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EMPIRESTRIKESFAST ADDED TO LATE TRIPLE CROWN NOMINEES

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Wednesday, March 29, 2023) – Pin Oak Stud's Empirestrikesfast has been added to the list of late Triple Crown nominations after a clerical error was discovered. The connections paid the \$6,000 before Monday's deadline but the colt's name was omitted from the list of 12 others published on Tuesday.

Trained by **Bill Mott**, Empirestrikesfast broke his maiden on March 11 at Gulfstream Park.

The son of Empire Maker joins fellow late Triple Crown nominees **Brave Emperor (IRE)**, **Chase the Chaos**, **Coffeewithchris**, **Eye Witness**, **Henry Q**, **Interlock Empire**, **King Russell**, **Kolomio**, **Mr. Peeks**, **Nautical Star**, **Ninetyprcntmaddie** and **Wild On Ice**.

In total, there are now 382 eligible 3-year-olds to compete in the Triple Crown series which consists of the Kentucky Derby, \$1.5 million Preakness Stakes (GI) and \$1.5 million Belmont Stakes (GI).

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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