



sierra leone



fierceness

Season Rank

1

Season Points

155



Jockey

Tyler Gafflione—2015 Eclipse Award winner. Won the 2019 Preakness Stakes with War of Will. Third generation jockey.

Trainer

Chad Brown—Was an assistant trainer to two Hall Of Fame trainers. He has seven Breeders' Cup victories.

Season Rank

2

Season Points

136



Jockey

John Velazquez—Has ridden in sixteen editions of the Kentucky Derby and won the 2011 and 2020 Kentucky Derby.

Trainer

Todd Pletcher—Won the 2017 and 2010 Kentucky Derby and 2013 Kentucky Oaks. Three time Belmont Stakes winner. Seven time Eclipse Award winner as top trainer.





catching freedom



stronghold

Season Rank

3

Season Points

125



Jockey

Flavian Prat—Three Breeder’s Cup wins. Won the 2019 Kentucky Derby in 2019 with Country House after Maxiumum Security was disqualified.

Trainer

Brad Cox—5 graded stakes wins from 4 different horses in 2015, including the Oaklawn Stakes in with Carve. Winner of the 2021 Derby with Mandaloun before being disqualified.

Season Rank

4

Season Points

125



Jockey

Antonio Fresu—Italian jockey that has mostly raced overseas, most recently in Dubai. Has been successful since landing in Southern California last year. This will be his first Kentucky Derby.

Trainer

Phil D’Amato—Biggest wins have been on grass tracks, including the 2016 Breeders’ Cup Turf Sprint. Has 19 important victories, but this is his first Kentucky Derby.





resilience



forever young

Season Rank

5

Season Points

110



Jockey

Júnior Alvarado—Won the 2010 Grade I Beverly D Stakes on Eclair de Lune. Son of Venezuelan jockey Rafael Alvarado. This is his 5th Kentucky Derby.

Trainer

Bill Mott—Inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1998. Eclipse Outstanding Trainer in 1995, 1996, and 2011. Won the Belmont Stakes in an upset in 2010 with Drosselmeyer.

Season Rank

6

Season Points

100



Jockey

Ryusei Sakai—A young Japanese jockey, raced in the US for the first time for the 2023 Derby. First place in 7.5% of 4,000 races in Japan.

Trainer

Yoshito Yahagi—A top trainer in Japan. He has raced two horses in the United States and each were first place winners and had a horse in the 2023 Derby.





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Season Rank

7

Season Points

100



Jockey

Umberto Rispoli—Two-time Italian Champion Jockey in 2009 and 2010. Winner of Santa Anita Derby in 2021 with Rock Your World. Finished 14th in the 2021 Derby.

Trainer

Michael McCarthy—Worked as an assistant to other successful trainers before going out on his own. Won the 2021 Preakness.

Season Rank

8

Season Points

75



Jockey

Luis Saez—Ranked 3rd in wins and earnings in 2020. Would have won the Kentucky Derby in 2019 with Maximum Security but the horse was disqualified.

Trainer

Danny Gargan—Former jockey. Son of a Kentucky Oaks winning jockey. Had a horse in the 2019 Derby.





just a touch



track phantom

Season Rank

9

Season Points

75



Jockey

Florent Géroux—Born in Normandy, France. Placed third in the 2016 Derby with Gun Runner, and won the 2021 Derby with Medina Spirit after the original winner was disqualified.

Trainer

Brad Cox—5 graded stakes wins from 4 different horses in 2015, including the Oaklawn Stakes in with Carve. Winner of the 2021 Derby with Mandaloun before being disqualified.

Season Rank

10

Season Points

70



Jockey

Joel Rosario—Rosario—Has been in the Kentucky Derby 11 times before. Came in first in 2013 and second in 2022.

Trainer

Steve Asmussen—Has trained over 6000 winners and in 2009, shattered his own record for wins in a single year with 650, earning the Eclipse Award as the nation's top trainer.





west saratoga



just steel

Season Rank

11

Season Points

67



Jockey

Jesus Castanon—Has been riding for 35 years. Fourth place in the Kentucky Derby and first place in the Preakness Stakes in 2011.

