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SUNLAND PARK DERBY WINNER WILD ON ICE LEADS 12 LATE TRIPLE CROWN NOMINEES

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Tuesday, March 28, 2023) – Frank Sumpter’s Sunland Park Derby (Grade III) winner **Wild On Ice** was among a dozen 3-year-olds that were made eligible to compete in the 2023 Triple Crown with a late \$6,000 payment that was due Monday.

Wild On Ice, the 35-1 upset winner of the Sunland Park Derby, earned 50 points for his victory and his connections stated they could target the \$3 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (GI) on Saturday, May 6.

The other late nominees (pending late mail): **Middleham Park Racing’s** Road to the Kentucky Derby Condition Stakes winner **Brave Emperor (IRE)**; **Adam Ference** and **Bill Dory’s** El Camino Real Derby winner **Chase the Chaos**; **John Salzman Jr., Fred Wasserloos** and **Anthony Geruso’s** multiple stakes winner **Coffeewithchris**; **Mrs. John Magnier, Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith, Westerberg** and **Jonathan Poulin’s** Animal Kingdom Stakes winner **Eye Witness**; **The Del Mar Group’s** Sunland Park Derby third-place finisher **Henry Q**; **Brereton Jones** and **Naber Racing’s** maiden special weight winner and Arkansas Derby (GI) entrant **King Russell**; **Big Chief Racing’s** recent \$50,000 claim and Arkansas Derby entrant **Kolomio**; **Lucky Seven Stable’s** maiden special weight winner and Arkansas Derby entrant **Interlock Empire**; **C2 Racing Stable’s** maiden special weight winner and Florida Derby (GI) entrant **Mr. Peeks**; **C2 Racing Stable** and **Stefania Farms** maiden special weight winner and Florida Derby entrant **Nautical Star**; and **LC Racing’s** two-time stakes winner **Ninetyprcentmaddie**.

In total, there are now 381 eligible 3-year-olds eligible to compete in the Triple Crown series which consists of the Kentucky Derby, \$1.5 million Preakness Stakes (GI) on May 20 and \$1.5 million Belmont Stakes (GI) on June 10.

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

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