

## CHAMPIONS, KENTUCKY DERBY WINNERS

Since 1971, Eclipse Awards are bestowed upon the Thoroughbred horses and individuals whose outstanding achievements in North America have earned them the title of Champion in their respective divisions.

Those annual awards are voted by National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA), *Daily Racing Form* and the National Turf Writers and Broadcasters (NTWAB).

The Eclipse Awards are named after the great 18th-Century racehorse and foundation sire Eclipse, who began racing at age five and was undefeated in 18 starts, including eight walkovers. Eclipse sired the winners of 344 races, including three Epsom Derbies.

For more than a century, annual Champions have been chosen by various bodies and these have been compiled and condensed with Eclipse Award winners by the widely respected *The Blood-Horse* magazine.

Most awards originated in 1936. A Horse of the Year award was created by a poll of the staff of *The New York Morning Telegraph* and its sister newspaper, *Daily Racing Form*. At the same time a rival poll was organized by the Baltimore-based *Turf and Sport Digest* magazine. Starting in 1950, the Thoroughbred Racing Associations (TRA) began naming its own champion, selecting its winners from votes by racing secretaries from member tracks across the United States. In 1971, *Daily Racing Form* and TRA made an agreement with the National Turf Writers Association to merge into one set of awards, called the Eclipse Awards.

Champions prior to 1936 were selected retrospectively by a panel of experts as published by *The Blood-Horse* magazine.

### KENTUCKY DERBY WINNERS CROWNED CHAMPIONS (67)

**Vagrant (1876)**  
Co-3-year-old colt – 1876 (Vigil)

**Baden-Baden (1877)**  
3-year-old colt – 1877

**Hindoo (1881)**  
3-year-old colt – 1881

**Leonatus (1883)**  
3-year-old colt – 1883

**Joe Cotton (1885)**  
Co-3-year-old colt – 1885 (Bersan)

**Ben Brush (1896)**  
Co-2-year-old colt – 1895 (Requital)

**Meridian (1911)**  
3-year-old colt – 1911  
Horse of the Year – 1911

**Worth (1912)**  
Co-2-year-old colt – 1911 (Helios)

**Old Rosebud (1914)**  
2-year-old colt – 1913  
Horse of the Year – 1917

**Regret (1915)**  
2-year-old filly – 1914  
3-year-old filly – 1915  
Horse of the Year – 1915

**Omar Khayyam-GB (1917)**  
Co-3-year-old colt – 1917 (Hourless)

**Exterminator – 1918**  
Horse of the Year – 1922

**Sir Barton (1919)**  
3-year-old colt – 1919  
Horse of the Year – 1919

**Morvich (1922)**  
2-year-old colt – 1921

**Zev (1923)**  
2-year-old colt – 1922  
Co-3-year-old colt – 1923 (In Memoriam)  
Horse of the Year – 1923

**Whiskery (1927)**  
3-year-old colt – 1927

**Reigh Count (1928)**  
Co-2-year-old colt – 1927 (Dice)  
3-year-old colt – 1928  
Horse of the Year – 1928

**Gallant Fox (1930)**  
3-year-old colt – 1930  
Horse of the Year – 1930

**Twenty Grand (1931)**  
3-year-old colt – 1931  
Horse of the Year – 1931

**Burgoo King (1932)**  
Co-3-year-old colt – 1932 (Faireno)

**Cavalcade (1934)**  
2-year-old colt – 1933  
3-year-old colt – 1934  
Horse of the Year – 1934

**Omaha (1935)**  
3-year-old colt – 1935

**War Admiral (1937)**  
3-year-old colt – 1937  
Best 3-year-old – 1937  
Horse of the Year – 1937

**Whirlaway (1941)**  
Co-2-year-old colt – 1940 (Our Boots)  
3-year-old colt – 1941  
Best 3-year-old – 1941  
Handicap Horse – 1942  
Horse of the Year – 1941 & 1942

**Count Fleet (1943)**  
2-year-old colt – 1942  
Best 2-year-old – 1942  
3-year-old colt – 1943  
Best 3-year-old – 1943  
Horse of the Year – 1943

**Assault (1946)**  
3-year-old colt – 1946  
Best 3-year-old – 1946  
Horse of the Year – 1946

**Citation (1948)**  
2-year-old colt – 1947  
Best 2-year-old – 1947  
3-year-old colt – 1948  
Best 3-year-old – 1948  
Handicap Horse – 1948  
Horse of the Year – 1948

