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ROAD TO KENTUCKY DERBY BACK IN FULL SWING WITH LOUISIANA DERBY, UAE DERBY, SUNLAND DERBY, FUKURYU STAKES

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Thursday, March 24, 2022) – Following a one week hiatus, the Road to the Kentucky Derby Championship Series is back in high gear Saturday with a quartet of qualifying races led by the premiere race of Fair Grounds' season, the \$1 million TwinSpires.com Louisiana Derby (Grade II).

Earlier Saturday morning, 16 horses are entered to compete in the \$1 million UAE Derby (GII) and the Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby finale, the Fukuryu Stakes, is on tap at Nakayama Racecourse. On Sunday, eight 3-year-olds are entered in the \$500,000 Sunland Park Derby (GIII).

The Louisiana Derby and UAE Derby are the first two of eight races over the next three weeks on the Road to the Kentucky Derby Championship Series that will offer a maximum of 170 points to the top four eligible finishers on a 100-40-20-10 scale.

The Sunland Derby will award the top four finishers on a 50-20-10-5 scale while the Fukuryu will garner the top four points on a 40-18-8-4 scale.

Buckle up, the next six weeks leading to the \$3 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (GI) are set to be filled with thrilling racing action and drama leading up to the first Saturday in May.

TOP 3-YEAR-OLD EPICENTER LEADS FIELD OF NINE IN LOUISIANA DERBY – Winchell Thoroughbreds' **Epicenter**, the winner of last month's \$400,000 Risen Star (Grade II), headlines a field of nine 3-year-old colts that were entered in Saturday's 109th running of the \$1 million TwinSpires.com Louisiana Derby (GII) at Fair Grounds.

The 1 3/16-mile Louisiana Derby is slated as the finale on Fair Grounds' 12-race program. Post time for the Louisiana Derby is 6:44 p.m. (all times Eastern) and first post is 1 p.m. In total, Fair Grounds will offer eight stakes races Saturday and fans can wager on an all-stakes Pick 5 sequence (8-12) that will have a guaranteed pool of \$500,000. Wagering is available on www.TwinSpires.com, the official ADW of the Kentucky Derby and Churchill Downs Incorporated.

Fans can watch the Louisiana Derby on CNBC starting at 6 p.m. or can view the entire card on TVG.

The speedy Epicenter, trained by **Steve Asmussen**, drew post No. 6 for Saturday's affair. The son of Not This Time cruised to a front-running 2 3/4-length victory in the Risen Star under 2013 Kentucky Derby-winning jockey **Joel Rosario**. Epicenter began his career at Churchill Downs and broke his maiden in his second start on Nov. 13 by 3 1/2 lengths. In his third start, Epicenter dominated six rivals by 6 1/2 lengths in the \$98,000 Gun Runner. In his first start as a 3-year-old, Epicenter battled on the lead in the \$200,000 Lecomte (GIII) but gave way late to the fast-charging **Call Me Midnight**. Rosario will once again ride Epicenter in the Louisiana Derby at morning line odds of 7-5.

"It was important for him to start at a mile then progress like he has through longer distances and now we get this race, and the (1 3/16-mile) distance could be a separator," Asmussen said. "He has progressed well through each of these steps and his progress has been very encouraging up to this point and he will just have to prove it again on Saturday."

Among Epicenter's top challengers in the Louisiana Derby is **Peter Cantrell** and **Benjamin Gase**'s aforementioned Lecomte winner Call Me Midnight. Trained by **Keith Desormeaux**, Call Me Midnight hasn't raced since the Jan. 22 race but has kept steady training at Fair Grounds.

"Right after the Lecomte, it seemed like a no brainer to come back in the Risen Star," Desormeaux said. "After talking in over with Pete and putting all the factors out there, which included a heavy campaign as a 2-year-old and the great response he had after the time between the Kentucky Jockey Club and Lecomte, plus the fact that we're not only planning to run in the Louisiana Derby but the Kentucky Derby, we just thought that this is what the facts are telling us. He had a good foundation as a 2-year-old, plenty of racing, he's fit, he ran a good race off the slight layoff, let's keep with that pattern, which meant let's skip the Risen Star and go straight to the Louisiana Derby. The Kentucky Derby would then be his third race back."

