

# The Triple Crown

*"When a horse has the chance for the Triple Crown, that is it. With the honor on the line, the Belmont Stakes becomes the most thrilling event in horse racing."*

Jim McKay, ABC Sports Anchor

The Triple Crown is undoubtedly the most strenuous feat in all of Thoroughbred racing. A horse must successfully capture the Kentucky Derby (at Churchill Downs), the Preakness Stakes (Pimlico), and the Belmont Stakes (Belmont Park), in succession. The Triple Crown races are run during a span of only five weeks from May to June at three completely different distances (1 1/4 miles, 1 3/16 miles and 1 1/2 miles). The world's best 3-year-olds are given the ultimate test of speed, stamina, and conditioning. Only 11 colts have possessed both the racing luck and complete athletic package required to capture the Triple Crown, while 45 others have finished only one win shy of the prestigious honor.

**KENTUCKY DERBY**  
CHURCHILL DOWNS: FIRST SATURDAY IN MAY

Official drink: Mint Julep  
Official flower: Rose

**PREAKNESS STAKES**  
PIMLICO RACE COURSE: THIRD SATURDAY IN MAY

Official drink: Black-Eyed Susan  
Official flower: Black-Eyed Susan

**BELMONT PARK**  
BELMONT STAKES: THREE WEEKS AFTER PREAKNESS

Official drink: Belmont Breeze  
Official flower: White carnation



**1919 - Sir Barton**  
US President: Woodrow Wilson  
Bread \$0.10/loaf, Milk: \$0.62/gal,  
Eggs: \$0.38/doz, Car: \$355, Gas: \$0.25/gal  
House: \$5,626, Stamp: \$0.03/ea  
Avg Income: \$1,125/yr, DOW Avg: 107



**1930 - Gallant Fox**  
US President: Herbert C. Hoover  
Bread \$0.08/loaf, Milk: \$0.56/gal,  
Eggs: \$0.49/doz, Car: \$525, Gas: \$0.25/gal  
House: \$7,146, Stamp: \$0.02/ea  
Avg Income: \$1,612/yr, DOW Avg: 165



**1935 - Omaha**  
US President: Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Bread \$0.08/loaf, Milk: \$0.47/gal,  
Eggs: \$0.54/doz, Car: \$580, Gas: \$0.19/gal  
House: \$6,296, Stamp: \$0.03/ea  
Avg Income: \$1,594/yr, DOW Avg: 144



**1937 - War Admiral**  
US President: Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Bread \$0.09/loaf, Milk: \$0.50/gal,  
Eggs: \$0.56/doz, Car: \$675, Gas: \$0.20/gal  
House: \$6,622, Stamp: \$0.03/ea  
Avg Income: \$1,789/yr, DOW Avg: 121



**1941 - Whirlaway**  
US President: Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Bread \$0.08/loaf, Milk: \$0.60/gal,  
Eggs: \$0.60/doz, Car: \$925, Gas: \$0.19/gal  
House: \$6,954, Stamp: \$0.03/ea  
Avg Income: \$2,059/yr, DOW Avg: 111



**1943 - Count Fleet**  
US President: Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Bread \$0.09/loaf, Milk: \$0.62/gal,  
Eggs: \$0.62/doz, Car: \$1,100, Gas: \$0.21/gal  
House: \$8,011, Stamp: \$0.03/ea  
Avg Income: \$2,561/yr, DOW Avg: 136



**1946 - Assault**  
US President: Harry S. Truman  
Bread \$0.10/loaf, Milk: \$0.70/gal,  
Eggs: \$0.65/doz, Car: \$1,400, Gas: \$0.21/gal  
House: \$12,638, Stamp: \$0.03/ea  
Avg Income: \$3,118/yr, DOW Avg: 177



**1948 - Citation**  
US President: Harry S. Truman  
Bread \$0.14/loaf, Milk: \$0.86/gal,  
Eggs: \$0.67/doz, Car: \$1,550, Gas: \$0.26/gal  
House: \$13,500, Stamp: \$0.03/ea  
Avg Income: \$3,671/yr, DOW Avg: 177



**1973 - Secretariat**  
US President: Richard M. Nixon  
Bread \$0.27/loaf, Milk: \$1.36/gal,  
Eggs: \$1.22/doz, Car: \$4,052, Gas: \$0.39/gal  
House: \$35,500, Stamp: \$0.08/ea  
Avg Income: \$13,622/yr, DOW Avg: 851



**1977 - Seattle Slew**  
US President: Jimmy Carter  
Bread \$0.32/loaf, Milk: \$1.44/gal,  
Eggs: \$1.30/doz, Car: \$5,814, Gas: \$0.64/gal  
House: \$54,200, Stamp: \$0.13/ea  
Avg Income: \$18,264/yr, DOW Avg: 831



**1978 - Affirmed**  
US President: Jimmy Carter  
Bread \$0.32/loaf, Milk: \$1.44/gal,  
Eggs: \$1.31/doz, Car: \$6,379, Gas: \$0.65/gal  
House: \$62,500, Stamp: \$0.15/ea  
Avg Income: \$20,091/yr, DOW Avg: 805



*In one of the most impressive races of all time, the great Secretariat, guided by Ron Turcotte, shattered the world record for 1 1/2 miles, winning the 1973 Belmont Stakes by 31 lengths in 2:24.*



*Affirmed and Alydar's memorable series of battles reached its climax in the 1978 Belmont Stakes when Affirmed beat his arch-rival by a head to win the Triple Crown.*

*The momentous rivalry between Easy Goer and Sunday Silence in the 1989 Preakness was one of the greatest stretch duels of all time. Sunday Silence won by a desperate nose.*