**Swaps (1955)**  
Handicap Horse – 1956  
Horse of the Year – 1956

**Needles (1956)**  
2-year-old colt – 1955  
Best 2-year-old – 1955  
3-year-old colt – 1956  
Best 3-year-old – 1956

**Tim Tam (1958)**  
3-year-old colt – 1958  
Best 3-year-old – 1958

**Carry Back (1961)**  
3-year-old colt – 1961  
Best 3-year-old – 1961

**Chateaugay (1963)**  
3-year old colt – 1963  
Best 3-year-old – 1963

**Northern Dancer (1964)**  
3-year-old colt – 1964  
Best 3-year-old – 1964

**Canonero II (1971)**  
3-year-old colt – 1971

**Riva Ridge (1972)**  
2-year-old colt – 1971  
Older Horse – 1973

**Secretariat (1973)**  
2-year-old colt – 1972  
3-year-old colt – 1973  
Grass Horse – 1973  
Horse of the Year – 1972 & 1973

**Foolish Pleasure (1975)**  
2-year-old colt – 1974

**Bold Forbes (1976)**  
3-year-old colt – 1976

**Seattle Slew (1977)**  
2-year-old colt – 1976  
3-year-old colt – 1977  
Older Horse – 1978  
Horse of the Year – 1977

**Affirmed (1978)**  
2-year-old colt – 1977  
3-year-old colt – 1978  
Older Horse – 1979  
Horse of the Year – 1978 & 1979

**Spectacular Bid (1979)**  
2-year-old colt – 1978  
3-year-old colt – 1979  
Older Horse – 1980  
Horse of the Year – 1980