The late-running Call Me Midnight will break from post 3 with **James Graham** in the saddle.

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In the Lecomte, Call Me Midnight was able to benefit from the contested early pace. One of the early pace factors in the Louisiana Derby could be **Barry** and **Joni Butzow's** recent 10 ¼-length allowance winner **Zozos**. Trained by **Brad Cox**, Zozos broke his maiden at Fair Grounds on Jan. 23 then pressed the early pace in a 1 1/16-mile allowance event at Oaklawn where he dominated the field of 11 3-year-olds under jockey **Florent Geroux**. The homebred son of Munnings will be ridden by Geroux in the Louisiana Derby from post 2.

Lucky Seven Stable's \$500,000 Breeders' Futurity (GI) winner **Rattle N Roll** will invade from South Florida for the Louisiana Derby. Campaigned by **Kenny McPeck**, Rattle N Roll finished second three weeks ago in the \$400,000 Fountain of Youth (GII). It was his first start since winning the Breeders' Futurity by 4 ¼ lengths. Rattle N Roll drew post 9 and will have the riding services of **Brian Hernandez Jr.**

Here's the complete field for the Louisiana Derby (with jockey, trainer and morning line odds): **Silent Power** (Gerard Melancon, Scott Gelner, 50-1); **Zozos** (Geroux, Cox, 8-1); **Call Me Midnight** (Graham, Desormeaux, 6-1); **Curly Tail** (Colby Hernandez, Dallas Stewart, 30-1); **Kupuna** (Reylu Gutierrez, Bret Calhoun, 8-1); **Epicenter** (Rosario, Asmussen, 7-5); **Pioneer of Medina** (Tyler Gaffalione, Todd Pletcher, 5-1); **Galt** (Junior Alvarado, Bill Mott, 8-1); and **Rattle N Roll** (Brian Hernandez Jr., McPeck, 6-1).

Silent Power and Curly Tail were not made early Triple Crown nominees. They can become eligible for the series with a \$6,000 late payment that is due Monday.

FIELD OF 16 ENTERED IN \$1 MILLION UAE DERBY – A full field of 16 3-year-olds were signed on to compete for a possible 170 points on the Road to the Kentucky Derby in the \$1 million UAE Derby (GII) at Meydan Racecourse.

The 1 3/16-mile UAE Derby will be run on the undercard of the \$12 million Dubai World Cup (GI). The action from Dubai begins early Saturday at 7:45 a.m. (all times Eastern) and horses in the UAE Derby will head to post in Race 5 at 10:10 a.m.

There are 12 horses currently eligible to garner points in the UAE Derby field. Three of the ineligible horses were bred in the Southern Hemisphere – therefore, they are considered 4-year-olds – and the other, likely favorite Pinehurst, is campaigned by **Bob Baffert** who is suspended by Churchill Downs Incorporated from competing in this year's Kentucky Derby.

Aside from Pinehurst, there are two other U.S.-based horses in the race – **WC Racing, Aldabaugh, Wonderland** and **Goldstein's Get Back Goldie** and **Grandview Stable** and **Don Alberto Stable's Gilded Age**.

Here is the complete field in order of program numbers (with jockey and trainer): **Irwin (ARG)** (Francisco Goncalves, Antonio Cintra); **Kiefer (BRZ)** (Hector Lazo, Ricardo Colombo); **Quality Boone (ARG)** (Vagner Leal, Cintra); **Azure Coast** (Antonio Fresu, Pavel Vashchenko); **Bendoog** (Tadhg O'Shea, Bhupat Seemar); **Combustion (JPN)** (William Buick, Keizo Ito); **Crown Pride (JPN)** (Damian Lane, Koichi Shintani); **Get Back Goodlie** (Irad Ortiz Jr., Doug O'Neill); **Gilded Age** (Luis Saez, Bill Mott); **Island Falcon (IRE)** (Patrick Cosgrave, Saeed bin Suroor); **Pinehurst** (Flavien Prat, Baffert); **Reiwa Homare (JPN)** (Christophe Lemaire, Daisuke Takayanagi); **Sekifu** (Cristian Demuro, Koshiro Take); **Summer Is Tomorrow** (Mickael Barzalona, Seemar); **Withering** (Adrie de Vries, Fawzi Nass); and **Arabian Gazelles** (Richard Mullen, Seemar).

