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## **312 EARLY NOMINATIONS TO 2022 TRIPLE CROWN**

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Monday, Feb. 7, 2022)** – A total of 312 3-year-old Thoroughbreds were made eligible to compete in this year's Triple Crown series when the early nomination phase closed Jan. 29.

Each of the horses from the 2019 foal crop was nominated through a \$600 payment to compete in any of the Triple Crown races: the 148<sup>th</sup> running of the \$3 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (Grade I) on May 7 at Churchill Downs (1 ¼ miles); 147<sup>th</sup> running of the \$1.5 million Preakness (GI) on May 21 at Pimlico Race Course (1 3/16 miles); and 154<sup>th</sup> running of the \$1.5 million Belmont Stakes (GI) on June 11 at Belmont Park (1 ½ miles).

The number of early nominations slipped 4.3% or 14 horses from last year's total of 326.

The group is led by Grade I winners Corniche (Breeders Cup Juvenile and American Pharoah), Echo Zulu (Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, Frizette and Spinaway), Jack Christopher (Champagne), Pinehurst (Del Mar Futurity) and Rattle N Roll (Breeders' Futurity).

Echo Zulu is one of six fillies that was made eligible.

The nominees also include a record 21 horses based in Japan along with two based in Europe and one from Dubai.

Todd Pletcher led all trainers with 42 horses nominated to the Triple Crown and was followed by Brad Cox (26), Chad Brown (23), Steve Asmussen (20) and Bob Baffert (18). The latter is suspended by Churchill Downs Incorporated from competing in the 2022 Kentucky Derby.

Anthony Manganaro's Siena Farm is involved in partnerships with 24 horses – 12 with the SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Robert E. Masterson, Jay A. Schoenfarber, Waves Edge Capital LLC, Catherine M. Donovan, Golconda Stable and Stonestreet Stables LLC conglomerate and another dozen in partnership with WinStar Farm and others – to lead all owners.

Gun Runner led all sires with 16 Triple Crown nominations followed by Into Mischief (14), Quality Road (12) and Tapit (11).

There are 250 Kentucky-breds, which represents 80.1% of the nominees. Other states and countries represented are Japan (17), New York (14), Florida (13), Pennsylvania (4), California (3), Canada (3), Ireland (3), Louisiana (2), Maryland (2) and Illinois (1).

Horses not nominated during the early phase can be made eligible online at [www.TheTripleCrown.com](http://www.TheTripleCrown.com) with a \$6,000 late payment due by Monday, March 28. There were nine late nominations last year.

Any horse not nominated during the early or late nomination phases can become eligible through a supplemental nomination payment due at the time of entry: Kentucky Derby (\$200,000), Preakness (\$150,000) and Belmont (\$50,000).

Thirteen horses have swept the Triple Crown series: Sir Barton (1919), Gallant Fox (1930), Omaha (1935), War Admiral (1937), Whirlaway (1941), Count Fleet (1943), Assault (1946), Citation (1948), Secretariat (1973), Seattle Slew (1977), Affirmed (1978), American Pharoah (2015) and Justify (2018).

### EARLY TRIPLE CROWN NOMINATIONS AT A GLANCE

**Earnings:** Echo Zulu (\$1,480,000), Corniche (\$1,262,000), Tiz the Bomb (\$620,341), Pappacap (\$596,000), Newgrange (\$552,000), Sekifu (JPN) (\$445,881), Octane (\$410,000), Dakota Gold (\$385,000), Rattle N Roll (\$379,460), Senbei (\$364,857), Mackinnon (\$333,860), Jack Christopher (\$330,000), Pinehurst (\$312,000), Make It Big (\$303,828), Barber Road (\$300,720), Kavod (\$293,000), Messier (\$285,600), Secret Oath (\$285,167), Smile Happy (\$284,810), Shipsational (\$278,750) and Wit (\$252,000)

**Grade I Winners:** Corniche (Breeders Cup Juvenile and American Pharoah), Echo Zulu (Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, Frizette and Spinaway), Jack Christopher (Champagne), Pinehurst (Del Mar Futurity) and Rattle N Roll (Breeders' Futurity)

**Grade II Winners:** Forbidden Kingdom (San Vicente), High Oak (Saratoga Special), Mo Donegal (Remsen), Nest (Demoiselle), Pappacap (Best Pal), Slow Down Andy (Los Alamitos Futurity), Smile Happy (Kentucky Jockey Club) and Tiz the Bomb (Bourbon)

