian Hernandez Jr.
Odds: 50-1
What to know: Finishing second in the UAE Derby has never once been a path to Kentucky Derby success. The only advantage Six Speed might have is Hernandez, who has won the race before, aboard Mystik Dan in 2024.

18- FURTHER ADO

Trainer: Brad Cox
Jockey: John Velazquez
Odds: 6-1
What to know: If Cox is going to get a Derby win that wasn't months delayed and tainted by scandal, as his 2021 victory with Mandaloun was, Further Ado is likely his best shot, despite being extremely wide to start. The last-out winner of the Blue Grass Stakes (G1) at Keeneland has won at Churchill Downs before, taking the Kentucky Jockey Club (G2) under the twin spires in November.

19- GOLDEN TEMPO

Trainer: Cherie DeVaux
Jockey: Jose Ortiz
Odds: 30-1
What to know: The son of Curlin is DeVaux's first Derby starter. This will be his first race away from Fair Grounds,

where he finished third in the Louisiana Derby and Risen Star (G2) after winning the Lecomte (G3) in January.

20- FULLEFFORT

Trainer: Brad Cox
Jockey: Tyler Gaffalione
Odds: 20-1
What to know: If it's a wet track at Churchill Downs, it might be a good sign for the son of Liam's Map. Fulleffort won the Jeff Ruby Steaks (G3) over a synthetic track to earn his way into the field, and his talent as a deep closer means he could potentially overcome the outside post, especially if the speed is bogged down.

ALSO ELIGIBLES (NEED OTHER HORSES TO DROP OUT)

21- GREAT WHITE

Trainer: John Ennis
Jockey: Alex Achard
Odds: 50-1
What to know: The fifth-place finisher in the Blue Grass last time out is also entered in the Pat Day Mile (G2) on Derby day. The gelding son of Volatile earned Derby points with a win in the John Battaglia Memorial at Turfway Park, running on a synthetic track.

22- OCELLI

Trainer: Whit Beckman
Jockey: Joseph Ramos
Odds: 50-1
What to know: The son of Connect finished third in the Wood Memorial last time out. He has yet to win a race, something that doesn't inspire confidence should he find his way into the Derby field.

23- ROBUSTA

Trainer: Doug O'Neill
Jockey: Emisael Jaramillo
Odds: 50-1
What to know: The son of Accelerate has never won a stakes race, finishing seventh in the Santa Anita Derby during his last start. His lone victory came in January at Santa Anita, going one mile.

24- CORONA DE ORO

Trainer: Dallas Stewart
Jockey: Brian Hernandez Jr.
Odds: 50-1
What to know: If the final also-eligible gets into the field, his jockey will have a decision to make, as Hernandez is also named on Six Speed. Corona de Oro is coming in off a third-place trip in the Lexington at Keeneland, and has never won a stakes race.

Kentucky Derby facts

RECENT WINNERS >>> 2025: Sovereignty • 2024: Mystik Dan • 2023: Mage • 2022: Rich Strike • 2021: Mandaloun • 2020: Authentic • 2019: Country House • 2018: Justify • 2017: Always Dreaming • 2016: Nyquist • 2015: American Pharoah • 2014: California Chrome • 2013: Orb • 2012: I'll Have Another • 2011: Animal Kingdom • 2010: Super Saver • 2009: Mine That Bird • 2008: Big Brown • 2007: Street Sense • 2006: Barbaro • 2005: Giacomo • 2004: Smarty Jones • 2003: Funny Cide • 2002: War Emblem • 2001: Monarchos • 2000: Fusaichi Pegasus

TRIPLE CROWN WINNERS >>> Justify (2018) • American Pharoah (2015) • Affirmed (1978) • Seattle Slew (1977) • Secretariat (1973) • Citation (1948) • Assault (1946) • Count Fleet (1943) • Whirlaway (1941) • War Admiral (1937) • Omaha (1935) • Gallant Fox (1930) • Sir Barton (1919)

MOST WINS BY JOCKEYS >>> **T-1st:** Eddie Arcaro, 5 (1938, 1941, 1945, 1948, 1952) • **T-1st:** Bill Hartack, 5 (1957, 1960, 1962, 1964, 1969) • **3rd:** Bill Shoemaker, 4 (1955, 1959, 1965, 1986)

MOST WINS BY TRAINER >>> **T-1st:** Bob "Plain Ben" Jones, 6 (1938, 1941, 1944, 1948, 1949, 1952) • **T-1st:** Bob Baffert, 6 (1997, 1998, 2002, 2015, 2018, 2020) • **T-3rd:** Herbert J. Thompson, 4 (1921, 1926, 1932, 1933) • **T-3rd:** D. Wayne Lukas, 4 (1988, 1995, 1996, 1999)