Only Crown Pride, Island Falcon, Pinehurst, Reiwa Homare and Sekifu were nominated to the Triple Crown. All other eligible 3-year-olds can pay a late \$6,000 nominate fee that is due Monday.

The UAE Derby will be shown on "America's Day at the Races" on Fox Sports 2 and TVG. Fans are invited to bet on www.TwinSpires.com, the official wagering provider of the Kentucky Derby and Churchill Downs Incorporated.

LOS ALAMITOS FUTURITY WINNER SLOW DOWN ANDY TOPS SUNLAND DERBY – **Reddam Racing's** homebred **Slow Down Andy**, the one-length winner of the \$300,000 Los Alamitos Futurity (Grade II) as a 2-year-old, will be in search of the first victory in his 3-year-old campaign as one of the top choices in Sunday's \$500,000 Sunland Park Derby (GIII).

The 1 1/8-mile Sunland Park Derby will go as Race 11 of 12 with a post time of 7:15 p.m. ET. First post is 2:25 p.m. The top four finishers in the race will receive points on a 50-20-10-5 scale towards the \$3 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (GI).

The California-bred Slow Down Andy, trained by two-time Derby-winning conditioner **Doug O'Neill**, put his name into Derby contention when he defeated four rivals in the Los Alamitos Futurity. The chestnut son of Nyquist made his first start as a 3-year-old in the \$400,000 Risen Star (GII) but faded to sixth after a wide journey throughout the 1 1/8-mile race. Slow Down Andy will add blinkers for the first time in the Sunland Derby and will break from post No. 4 with **Mario Gutierrez** in the saddle.

Another top contender in the Sunland Derby appears to be **Jungle Racing's** \$100,000 Mine That Bird Derby winner **Straight Up G**. Trained by **Richard Baltas**, Straight Up G has not finished worse than second in his last four starts. The homebred son of Straight Fire, who runs in the colors of famed sports talk host **Jim Rome**, drew post 8 with **Ricardo Gonzalez**.

Here's the complete field for the Sunland Park Derby from the rail out (with jockey and trainer): **Costa Terra** (Luis Negron, Steve Asmussen); **Classic Moment** (Joel Rosario, Asmussen); **Fowler Blue** (Edwin Maldonado, Luis Mendez); **Slow Down Andy** (Gutierrez, O'Neill); **Bye Bye Bobby** (Roimes Chirinos, Todd Fincher); **Pepper Spray** (Luis Valenzuela, Ed Kereluk); **Chrome King** (Enrique Garcia, Miguel Hernandez); and **Straight Up G** (Gonzalez, Baltas).

Bye Bye Bobby, Pepper Spray, Chrome King and Straight Up G are not currently nominated to the Triple Crown. Their connections can make them eligible with a \$6,000 late payment that is due Monday.

Fans can watch the Sunland Park Derby on TVG and wagering is available on www.TwinSpires.com, the official wagering provider of the Kentucky Derby and Churchill Downs Incorporated.

TRIPLE CROWN NOMINEES HO O ROULETTE, JASPER GREAT, LINE OF SOUL TOP EARLY DECLARATIONS TO FUKURYU STAKES – Triple Crown nominees **Ho O Roulette**, **Jasper Great** and **Line of Soul** top a list of nine Japanese-based 3-year-olds that were entered in Saturday's 1 1/8-mile Fukuryu Stakes – the final leg on the Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby.

Yoshihisa Ozasa's Ho O Roulette, a son of the former **Dale Romans**-trained **Roses in May**, is undefeated in two starts at Nakayama, including a six-length victory last out in the Kurochiku Sho.

Kazuo Kato's Jasper Great, trained by **Hideyuki Mori**, has already shipped to the U.S. once and finished a disappointing 10th in the \$2 million Breeders' Cup Juvenile (GI).

