



**burnham square**



**sandman**

### Season Rank

1

### Season Points

130



### Jockey

**Brian Hernandez, Jr.**—Placed 8th in the 2017 Kentucky Derby with McCracken and 12th in 2016 with Tom's Ready. Winner of the 2012 Breeder's Cup with Fort Larned.

### Trainer

**Ian Wilkes**—Trained Fort Larned, winner of the 2012 Breeders' Cup Classic. Early in his career he helped train the 1990 Kentucky Derby winner Unbridled.

### Season Rank

2

### Season Points

129



### Jockey

**Jose Ortiz**—Born in Puerto Rico, currently rides on the New York circuit with his older brother and Kentucky Derby competitor Irad Ortiz Jr.

### Trainer

**Mark Casse**—Veteran owner and breeder for over 40 years. Won his first race in 1979 at Keeneland Won the Sovereign Award as Canada's top trainer seven times. Won the 2019 Preakness Stakes with War of Will.





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**rodriguez**

**Season Rank**

3

**Season Points**

122.5



**Jockey**

**Umberto Rispoli**—Two-time Italian Champion Jockey in 2009 and 2010. Winner of Santa Anita Derby in 2021 with Rock Your World. Finished 14th in the 2021 Derby.

**Trainer**

**Michael McCarthy**—Worked as an assistant to other successful trainers before going out on his own. Won the 2021 Preakness.

**Season Rank**

4

**Season Points**

121.25



**Jockey**

**Mike Smith**—Rode in his first race at age 11. Won the 2018 and 2005 Kentucky Derby. Triple Crown winner with Justify in 2018.

**Trainer**

**Bob Baffert**—Two Triple Crown wins in 2015 with American Pharoah and 2018 with Justify. Won the Kentucky Derby five times. Won the Preakness Stakes a record seven times and has won the Eclipse Award for top trainer.





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**sovereignty**

### Season Rank

5

### Season Points

119



### Jockey

**Joel Rosario**—Has been in the Kentucky Derby 12 times before. Came in first in 2013 and second in 2022.

### Trainer

**Steve Asmussen**—Has trained over 6000 winners and in 2009, shattered his own record for wins in a single year with 650, earning the Eclipse Award as the nation's top trainer.

### Season Rank

6

### Season Points

110



### Jockey

**Junior Alvarado**—Won the 2010 Grade I Beverly D Stakes on Eclair de Lune. Son of Venezuelan jockey Rafael Alvarado.

### Trainer

**Bill Mott**—Inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1998. Eclipse Outstanding Trainer in 1995, 1996, and 2011. Won the Belmont Stakes in an upset in 2010 with Drosselmeyer.





**final gambit**



**admire daytona**

Season Rank

7

Season Points

100



**Jockey**

**Luan Machado**—From Brazil. First time in Kentucky Derby. Scored a last-to-first victory in the Jeff Ruby Stakes at Turfway Park in Northern Kentucky.

**Trainer**

**Brad Cox**—5 graded stakes wins from 4 different horses in 2015, including the Oaklawn Stakes. Grew up a few blocks from Churchill Downs. Won the 2021 Kentucky Derby with Mandaloun.

Season Rank

8

Season Points

100



**Jockey**

**Christophe Lemaire**—Winner of the Japan Racing Association's Lead Jockey award in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021. Major wins in France, the UK, Hong Kong,

**Trainer**

**Yukihoro Kato**—First time in the Kentucky Derby. Qualified due to Admire Daytona's victory in the Grade 2 UAE Derby at Meydan Racecourse in Dubai.





**coal battle**



**chunk of gold**

**Season Rank**

9

**Season Points**

95



**Jockey**

**Juan Vargas**—From Peru. First time in the Kentucky Derby. Worked his way up in the sport over many years. Won the Rebel Stakes riding Coal Battle.

**Trainer**

**Lonnie Briley**—Although he has been training racehorses for 34 years and has amassed more than 300 wins, this will be his first time in the Kentucky Derby.

**Season Rank**

10

**Season Points**

75



**Jockey**

**Jareth Loveberry**—Has worked hard over many years to be a successful jockey. This will be his first Kentucky Derby.

**Trainer**

**Ethan West**—Built his career working tirelessly at racetracks throughout the Midwest. At 32, he is young for a trainer of horses in graded-stakes races.







