

## Kentucky Derby 2023 starters - Where are they now?

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## HIT SHOW

Grey/roan colt by Candy Ride, trained by Brad Cox was 5<sup>th</sup> in the Derby. I had high hopes for him. Since the Derby, he started 3 more times. He was 4<sup>th</sup> in the Belmont, 5<sup>th</sup> in the Jim Dandy and 6<sup>th</sup> in the Oklahoma Derby. No workouts in the last 60 days and he's not been mentioned on the Brad Cox page. Pity if his career has ended. Owners are super people.

## VERIFYING

This son of Justify has finished his racing career and is settling in at Pleasant Acres in Florida to begin his stud career. He won 3 of 11 and earned just over \$850,000 with a win in the Indiana Derby and 4 Grade One stakes placings. He was 16<sup>th</sup> in the Kentucky Derby, trained by Brad Cox.

## TWO PHILS

A victory in the Ohio Derby showed the highs of racehorse ownership, as well as the lows. He came out of the race with a career-ending injury and has been retired. He takes up stud duties at WinStar Farm in Kentucky. His career earnings were over 1.5 million dollars and he won half of his ten starts. As well as the Ohio Derby, he won the Jeff Ruby and Street Sense and one other minor stake. By Hard Spun, he was trained by Larry Rivelli and had finished second the the Kentucky Derby, beaten by a length after momentarily gaining the lead.

## CONFIDENCE GAME

Another son of Candy Ride, this colt was trained for the Derby by Keith Desormeaux, and had won the Rebel Stakes prior to his quest for the roses. He ended up 10<sup>th</sup>. Since then, he was off for about 5 months and has had 3 starts, being unplaced in all and is currently in training at Fair Grounds Race Track. He has a record of 11-3-1-2 and won just under a \$800,000.

## KINGSBARNES

A Todd Pletcher trainee, he was 14<sup>th</sup> in the Derby after winning three straight races. Since the Derby, he had one start (Pegasus Stakes at Monmouth in June). He survived a bout of colic and he's been on the workout list at Palm Beach Downs in Florida. Looking forward to this ones 4 year old campaign. His current record is 5-3-1-0 with \$687,000. His sire is Uncle Mo.

## REINCARNATE

Good Magic's grey-coated son ended up 13<sup>th</sup> in the Ky Derby. He had won the graded Sham Stakes for Bob Baffert in January. He was 3<sup>rd</sup> in both the Rebel and Arkansas Derby. Since the Kentucky Derby, he started 3 times, winning the Los Alamitos Derby as the favorite and then being unplaced in the Pennsylvania and Twilight Derbies. He's currently in training at Santa Anita. Record as of today is 11-3-3-2 with just over \$430,000 in earnings.

## MAGE

The Derby winner went into that race with just a maiden win (and nary a mention from me). He did finish second to Forte in the Florida Derby prior. He was a good 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Preakness and then second to the ill-fated Geaux Red Rocket in the Haskell. He ended his career in the Travers in which he trailed the field. Retired, this son of Good Magic will stand in Kentucky at Airdrie Farm. Trainer was Gustavo Delgado. His complete record was 7-2-2-1 with \$2,507,450 in earnings.

## DISARM

Gun Runner's son trained by Steve Asmussen was 4<sup>th</sup> when the dust settled after the Kentucky Derby. Not bad for a colt who could have been intered in a non-winners-of-two conditioned race at that point. He had placed in 2 graded stakes prior and right after the Kentucky Derby, he won big in the Matt Winn Stakes as the favorite. What's the phrase?-"day late and a dollar short"? Anyway, he had two additonal starts as a three year old, 4<sup>th</sup> in the Jim Dandy and 2<sup>cd</sup> in the Travers. All-in-all, not a bad year since he won a tad over a million dollars. The dam, Easy Tap, had a full brother to him for 2022. No news on Disarm since the Travers. No workouts and no stud plans announced. I've reached out to trainer Steve Asmussen. His record up til now: 9-2-3-2.