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### Races for the Triple Crown!!!

The month of May coincides with the start of the major horse races in the U.S. i.e. the Kentucky Derby organized each year in Louisville at Churchill Downs; followed by the Preakness Stakes in Baltimore, Maryland and finally the Belmont Stakes organized annually at the Pimlico Race Grounds in the state of New York. When a horse manages to win all three in the same year, the Triple Crown is the ultimate honor accorded to that champion.

With each year one witnesses a new set of expectations, emotions, stakeholders and hopes.

Here is a brief presentation of the essential elements concerning these three great horse races:

As we write this article, be aware that the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness have already been run. The former on Saturday, May 2 and the latter on May 16.

*Kentucky Derby 2015- 141<sup>st</sup> edition. "The most exciting two minutes in American sports."* 

## Preakness 2015-139<sup>th</sup> edition-May 16

8 horses competing-
Age: 3
Distance: 1 3/16 mile- 1,91 km
Distance run by American Pharaoh:1min:58s:46
Participation: 131 680 persons
Purse/Prize: 1,5 million de dollars
Winning horse: American Pharaoh
Owner: Ahmed Zayat
Jockey: Victor Espinoza
Trainer: Bob Baffert

#### Belmont 2015- June 6

8 horses competing
Age: 3
Distance: 1 1/2 mile- 2,4 km
Distance run by : ?
Participation: estimated 90 000 personnes expected
Purse/Prize: 1,5 million de dollars
Winning horse: ?
Owner: ?
Jockey: ?
Trainer: ?

# The Editor

