

## STARTS – DID NOT RACE AT 2

Some horse racing pundits consider “having a race at 2” to be the last so-called Derby “rule” left standing. Retired *Daily Racing Form* columnist Steve Crist referred to this as “the granddaddy of Derby rules.”

Apollo, who won the 1882 Kentucky Derby, is the only Derby winner to win the “Run for the Roses” without racing as a 2-year-old.

The record of horses in the Derby without a race at 2 since 1937 is 61-0-3-5.

Apollo’s victory over a “muddy” track was one of the biggest upsets of that era. Runnymede, the odds-on favorite who finished a half-length back in second in his first start of the year, had a reputation for disliking a “muddy” track. Meanwhile, Apollo had raced three times in New Orleans prior to his victorious Kentucky Derby run at odds of 10-1.

Since 1937, the only other horses to finish in the Derby Top 3 without racing at 2 were runner-ups Coaltown (1948), Strodes Creek (1994) and Bodemeister (2012) and third-place finishers Hampden (1946), Agitate (1974), Reinvested (1982), Curlin (2007) and Battle of Midway (2017).

Four were sent to post as the favorite (although two raced as a coupled entry): Bodemeister (4.20-1 in 2012); Air Forbes Won (2.70-1 in 1982); Coaltown (0.40-1 as an entry with winner Citation in 1948); and Perfect Bahram (1.10-1 as an entry with Lord Boswell and Knockdown in 1946).

The following is a list of 62 horses from 1937 to present that started in the Kentucky Derby but did not race at the age of 2:

Horse	Year	Finish
Battle of Midway	2017	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Patch	2017	14 <sup>th</sup>
Materiality	2015	6 <sup>th</sup>
Verrazano	2013	14 <sup>th</sup>
Bodemeister*	2012	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Midnight Interlude	2011	16 <sup>th</sup>
Summer Bird	2009	6 <sup>th</sup>
Dunkirk	2009	11 <sup>th</sup>
Curlin	2007	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Showing Up	2006	6 <sup>th</sup>
Greeley’s Galaxy	2005	11 <sup>th</sup>
Song of the Sword	2004	11 <sup>th</sup>
Atswhatimtalknbout	2003	4 <sup>th</sup>
Wheelaway	2000	5 <sup>th</sup>
Curule	2000	7 <sup>th</sup>
Trippi	2000	11 <sup>th</sup>
Desert Hero	1999	13 <sup>th</sup>
Valhol	1999	15 <sup>th</sup>
Pulpit	1997	4 <sup>th</sup>
Strodes Creek	1994	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Devil His Due	1992	12 <sup>th</sup>
Disposal	1992	18 <sup>th</sup>
Corporate Report	1991	9 <sup>th</sup>
Alydavid	1991	14 <sup>th</sup>
Pendleton Ridge	1990	13 <sup>th</sup>
Wheatly Hall	1986	6 <sup>th</sup>
Zabaleta	1986	12 <sup>th</sup>
Irish Fighter	1985	11 <sup>th</sup>
Majestic Shore	1984	DNF
Reinvested	1982	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Air Forbes Won*	1982	7 <sup>th</sup>
Wavering Monarch	1982	12 <sup>th</sup>
Flying Nashua	1981	8 <sup>th</sup>
Great Redeemer	1979	10 <sup>th</sup>
Chief of Dixieland	1978	9 <sup>th</sup>
Affiliate	1977	9 <sup>th</sup>
Best Person	1977	15 <sup>th</sup>
Amano	1976	4 <sup>th</sup>
On the Sly	1976	5 <sup>th</sup>
Media	1975	5 <sup>th</sup>
Bold Chapeau	1975	8 <sup>th</sup>
Agitate	1974	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Confederate Yankee	1974	12 <sup>th</sup>
Forego	1973	4 <sup>th</sup>
Twice a Prince	1973	12 <sup>th</sup>
Big Spruce	1972	7 <sup>th</sup>
Kentuckian	1972	10 <sup>th</sup>
Dr. Neale	1972	15 <sup>th</sup>
Fourulla	1971	19 <sup>th</sup>
Gleaming Sword	1968	13 <sup>th</sup>

Horse	Year	Finish
Our Dad	1959	15 <sup>th</sup>
Gone Fishin’	1958	8 <sup>th</sup>
No Regrets	1956	7 <sup>th</sup>
Fanfare	1951	5 <sup>th</sup>
Golden Birch	1951	19 <sup>th</sup>
Coaltown (e)*	1948	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Hampden	1946	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Perfect Bahram (e)*	1946	9 <sup>th</sup>
Rippey	1946	10 <sup>th</sup>
Bert G.	1945	14 <sup>th</sup>
Comenow	1944	12 <sup>th</sup>