

STARTS – FINAL PREP RACE

The following is a list of races from 1940 to present in which eventual Kentucky Derby winners made their final start before winning the “Run for the Roses”:

Derby Winner	Year	Finish	Race
Sovereignty	2025	2 nd	Florida Derby
Mystik Dan	2024	3 rd	Arkansas Derby
Mage	2023	2 nd	Florida Derby
Rich Strike	2022	3 rd	Jeff Ruby Steaks
Mandaloun	2021	6 th	Louisiana Derby
Authentic	2020	1 st	Haskell Invitational
Country House	2019	3 rd	Arkansas Derby
Justify	2018	1 st	Santa Anita Derby
Always Dreaming	2017	1 st	Florida Derby
Nyquist	2016	1 st	Florida Derby
American Pharoah	2015	1 st	Arkansas Derby
California Chrome	2014	1 st	Santa Anita Derby
Orb	2013	1 st	Florida Derby
I'll Have Another	2012	1 st	Santa Anita Derby
Animal Kingdom	2011	1 st	Spiral
Super Saver	2010	2 nd	Arkansas Derby
Mine That Bird	2009	4 th	Sunland Derby
Big Brown	2008	1 st	Florida Derby
Street Sense	2007	2 nd	Blue Grass
Barbaro	2006	1 st	Florida Derby
Giacomo	2005	4 th	Santa Anita Derby
Smarty Jones	2004	1 st	Arkansas Derby
Funny Cide	2003	2 nd	Wood Memorial
War Emblem	2002	1 st	Illinois Derby
Monarchos	2001	2 nd	Wood Memorial
Fusaichi Pegasus	2000	1 st	Wood Memorial
Charismatic	1999	1 st	Lexington
Real Quiet	1998	2 nd	Santa Anita Derby
Silver Charm	1997	2 nd	Santa Anita Derby
Grindstone	1996	2 nd	Arkansas Derby
Thunder Gulch	1995	4 th	Blue Grass
Go for Gin	1994	2 nd	Wood Memorial
Sea Hero	1993	4 th	Blue Grass
Lil E. Tee	1992	2 nd	Arkansas Derby
Strike the Gold	1991	1 st	Blue Grass
Unbridled	1990	3 rd	Blue Grass
Sunday Silence	1989	1 st	Santa Anita Derby
Winning Colors	1988	1 st	Santa Anita Derby
Alysheba	1987	3 rd	Blue Grass
Ferdinand	1986	3 rd	Santa Anita Derby
Spend a Buck	1985	1 st	Garden State
Swale	1984	2 nd	Lexington
Sunny's Halo	1983	1 st	Arkansas Derby
Gato Del Sol	1982	2 nd	Blue Grass
Pleasant Colony	1981	1 st	Wood Memorial
Genuine Risk	1980	3 rd	Wood Memorial
Spectacular Bid	1979	1 st	Blue Grass
Affirmed	1978	1 st	Hollywood Derby
Seattle Slew	1977	1 st	Wood Memorial
Bold Forbes	1976	1 st	Wood Memorial
Foolish Pleasure	1975	1 st	Wood Memorial
Cannonade	1974	1 st	CD allowance
Secretariat	1973	3 rd	Wood Memorial
Riva Ridge	1972	1 st	Blue Grass
Canonero II	1971	3 rd	Venezuela race
Dust Commander	1970	1 st	Blue Grass
Majestic Prince	1969	1 st	CD allowance
Forward Pass	1968	1 st	Blue Grass
Proud Clarion	1967	2 nd	Blue Grass
Kauai King	1966	1 st	Governor's Gold Cup
Lucky Debonair	1965	1 st	Blue Grass
Northern Dancer	1964	1 st	Blue Grass
Chateaugay	1963	1 st	Blue Grass
Decidedly	1962	2 nd	Blue Grass
Carry Back	1961	2 nd	Wood Memorial
Venetian Way	1960	2 nd	CD allowance
Tomy Lee-GB	1959	1 st	Blue Grass
Tim Tam	1958	1 st	Derby Trial
Iron Liege	1957	5 th	Derby Trial
Needles	1956	1 st	Florida Derby
Swaps	1955	1 st	CD allowance
Determine	1954	2 nd	Derby Trial
Dark Star	1953	1 st	Derby Trial
Hill Gail	1952	1 st	Derby Trial
Count Turf	1951	5 th	Wood Memorial
Middleground	1950	2 nd	Derby Trial
Ponder	1949	2 nd	Derby Trial
Citation	1948	1 st	Derby Trial

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Jet Pilot	1947	1 st	Jamaica Handicap
Assault	1946	4 th	Derby Trial
Hoop Jr.	1945	1 st	Wood Memorial
Pensive	1944	2 nd	Chesapeake
Count Fleet	1943	1 st	Wood Memorial
Shut Out	1942	1 st	Blue Grass
Whirlaway	1941	2 nd	Derby Trial
Gallahadion	1940	2 nd	Derby Trial