**Genuine Risk (1980)**  
3-year-old filly – 1980

**Pleasant Colony (1981)**  
3-year-old colt – 1981

**Swale (1984)**  
3-year-old colt – 1984

**Spend a Buck (1985)**  
3-year-old colt – 1985  
Horse of the Year – 1985

**Ferdinand (1986)**  
Older Horse – 1987  
Horse of the Year – 1987

**Alysheba (1987)**  
3-year-old colt – 1987  
Older Horse – 1988  
Horse of the Year – 1988

**Winning Colors (1988)**  
3-year-old filly – 1988

**Sunday Silence (1989)**  
3-year-old colt – 1989  
Horse of the Year – 1989

**Unbridled (1990)**  
3-year-old colt – 1990

**Thunder Gulch (1995)**  
3-year-old colt – 1995

**Silver Charm (1997)**  
3-year-old colt – 1997

**Real Quiet (1998)**  
3-year-old colt – 1998

**Charismatic (1999)**  
3-year-old colt – 1999  
Horse of the Year – 1999

**War Emblem (2002)**  
3-year-old colt – 2002

**Funny Cide (2003)**  
3-year-old colt/gelding – 2003

**Smarty Jones (2004)**  
3-year-old colt – 2004

**Street Sense (2007)**  
2-year-old colt – 2007

**Big Brown (2008)**  
3-year-old colt – 2008

**Animal Kingdom (2011)**  
3-year-old colt – 2011

**I'll Have Another (2012)**  
3-year-old colt – 2012

**California Chrome (2014)**  
3-year-old colt – 2014  
Horse of the Year – 2014

**American Pharoah (2015)**  
2-year-old colt – 2014  
3-year-old colt – 2015  
Horse of the Year – 2015

**Nyquist (2016)**  
2-year-old colt – 2015

**Justify (2018)**  
3-year-old colt – 2018  
Horse of the Year – 2018

**Authentic (2020)**  
3-year-old colt – 2020  
Horse of the Year – 2020

**Sovereignty (2025)**  
3-year-old colt – 2025  
Horse of the Year – 2025

## 2-YEAR-OLD CHAMPIONS IN THE KENTUCKY DERBY (79)

Kentucky Derby Record: 82-21-15-6

Proctor Knott	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1889
<b>Ben Brush</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1896</b>
<b>Worth</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1912</b>
Gowell (f)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1913
<b>Old Rosebud (g)</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1914</b>
<b>Regret (f)</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1915</b>
Pebbles	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1915
Dominant	7 <sup>th</sup>	1916
Billy Kelly (g)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1919
Eternal	10 <sup>th</sup>	1919
Prudery (f)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1921
Tryster	4 <sup>th</sup>	1921
Careful (f)	5 <sup>th</sup>	1921
<b>Morvich</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1922</b>
Startle (f)	8 <sup>th</sup>	1922
<b>Zev</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1923</b>
Pompey	5 <sup>th</sup>	1926
Scapa Flow	9 <sup>th</sup>	1927
<b>Reigh Count</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1928</b>
Alcibiades (f)	10 <sup>th</sup>	1930
Ladysman	4 <sup>th</sup>	1933
<b>Cavalcade</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>1934</b>
Mata Hari (f)	4 <sup>th</sup>	1934
Bazaar (f)	9 <sup>th</sup>	1934
Nellie Flag (f)	4 <sup>th</sup>	1935
Pompoon	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1937
Menow	4 <sup>th</sup>	1938
El Chico	6 <sup>th</sup>	1939
Bimelech	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1940
<b>Whirlaway</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1941</b>
Our Boots	8 <sup>th</sup>	1941
Alsab	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1942
<b>Count Fleet</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1943</b>
Double Jay	12 <sup>th</sup>	1947
<b>Citation</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1948</b>
Hill Prince	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1950
Oil Capitol	DH-5 <sup>th</sup>	1950
Native Dancer	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1953
Hasty Road	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1954
Nashua	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1955
<b>Needles</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1956</b>
Jewel's Reward	4 <sup>th</sup>	1958
First Landing	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1959
Crimson Satan	6 <sup>th</sup>	1962
Never Bend	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1963
Bold Lad	10 <sup>th</sup>	1965
Successor	6 <sup>th</sup>	1967
Top Knight	5 <sup>th</sup>	1969
Silent Screen	5 <sup>th</sup>	1970
<b>Riva Ridge</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1972</b>
<b>Secretariat</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1973</b>
<b>Foolish Pleasure</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1975</b>
Honest Pleasure	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1976
<b>Seattle Slew</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1977</b>
<b>Affirmed</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1978</b>
<b>Spectacular Bid</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1979</b>
Rockhill Native (g)	5 <sup>th</sup>	1980
Althea (f)	19 <sup>th</sup>	1984
Chief's Crown	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1985
Capote	DNF	1987
Forty Niner	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1988
Easy Goer	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1989
Fly So Free	5 <sup>th</sup>	1991
Arazi	8 <sup>th</sup>	1992
Timber Country	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1995
Favorite Trick	8 <sup>th</sup>	1998
Answer Lively	10 <sup>th</sup>	1999
Anees	13 <sup>th</sup>	2000
Johannesburg	8 <sup>th</sup>	2002
Action This Day	6 <sup>th</sup>	2004
<b>Street Sense</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2007</b>
Lookin At Lucky	6 <sup>th</sup>	2010
Hansen	9 <sup>th</sup>	2012
<b>American Pharoah</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Nyquist*</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2016</b>

Classic Empire  
Good Magic  
Game Winner  
Storm the Court  
Essential Quality  
Fierceness  
Citizen Bull

4<sup>th</sup> 2017  
2<sup>nd</sup> 2018  
5<sup>th</sup> 2019  
6<sup>th</sup> 2020  
3<sup>rd</sup> 2021  
15<sup>th</sup> 2024  
15<sup>th</sup> 2025

## HORSE OF THE YEAR WINNERS IN THE KENTUCKY DERBY (53)

Note: 29 Kentucky Derby Winners were named Horse of the Year at some point in their career.

Ornament	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1897
<b>Meridian</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1911</b>
<b>Old Rosebud (g)</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1914</b>
<b>Regret (f)</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1915</b>
<b>Exterminator (g)</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1918</b>
<b>Sir Barton</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1919</b>
<b>Zev</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1923</b>
<b>Reigh Count</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1928</b>
Blue Larkspur	4 <sup>th</sup>	1929
<b>Gallant Fox</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1930</b>
<b>Twenty Grand</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1931</b>
<b>Cavalcade</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>1934</b>
Discovery	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1934
Granville	DNF	1936
<b>War Admiral</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1937</b>
Challedon	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1939
<b>Whirlaway</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1941</b>
<b>Count Fleet</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1943</b>
<b>Assault</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1946</b>
<b>Citation</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1948</b>
Coaltown	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1948
Capot	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1949
Hill Prince	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1950
Counterpoint	11 <sup>th</sup>	1951
Native Dancer	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1953
<b>Swaps</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1955</b>
Nashua	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1955
Round Table	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1957
Bold Ruler	4 <sup>th</sup>	1957
Sword Dancer	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1959
Roman Brother (g)	4 <sup>th</sup>	1964
Damascus	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1967
Arts and Letters	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1969
Personality	8 <sup>th</sup>	1970
<b>Secretariat</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1973</b>
Forego (g)	4 <sup>th</sup>	1973
<b>Seattle Slew</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1977</b>
<b>Affirmed</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1978</b>
<b>Spend a Buck</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1985</b>
<b>Ferdinand</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1986</b>
<b>Alysheba</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1987</b>
<b>Sunday Silence</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1989</b>
Holy Bull	12 <sup>th</sup>	1994
Skip Away	12 <sup>th</sup>	1996
Favorite Trick	8 <sup>th</sup>	1998
<b>Charismatic</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1999</b>
Point Given	5 <sup>th</sup>	2001
Curlin	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2007
<b>California Chrome</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>American Pharoah</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Justify</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Authentic</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Sovereignty</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2025</b>

