

UNDEFEATED STARTERS

The following is a list of 37 horses that were undefeated starters in the Kentucky Derby since 1915.

Nine exited the Derby unbeaten: Justify (2018), Nyquist (2016), Big Brown (2008), Barbaro (2006), Smarty Jones (2004), Seattle Slew (1977), Majestic Prince (1969), Morvich (1922) and the filly Regret (1915). Maximum Security (2019) cross the finish line in first but was disqualified to 17th for interference nearing the 5/16-pole.

Eighteen of the 37 undefeated horses were sent to post as the favorite.

Note: Thunderer (1916) was full-brother to 1915 winner Regret. They each made their firsts start as 3-year-olds in the Kentucky Derby, as did 1922 winner Morvich.

Undefeated Horse	Year	Wins	Finish
Forever Young (JPN)	2024	5	3 rd
T O Password (JPN)	2024	2	5 th
Kingsbarns	2023	3	14 th
Taiba	2022	2	12 th
Essential Quality*	2021	5	3 rd
Helium	2021	3	7 th
Rock Your World	2021	3	16 th
Maximum Security	2019	4	17 th
Justify*	2018	3	1st
Magnum Moon	2018	4	19 th
Nyquist*	2016	7	1st
Dortmund	2015	6	3 rd
Materiality	2015	3	6 th
Verrazano	2013	4	14 th
Gemologist	2012	5	16 th
Big Brown*	2008	3	1st
Curlin	2007	3	3 rd
Barbaro	2006	5	1st
Showing Up	2006	3	6 th
Smarty Jones*	2004	6	1st
China Visit	2000	2	6 th
Trippi	2000	4	11 th
Indian Charlie*	1998	4	3 rd
Mister Frisky*	1990	16	8 th
Private Terms*	1988	7	9 th
Air Forbes Won*	1982	4	7 th
Sensitive Prince	1978	6	6 th
Seattle Slew*	1977	6	1st
Majestic Prince*	1969	7	1st
Candy Spots*	1963	6	3 rd
No Robbery	1963	5	5 th
Native Dancer*	1953	11	2 nd
Coaltown (e)*	1948	4	2 nd
Bimelech*	1940	8	2 nd
Morvich*	1922	11	1st
Thunderer (e)*	1916	3	5 th
Regret-f*	1915	3	1st