**Grade III Winners:** Call Me Midnight (Lecomte), Early Voting (Withers), God of Love (Grey), Grand Sonata (Kitten's Joy), Major General (Iroquois), Messier (Bob Hope and Robert B. Lewis), My Prankster (Swale), Newgrange (Southwest and Sham), Rockefeller (Nashua), Verbal (Cecil B. DeMille), White Abarrio (Holy Bull) and Wit (Sanford)

**Trainers:** Todd Pletcher (42), Brad Cox (26), Chad Brown (23), Steve Asmussen (20), Bob Baffert (18), Mark Casse (12), Saffie Joseph Jr. (8), Bill Mott (8), Richard Mandella (6), Graham Motion (6), Wayne Lukas (5), Kenny McPeck (5) and Dale Romans (5)

**Owners:** Siena Farm LLC (24), Madaket Stables LLC (16), SF Racing LLC (13), WinStar Farm LLC (13), Catherine M. Donovan (12), Golconda Stable (12), Robert E. Masterson (12), Jay A. Schoenfarber (12), Starlight Racing LLC (12), Waves Edge Capital LLC (12), Repole Stable (10), Klaravich Stables Inc. (9), Stonestreet Stables LLC (9), Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (8), St. Elias Stable (8), Calumet Farm (7), West Point Thoroughbreds (6), Peter Brant/White Birch Farm (5), Albaugh Family Stables LLC (4), Gary Barber (4), Reeves Thoroughbred Racing (4), Gary and Mary West (4), Peachtree Stable (4) and Three Diamonds Farm (4)

**Breeders:** Calumet Farm (7), Don Alberto Corporation (6), Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings Inc. (6), Three Chimneys Farm LLC (6), WinStar Farm LLC (6), Spendthrift Farm LLC (5), Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding (4), International Equities Holding Inc. (4), Brereton C. Jones (4), Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (4) and Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (4)

**Sex:** Colts (286), Geldings (19), Fillies (6) and Ridglings (1)

**Fillies:** Cairo Memories, Echo Zulu, Miss Everything, Miss Mattie B, Nest and Secret Oath

**Sire:** Gun Runner (16), Into Mischief (14), Quality Road (12), Tapit (11), Arrogate (9), Curlin (9), Nyquist (9), Uncle Mo (9), Street Sense (8), Classic Empire (7), Medaglia d'Oro (7), Speightstown (6), American Pharoah (5), Cairo Prince (5), Constitution (5), Hard Spun (5), Malibu Moon (5), Mastery (5), More Than Ready (5), Not This Time (5), Pioneerof the Nile (5) and Practical Joke (5)

**State-Bred:** Kentucky (250), New York (14), Florida (13), Pennsylvania (4), California (3), Louisiana (2), Maryland (2) and Illinois (1)

**Foreign-Bred:** Japan (17), Canada (3) and Ireland (3)

**Color:** Bay (129), Dark Bay or Brown (94), Chestnut (60) and Gray or Roan (29)

**Based in Dubai:** Island Falcon (IRE)

**Based in Europe:** Absolute Ruler and Enthrallment (IRE)

**Based in Japan:** Blitz Fang (JPN), Café Karma (JPN), Consigliere (JPN), Copano Nicholson (JPN), Crown Pride (JPN), Depasser (JPN), El Paso (JPN), Geraldo Barows (JPN), Hana Kiri, Ho O Roulette (JPN), Jasper Great, Ju Taro, Line of Soul (JPN), Mr White (JPN), Osteria (JPN), Pink Dia, Reiwa Homare (JPN), Sekifu (JPN), Seventh Letter (JPN), Space the Ripper (JPN) and Success Laurel (JPN)

#### **ABOUT CHURCHILL DOWNS RACETRACK**

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### 2022 Triple Crown Nominees (in alphabetical order)

