

David Cassidy isn't horsing around when he says his life's passion is to win the Kentucky Derby.

The 1970s teen idol has a contender in **Mayan King**, an undefeated 3-year-old who will run Saturday in the Lane's End Stakes at Kentucky's Turfway Park. Cassidy owns the horse with several partners.

"If I could win the Kentucky Derby, there would be nothing on the face of the earth, other than the birth of my son 14 years ago, to compare to the thrill and the high of it," he said by phone from Florida.

The colt is named for a street near Cassidy's home in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

"The day we bought him I thought he was a Derby horse. It's the only time I've ever high-fived anyone in the sales ring," he said.



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