Yoshizawa Holding's Line of Soul, campaigned by **Hidetaka Otonashi**, finished 12th in the Hyacinth Stakes, which was the penultimate leg of the Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby run Feb. 20. Line of Soul will enter the Fukuryu following a third-place finish in an allowance event at Hanshin.

The Fukuryu will award the top 4 points on a 40-16-8-4 scale.

First staged in 2017, the Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby is a stand-alone series that is separate from America's Road to the Kentucky Derby. Only one invitation to compete in the \$3 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (GI) will be extended with preference given to the horses with the most points in the Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby series.

KEY RACES TO WATCH – It's a jam-packed weekend on the Road to the Kentucky Derby Championship Series with a trio of races that highlight the weekend schedule. Here is a calendar of the key races to watch Saturday:

Below is a calendar of the top 3-year-old stakes to watch this weekend, along with several of the world's top stakes events that have horses who could run on Kentucky Derby Week at Churchill Downs:

Saturday

- 10:10 a.m. ET, MEY 5, \$1 million UAE Derby (GII), 3yo, 1 3/16 miles, Where to Watch: Fox Sports 2, TVG, TwinSpires.com
- 10:45 a.m., ET, MEY 6, \$2 million Dubai Golden Shaheen (GI), 4yo and up, 6 F, Where to Watch: Fox Sports 2, TVG, TwinSpires.com
- 11:20 a.m. ET, MEY 7, \$5 million Dubai Turf (GI), 4yo and up, 1 1/8 miles (I), Where to Watch: Fox Sports 2, TVG, TwinSpires.com
- 11:55 a.m. ET, MEY 8, \$6 million Dubai Sheema Classic (GI), 4yo and up, 1 1/2 miles (I), Where to Watch: Fox Sports 2, TVG, TwinSpires.com
- 12:30 p.m. ET, MEY 9, \$12 million Dubai World Cup (GI), 4yo and up, 1 1/4 miles, Where to Watch: Fox Sports 2, TVG, TwinSpires.com
- 4:37 p.m. ET, FG 8, \$100,000 Tom Benson Memorial, 4yo and up f&m, 1 1/16 miles (I), Where to Watch: TVG, TwinSpires.com
- 5:08 p.m. ET, FG 9, \$500,000 New Orleans Classic (GII), 4yo and up, 1 1/8 miles, Where to Watch: TVG, TwinSpires.com
- 5:40 p.m. ET, FG 10, \$300,000 Muniz Memorial, 4yo and up, 1 1/18 miles (I), Where to Watch: TVG, TwinSpires.com
- 6:10 p.m. ET, OP 9, \$150,000 Purple Martin, 3yo f, 6 F, Where to Watch: Fox Sports 2, TVG, TwinSpires.com
- 6:12 p.m. ET, FG 11, \$400,000 TwinSpires.com Fair Grounds Oaks (GII), 3yo f, 1 1/16 miles, Where to Watch: CNBC, TVG, TwinSpires.com
- 6:44 p.m. ET, FG 12, \$1 million TwinSpires.com Louisiana Derby (GII), 3yo, 1 3/16 miles, Where to Watch: CNBC, TVG, TwinSpires.com

Sunday

- 7:15 p.m. ET, SUN 11, \$500,000 Sunland Park Derby (GIII), 3yo, 1 1/16 miles, Where to Watch: TVG, TwinSpires.com

TAMPA BAY DERBY WINNER CLASSIC CAUSEWAY TOPS LEADERBOARD WITH 66 POINTS – Kentucky West Racing and **Clarke Cooper's** \$400,000 Tampa Bay Derby (Grade II) winner Classic Causeway is the current top point earner on the Road to the Kentucky Derby with 66 points.

The son of Giant's Causeway galloped to a front-running 2 ½-length victory in the Tampa Bay Derby to earn 50 additional points toward the first Saturday in May.

