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UAE DERBY RUNNER-UP SUMMER IS TOMORROW AMONG SEVEN LATE TRIPLE CROWN NOMINEES

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Wednesday, March 30, 2022) – Michael Hilary and Negar Burke's \$1 million UAE Derby (Grade II) runner-up **Summer Is Tomorrow** was among seven 3-year-olds that were made eligible to compete in the 2022 Triple Crown with a late \$6,000 late nomination payment that was due Monday.

With seven nominees during the Jan. 30-March 28 late nomination phase (pending late mail), there are now 321 horses eligible to compete in the Triple Crown's three race series.

The Triple Crown opens Saturday, May 7 for the 148th running of the \$3 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (Grade I), run at 1 ¼ miles at Churchill Downs. The 147th running of the \$1.25 million Preakness (GI), its 1 3/16-mile second jewel, is set for Saturday, May 21 at Pimlico Race Course. The 154th running of the \$1.25 million Belmont Stakes (GI), the final leg run at 1 ½ miles, is Saturday, June 11 at Belmont Park.

Other late Triple Crown nominees: Vladimir Kazakov's UAE 2000 Guineas winner **Azure Coast**; B4 Farms' Sunland Derby (GIII) runner-up **Bye Bye Bobby**; OGMA Investments and Jack Towell Jr's Fountain of Youth (GII) third-place finisher **O Captain**; JR Sanchez Racing Stable's Private Term Stakes winner **Shake Em Loose**; Daniel Alonso's recent allowance winner **Skippylongstocking**; and Boat Racing, Fritz Brothers Racing and Bill Strauss' maiden winner **Win the Day**.

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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