Trainer

Larry Demeritte—He says, “I don’t buy cheap horses. I buy good horses cheap” and then trains them to greatly increase their value. Only the fourth Black trainer since the Great Depression to have a horse in the Kentucky Derby.

Season Rank

12

Season Points

65



Jockey

Keith Asmussen—This is his first Kentucky Derby. Youngest jockey in the field. Descended from generations of successful trainers and jockeys.

Trainer

Wayne Lukas—Hall of Famer. Four-time Derby winner and record 48 Derby starters. Four-time Eclipse Award winner. Six straight Triple Crown race winners.





honor marie



domestic product

Season Rank

13

Season Points

65



Jockey

Ben Curtis—Successful as a jockey in Europe. Moved to the US from Ireland last year and has been successful here. This will be his first Kentucky Derby.

Trainer

Whit Beckman—Worked as an assistant to other successful trainers before going out on his own. He won the Kentucky Jockey Club in November at Churchill Downs. His first Kentucky Derby.

Season Rank

14

Season Points

60



Jockey

Irado Ortiz Jr.—2016 Belmont Stakes winner with Creator. Ranked 1st by wins and 3rd by winnings in 2017. Will compete again against brother José Ortiz.

Trainer

Chad Brown—Was an assistant trainer to two Hall Of Fame trainers. He has seven Breeders' Cup victories.





catalytic



society man

Season Rank

15

Season Points

50



Jockey

Jose Ortiz—Born in Puerto Rico, currently rides on the New York circuit with his older brother and Kentucky Derby competitor Irad Ortiz Jr.

Trainer

Saffie Joseph Jr.—Third generation horse trainer from Barbados. This is his third Kentucky Derby start.

Season Rank

16

Season Points

50



Jockey

Frankie Dettori—This will be the second Kentucky Derby for this 53-year-old Italian jockey. Much of his success has been in Europe. He has won an impressive 20% of his races this year.

Trainer

Danny Gargan—Former jockey. Son of a Kentucky Oaks winning jockey. Had a horse in the 2019 Derby.





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Season Rank

17

Season Points

46



Jockey

Brian Hernandez, Jr.—Placed 8th in the 2017 Kentucky Derby with McCracken and 12th in 2016 with Tom’s Ready. Winner of the 2012 Breeder’s Cup with Fort Larned.

Trainer

Kenny McPeck—Has had 2nd and 3rd place horses in the Derby and a winner at Belmont. Had two horses in the 2013 Derby and one in the 2023 Derby.

Season Rank

18

Season Points

40



Jockey

Axel Concepcion—2023 Eclipse Award-winning apprentice jockey. This is his first Kentucky Derby.

Trainer

Brad Cox—5 graded stakes wins from 4 different horses in 2015, including the Oaklawn Stakes in with Carve. Grew up a few blocks from Churchill Downs. Winner of the 2021 Derby with Mandaloun before being disqualified.





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Season Rank

19

Season Points

40



Jockey

Emisael Jaramilo—Was a leading rider in his home country of Venezuela and now is one of the top riders in South Florida. Rode in the Kentucky Derby in 2016 and came in 18th.

Trainer

Victor Barboza, Jr.—Native of Venezuela and won two training titles there. Has had wins in lesser races. This will be his first Kentucky Derby.

Season Rank

20

Season Points

40



Jockey

Kimura Kazushi—Moved to Canada from Japan. He is a young jockey that was very successful in the apprentice ranks and rode in the 2023 Derby.

Trainer

Daisuke Takayanagi—Has been a successful trainer in his native Japan, with important wins. This will be his first Kentucky Derby.





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Season Rank

21

Season Points

35



Jockey

Adam Beschizza—From England. Nicknamed Biscuit. Finished 7th in the 2020 Kentucky Derby with Enforceable.

Trainer

John Ennis—Worked in his native Ireland, England, and Dubai. Second most winning trainer during the fall and winter seasons. This will be his first Kentucky Derby.

Season Rank

22

Season Points

14



Jockey

Joe Talamo—2007 Eclipse award winner. Placed 16th in 2015 Kentucky Derby with War Story.

Trainer

Jeff Engler—This will be his first Kentucky Derby. He has a 12% winning percentage, including prestigious races.