Here are the top 20 horses on the Road to the Kentucky Derby leaderboard:

<u>Horse</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Resume</u>	<u>Possible Next Start</u>	<u>Points</u>
Classic Causeway	Brian Lynch	1 st – Tampa Bay Derby 1 st – Sam F. Davis 2 nd – Ky Jockey Club 3 rd – Breeders' Futurity	April 9: Blue Grass	66
Epicenter	Steve Asmussen	1 st – Risen Star 1 st – Gun Runner 2 nd – Lecomte	March 26: Louisiana Derby	64
Un Ojo	Ricky Courville	1 st – Rebel 2 nd – Withers	April 2: Arkansas Derby	54
Simplification	Antonio Sano	1 st – Fountain of Youth 2 nd – Holy Bull	April 2: Florida Derby	54
Forbidden Kingdom	Richard Mandella	1 st – San Felipe	April 9: Santa Anita Derby	50
Morello	Steve Asmussen	1 st – Gotham	April 9: Wood Memorial	50
Smile Happy	Kenny McPeck	1 st – Ky Jockey Club 2 nd – Risen Star	April 9: Blue Grass	30
Grantham	Mike Maker	2 nd – Tampa Bay Derby 4 th – Withers	April 9: Blue Grass	21
Ethereal Road	D. Wayne Lukas	2 nd – Rebel	April 2: Arkansas Derby	20
In Due Time	Kelly Breen	2 nd – Fountain of Youth	April 2: Florida Derby	20
Dean's List	Todd Pletcher	2 nd – Gotham	April 9: Wood Memorial	20
Barber Road	John Ortiz	2 nd – Smarty Jones 2 nd – Southwest 3 rd – Rebel	April 2: Arkansas Derby	18
Pappacap	Mark Casse	2 nd – Breeders' Cup Juvenile 2 nd – American Pharoah 3 rd – Lecomte	April 2: Florida Derby	14
Zandon	Chad Brown	2 nd – Remsen 3 rd – Risen Star	April 9: Blue Grass	14
Shipsational	Ed Barker	2 nd – Sam F. Davis 3 rd – Tampa Bay Derby	April 2: Florida Derby	14
White Abarrio	Saffie Joseph Jr.	1 st – Holy Bull 3 rd – Ky Jockey Club	April 2: Florida Derby	12
Mo Donegal	Todd Pletcher	1 st – Remsen 3 rd – Holy Bull	April 9: Wood Memorial	12
Tiz the Bomb	Kenny McPeck	1 st – John Battaglia Memorial	April 2: Florida Derby	10
Rattle N Roll	Kenny McPeck	1 st – Breeders' Futurity	March 26: Louisiana Derby	10
Slow Down Andy	Doug O'Neill	1 st – Los Al Futurity	March 27: Sunland Park Derby	10

DOWN THE STRETCH:

Champion filly **Echo Zulu** is set for her return Saturday in the \$400,000 TwinSpires.com Fair Grounds Oaks (GII). The undefeated daughter of Gun Runner drew the rail for her 3-year-old debut and will face five rivals. The top 4 finishers will receive 100-40-20-10 points toward a spot in the starting gate for the \$1.25 million Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI)...

Trainer **Kenny McPeck** reported Monday that top Derby contender **Smile Happy** would make his final prep prior to the Kentucky Derby in the \$1 million Blue Grass (GII) at Keeneland. McPeck originally reported he was considering running Smile Happy in either the Blue Grass or Florida Derby...

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Zozos will attempt to become the first horse since 2005 to win the Louisiana Derby with no prior stakes experience...

Last year's top two finishers in the Louisiana Derby – **Hot Rod Charlie** and **Midnight Bourbon** – will be competing Saturday morning in the \$12 million Dubai World Cup (GI) at Meydan Racecourse...

Sunday will be the first time since 2019 the Sunland Derby will be run. It was not run the last two years due to COVID-19 restrictions in New Mexico...

Trainer **Saeed bin Suroor** has a record eight wins in the UAE Derby (2000-02, '05-'06, '09, '11, '17). He's represented in this year's race by **Island Falcon**...

Since **Grindstone** in 1996, no horse has won both the Louisiana Derby and the Kentucky Derby. However, in that time span, three horses have exited the Louisiana Derby and recorded victories in the Kentucky Derby: **Funny Cide** (second in 2003 Louisiana Derby); **Country House** (fourth in 2019); and **Mandaloun** (sixth in 2021). Both Country House and Mandaloun were awarded Kentucky Derby wins via disqualifications. . .