### Did you know?

The only horse not crowned Horse of the Year the year he swept the Triple Crown was Omaha in 1935. Discovery, a 4-year-old, won 11 of 19 starts that year, and beat Omaha (third) by 12 lengths in that year's Brooklyn Handicap on June 22 – the first of eight straight stakes triumphs.

Four Kentucky Derby winners are two-time Horse of the Year winners: Whirlaway (1941-42), Secretariat (1972-73), Affirmed (1978-79) and California Chrome (2014, '16).

A Kentucky Derby winner has been crowned Horse of the Year after its 3-year-old season on nine occasions: Old Rosebud (1917), Exterminator (1922), Whirlaway (1942), Swaps (1956), Affirmed (1979), Spectacular Bid (1980), Ferdinand (1987), Alysheba (1988) and California Chrome (2016).

# HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES IN THE KENTUCKY DERBY (74)

Note: 41 Kentucky Derby winners have been enshrined in the Racing and Hall of Fame.

<b>Aristides</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1875</b>
Ten Broeck	5 <sup>th</sup>	1875
Parole	4 <sup>th</sup>	1876
<b>Hindoo</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1881</b>
<b>Ben Brush</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1896</b>
<b>Old Rosebud (g)</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1914</b>
<b>Regret (f)</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1915</b>
<b>Exterminator (g)</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1918</b>
<b>Sir Barton</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1919</b>
Billy Kelly (g)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1919
<b>Zev</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1923</b>
<b>Black Gold</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1924</b>
<b>Reigh Count</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1928</b>
Sun Beau	11 <sup>th</sup>	1928
Blue Larkspur	4 <sup>th</sup>	1929
<b>Gallant Fox</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1930</b>
<b>Twenty Grand</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1931</b>
<b>Cavalcade</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1934</b>
Discovery	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1934
<b>Omaha</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1935</b>
Granville	DNF	1936
<b>War Admiral</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1937</b>
<b>Johnstown</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1939</b>
Challedon	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1939
Bimelech	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1940
<b>Whirlaway</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1941</b>
Alsab	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1942
Devil Diver	6 <sup>th</sup>	1942
<b>Count Fleet</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1943</b>
<b>Assault</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1946</b>
<b>Citation</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1948</b>
Coaltown	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1948
Hill Prince	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1950
Native Dancer	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1953
<b>Swaps</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1955</b>
Nashua	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1955
<b>Needles</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1956</b>
Gallant Man-GB	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1957
Round Table	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1957
Bold Ruler	4 <sup>th</sup>	1957
<b>Tim Tam</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1958</b>
Sword Dancer	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1959
Silver Spoon (f)	5 <sup>th</sup>	1959
<b>Carry Back</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1961</b>
<b>Northern Dancer</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1964</b>
Damascus	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1967
<b>Majestic Prince</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1969</b>
Arts and Letters	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1969
<b>Riva Ridge</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1972</b>
<b>Secretariat</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1973</b>
Forego (g)	4 <sup>th</sup>	1973
<b>Foolish Pleasure</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1975</b>
<b>Seattle Slew</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1977</b>
<b>Affirmed</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1978</b>
Alydar	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1978
<b>Spectacular Bid</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1979</b>
<b>Genuine Risk (f)</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1980</b>
Slew O' Gold	4 <sup>th</sup>	1983
<b>Alysheba</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1987</b>
<b>Winning Colors (f)</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1988</b>
<b>Sunday Silence</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1989</b>
Easy Goer	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1989
Best Pal (g)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1991
Holy Bull	12 <sup>th</sup>	1994
Serena's Song (f)	16 <sup>th</sup>	1995
Skip Away	12 <sup>th</sup>	1996
<b>Silver Charm</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1997</b>
Point Given	5 <sup>th</sup>	2001
<b>Smarty Jones</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2004</b>

Curlin	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2007
<b>California Chrome</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>American Pharoah</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2015</b>
Gun Runner	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2016
<b>Justify</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2018</b>