**citizen bull**



**luxor cafe**

### Season Rank

11

### Season Points

71.25



### Jockey

**Martin Garcia**—Finished 3rd in the 2015 Kentucky Derby. Won the 2010 Preakness Stakes with Lookin At Lucky.

### Trainer

**Bob Baffert**—Two Triple Crown wins in 2015 with American Pharoah and 2018 with Justify. Won the Kentucky Derby five times. Won the Preakness Stakes a record seven times and has won the Eclipse Award for top trainer.

### Season Rank

12

### Season Points

70



### Jockey

**Joao Moreira**—From Brazil. First time in the Kentucky Derby. “The Magic Man.” His career took him from South America to Hong Kong where he is a leading jockey.

### Trainer

**Noriyuki Hori**—Successful trainer in Japan. First time in the Derby. Also trained the full brother of Luxor Café, Café Pharoah, which qualified for the Derby in 2020, but did not run after a delay due to COVID19.





**owen almighty**



**east avenue**

**Season Rank**

13

**Season Points**

65



**Jockey**

**Javier Castellano**—Inducted into the Racing Hall of Fame in 2017. Four consecutive Eclipse award wins. Placed 3rd in the 2018 Kentucky Derby with Audible.

**Trainer**

**Brian Lynch**—Former rodeo bull rider. Worked for Hall of Fame trainer Bobby Frankel. 2016 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf winner with Oscar Performance.

**Season Rank**

14

**Season Points**

60



**Jockey**

**Manny Franco**—Youngest rider in the 2020 Kentucky Derby at age 25. Winner of the 2020 Belmont Stakes with Tiz the Law.

**Trainer**

**Brendan P. Walsh**—First graded stakes win in 2014. Trained 2017 Illinois Derby winner Multiplier. From Cork, Ireland.





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**american promise**

### Season Rank

15

### Season Points

60



### Jockey

**Irad Ortiz, Jr.**—2016 Belmont Stakes winner with Creator. Ranked 1st by wins and 3rd by winnings in 2017. Has competed multiple times against brother José Ortiz in the Derby.

### Trainer

**Steve Asmussen**—Has trained over 6000 winners and in 2009, shattered his own record for wins in a single year with 650, earning the Eclipse Award as the nation's top trainer.

### Season Rank

16

### Season Points

55



### Jockey

**Nik Juarez**—First time in the Kentucky Derby. Won Virginia Derby on American Promise.

### Trainer

**Wayne Lukas**—Hall of Famer. Fourtime Derby winner and record 49 Derby starters. Four-time Eclipse Award winner. Six straight Triple Crown race winners.







**flying mohawk**



**grande**

### Season Rank

17

### Season Points

50



### Jockey

**Joe Ramos**—From Puerto Rico. First time in the Kentucky Derby. Rode Flying Mohawk to a runner-up finish in the Jeff Ruby Stakes.

### Trainer

**Whit Beckman**—Worked as an assistant to other successful trainers before going out on his own. He won the Kentucky Jockey Club in November at Churchill Downs. His first Kentucky Derby.

### Season Rank

18

### Season Points

50



### Jockey

**John Velazquez**—Has ridden in seventeen editions of the Kentucky Derby and won the 2011 and 2020 Kentucky Derby.

### Trainer

**Todd Pletcher**—Won the 2017 and 2010 Kentucky Derby and 2013 Kentucky Oaks. Three time Belmont Stakes winner. Seven time Eclipse Award winner as top trainer.





**neoequos**



**render judgement**

### Season Rank

19

### Season Points

40



### Jockey

**Edgard Zayas**—From Puerto Rico. Will have a busy week as jockey on Early On for the Kentucky Oaks and Neoequo for the Kentucky Derby. He has raced at Churchill Downs on Derby Day before, but a different race.

### Trainer

**Saffie Joseph Jr.**—Third generation horse trainer from Barbados. This is his fourth Kentucky Derby start.

### Season Rank

20

### Season Points

39



### Jockey

**Julien Leparoux**—Two time Eclipse award winner. Placed 4th in the 2017 Kentucky Derby with Classic Empire. This is his 13th Kentucky Derby.

### Trainer

**Kenny McPeck**—Has had 2nd and 3rd place horses in the Derby and a winner at Belmont. Had two horses in the 2013 Derby, one in the 2023 Derby, and won the 2024 Derby with Mystik Dan.





**baeza**



## Season Rank

21

## Season Points

37.5



## Jockey

**Flavien Prat**—Three Breeder's Cup wins. Won the 2019 Kentucky Derby in 2019 with Country House after Maximum Security.

## Trainer

**John Shirreffs**—Won the 2005 Kentucky Derby in a major upset with Giacomo. Multiple Breeder's Cup wins.

