It's April, and even fools (er, especially fools) know that's when the Kentucky Derby comes around. And as of press time, it'll run this year's Triple Crown races.

"Breed" any two of the names above and name their foal, as in the following:

Finnegans Wake x Plated = Impenetrable
Harvard N Yale x Isn't He Clever = Ivy Drip

It matters not at all that virtually all the horses are female. As in the real racing world, the name must not exceed 18 characters including spaces and punctuation. Remember, there's now a 25-entry limit, a modification that has turned the Empress almost semi-sane these recent years; in the Olden Days, some people would send as many as 600 entries.

Winner gets the Inker or another Style Invitational trophy. Second place gets a set of fake mustaches: the Mario, the Dali, the FBI and the Inker. Third place: a fake mustache of one's choice. Fourth place: a replica of the trophy.

Other runners-up win a selection from our Style Invitational trophy collection. All entries must be received by April 9; results published April 29, the Sunday before Derby Day (online April 27). No mail entries to winners@washpost.com.

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THE HORSES (FROM A LONGER LIST AT BLOODHORSE.COM)

A Boy Named Em
Afford
Algo
All Stormy
Alpha
Awards...
Backdoor Strike
Barber Shop Rock
Bar ANY
tzapper
Captain Obvious
Castrayow
Chief Gage
Cigar Street
Class President
Conserv
Cope a Tude
Creative Cause
Currency Swap
Cyber Secret

Daddy Long Legs
Diplomat
Discreet Dancer
Done Done Done
Drill
El Padrino
Empire Way
Ever So Lucky
Fiber Biz
Finnegans Wake
Flashy Sunrise
Fly Lexis Fly
Fox Rules
Full Cry
Gameday News
Gemologist
Google My Grandson
Got What
Grov'n' Solo
Grouse
Gung Ho
Hansen
Harvard N Yale

Holy Highway
How Do I Win
I'll Have Another
Isn't He Clever
Jake Mo
Julius Caesar
Lasso
Late Night Action
Lemon Juice
Liaison
Lime Drop Kid
Monastic
Motor City
Mr Persuasion
Mr. Handsome
My Adonis
Neck 'n Neck
No Spin
One Sack Down
Optimizer
Overdriven
Plated
Points Offthebench
Politically Correct
Pretension
Prospective
Rousing Sermon
Sabercat
Saturday's for Fun
Secret Circle
Segway
Sensor
Souper Speedy
Space Race
Stag
State of Play
Stepping Lite
Stereo in Motion
Street Life
The Caller
The Lumber Guy
Thunder Mccosin
Tiger Walk
Union Rags
Unmarked Bills
Unyielding
Verve
Whistleblower
Write
Zip Top

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