The first horses returned to the Churchill Downs backside Tuesday morning to begin their preparation for the 2022 Spring Meet. The first arrivals at Churchill Downs were from the barn of **Mike Tomlinson** while trainers **Lynn Cash**, **Cherie DeVaux** and **Frank Miller** shipped in to Trackside Louisville, which is located approximately three miles from the main track. Several hundred more horses are expected to return to Louisville in the next 7-10 days. Training over the track begins Friday...

The first of two condition books for the 2022 Spring Meet has been released. To view Book 1 of the Churchill Downs condition book, visit: www.churchilldowns.com/horsemen...

French Derby-winning jockey **Vincent Cheminaud** will be a new addition to the riding colony at Churchill Downs. The 28-year-old Frenchman began riding two weeks ago in Kentucky at Turfway Park. He'll be represented by **Steve Bass**, who was the longtime agent of fellow French rider **Julien Leparoux**. Cheminaud visited Churchill Downs for the first time last week with jockey **Florent Geroux**, who has been helping him get acquainted to his new life in the U.S. "This place is amazing," Cheminaud said. "I can't wait to get started."...

The final pool of the Kentucky Derby Future Wager will run Thursday-Saturday next week. The field will be announced Tuesday and close prior to the first Championship Series race run Saturday afternoon.

UPCOMING ROAD TO KENTUCKY DERBY CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES RACES

April 2 (five weeks out) – \$1.25 million Arkansas Derby (GI), 1 1/8 miles, Oaklawn Park (Top 4 points: 100-40-20-10)

Known possible starters (with trainer): Barber Road (John Ortiz); *Call Me Jamal* (Michael Puhich); Cyberknife (Brad Cox); Secret Oath (Wayne Lukas); Un Ojo (Ricky Courville); and We the People (Rodolphe Brisset).

April 2 (five weeks out) – \$1 million Florida Derby (GI), 1 1/8 miles, Gulfstream Park (Top 4 points: 100-40-20-10)

Known possible starters (with trainer): Charge It (Todd Pletcher); *Emmanuel* (Todd Pletcher); O Captain (Gustavo Delgado); Pappacap (Mark Casse); Shipsational (Ed Barker); Simplification (Antonio Sano); and White Abarrio (Saffie Joseph Jr.)

April 2 (five weeks out) – \$600,000 Jeff Ruby Steaks (GIII), 1 1/8 miles (Tapeta), Turfway Park (Top 4 points: 100-40-20-10)

Known possible starters (with trainer): Stolen Base (Mike Maker); and Tiz the Bomb (Kenny McPeck)

April 9 (four weeks out) – \$1 million Blue Grass (GI), 1 1/8 miles, Keeneland (Top 4 points: 100-40-20-10)

Known possible starters (with trainer): *Call Me Jamal* (Michael Puhich); Classic Causeway (Brian Lynch); *Emmanuel* (Todd Pletcher); Ethereal Road (D. Wayne Lukas); Smile Happy (Kenny McPeck); and Zandon (Chad Brown).

April 9 (four weeks out) – \$750,000 Santa Anita Derby (GI), 1 1/8 miles, Santa Anita (Top 4 points: 100-40-20-10)

Known possible starters (with trainer): Forbidden Kingdom (Richard Mandella) and Messier (Bob Baffert)

April 9 (four weeks out) – \$750,000 Wood Memorial (GII), 1 1/8 miles, Aqueduct (Top 4 points: 100-40-20-10)

Known possible starters (with trainer): Dean's List (Todd Pletcher); Early Voting (Chad Brown); Morello (Steve Asmussen); and Mo Donegal (Todd Pletcher)

April 16 (three weeks out) – \$400,000 Lexington (GIII), 1 1/16 miles, Keeneland (Top 4 points: 20-8-4-2)

Known possible starters (with trainer): Dash Attack (Kenny McPeck)

Note: The possible fields for upcoming Kentucky Derby Championship Series races are fluid as owners and trainers vie for points. Known possible horses mentioned to be under consideration for each race are based on published news reports and other sources. Horses listed in *italics* are possible for multiple races.

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