(19)Midnight Lucky	Cant Be Doin That	Electability	Hana Kiri
(19)Sophia's Song	Cape Trafalgar	Eloquist	Happy Boy Rocket
(19)Tanca	Center Mid Maddie	Emmanuel	Happy Jack
A. P.'s Secret	Charge It	Enough Already	High Oak
Absolute Ruler	Chasing Time	Enthrallment (IRE)	Highly Respected
Affray	Chiefs Blanket	Epicenter	Ho O Roulette (JPN)
Almanzo	City At Night	Epoch	Home Brew
American Icon	Clapton	Erase	Hopper
American Sanctuary	Classic Causeway	Ethereal Road	Howling Time
American Xperiment	Classic Moment	Exact Estimate	Iconic Legacy
Apprehend	Clutch Hitter	Favorite Outlaw	Ignitis
Armagnac	Coach Happy	Fenwick	Il Bellator
Artorius	Commandperformance	Figlio Del Re (IRE)	Improper
Atlantic Dancer	Complete Agenda	Flowing River	In Dreams
Barber Road	Concept	Flying Drummer	In Due Time
Barese	Conclusive	For the Dreamers	In the Union
Bargaining Power	Congressman	Forbidden Kingdom	India Ink
Barossa	Consigliere (JPN)	Fowler Blue	Insolito
Be There	Constitutionlawyer	Frisco Line	Iron Works
Belgrade	Cooke Creek	Fromanothamutha	Island Falcon (IRE)
Ben Diesel	Copano Nicholson (JPN)	Galt	Island Music
Beyond Best	Corniche	Geraldo Barows (JPN)	Jack Christopher
Big Skipper	Costa Terra	Giant Game	Jasper Great
Blackadder	Courvoisier	Giant's Fire	Jeeper
Bletchley Park	Credit Event	Gilded Age	Ju Taro
Blitz Fang (JPN)	Crown Pride (JPN)	Glider	Kavod
Bloodline	Cyberknife	God of Love	Kerouac
Bochombo	Dakota Gold	Goin to the Show	Key Point
Bodock	Dash Attack	Golden Code	Khufu
Boise	Dean's List	Golden Glider	King Ottoman
Bold Journey	Depasser (JPN)	Got Thunder	Kingmaker
Bourbon Heist	Deputy Connect	Grand Aspen	Kitten Mischief
Bourbon Ready	Devil Moon	Grand Sonata	Knot the One
Bron and Brow	Don the Jeweler	Granlusso	Kuchar
Bureau	Doppelganger	Grantham	Kupuna
Cabo Spirit	Downtownchalybrown	Graphic Detail	Line of Soul (JPN)
Cafe Karma (JPN)	Early Voting	Great Escape	Little Vic
Cairama	Echo Zulu	Greg's Honor	Long Crow
Cairo Memories	Efficiency	Gunfighter	Long Term
Call Me Jamal	El Paso (JPN)	Guntown	Loose Goose
Call Me Midnight	Eldon's Prince	H P Moon	Maasai Warrior

Macallan	On Thin Ice	Sahalat	Tawny Port
Mackillop	Opportunity Set	Script	Ten Gauge
Mackinnon	Osteria (JPN)	Secret Alliance	Texas Red Hot
Major Contender	Overrule	Secret Oath	The Gatekeeper
Major General	Palm Island	Sekifu (JPN)	The Thunderer
Make It Big	Papa Rocket	Senbei	Tin Pan Alley
Make Way	Paper Mirror	Sense of Dominance	Tiz the Bomb
Markhamian	Pappacap	Set Sail	Tommy Bee
Master Game	Particular	Seventh Letter (JPN)	Top Secret
McLaren Vale	Peaceful Waters	Shinnecock Hills	Touch Code
Messier	Pinehurst	Shipsational	Tough to Tame
Midnight Chrome	Pink Dia	Simplification	Town Branch
Miss Everything	Pioneer of Medina	Sir London	Trademark
Miss Mattie B	Pioneering Papa	Skate to Heaven	Trafalgar
Mister Larry	Pioneering Spirit	Sky and Sand	Un Ojo
Mo Donegal	Piroli	Slim Man	Unbridled Bomber
Momentous	Presidential	Slow Down Andy	Unpredictable Bay
Money Supply	Price Discipline	Smarten Up	Unraptured
Mongolian Box	Proven Hope	Smile Happy	Varatti
Mongolian Ninja	Quality G	Space the Ripper (JPN)	Verbal
Mongolian Tank	Quick to Blame	Speaking Scout	Videri
More Memories	Ralphie Boy	Spin Wheel	Vinco
Morello	Rampatious	Stay Restless	Volcanic
Mr Rum Runner	Rattle N Roll	Steal Sunshine	We All See It
Mr White (JPN)	Rebel Empire	Stellar Tap	We the People
Mr. Bouma	Red Knobs	Stolen Base	Western River
Mugged	Red Line Overdrive	Strava	Wharton
My Prankster	Red Run	Strike Hard	White Abarrio
Nabokov	Reiwa Homare (JPN)	Strobe	Win for the Money
Napoleonic War	Rhetoric	Strong Light	Wit
Native Thunder	Rich Strike	Strong Quality	Witty
Naval Aviator	Rider's Special	Success Laurel (JPN)	Zandon
Nest	Ridley's Major	Sukoon	Zatip
Newgrange	Right of Rush	Surpassing	Zozos
Nineties Country	Rikio	Swing Shift	
Nitrous Channel	Rockefeller	Taiba	
No Sabe Nada	Rocket Dawg	Take Action	
Octane	Royal Spirit	Tapthespeedofsound	

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