

2018 Longines World's Best Racehorse Rankings Summary

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For the second time since the LONGINES World's Best Racehorse award was created in 2013, there is a tie at the top. Equally rated at 130, **CRACKSMAN (GB) [130]** and **WINX (AUS) [130]** share the title of **LONGINES World's Best Racehorse for 2018**. In the award's inaugural year, France's Treve and Australia's Black Caviar were joint winners.

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Rank	Horse	Rating	Trained
1	CRACKSMAN (GB)	130	GB
1	WINX (AUS)	130	AUS
3	ACCELERATE (USA)	128	USA
4	BEAUTY GENERATION (NZ)	127	HK
4	GUN RUNNER (USA)	127	USA
4	ROARING LION (USA)	127	GB
7	POET'S WORD (IRE)	126	GB
8	CRYSTAL OCEAN (GB)	125	GB
8	ENABLE (GB)	125	GB
8	JUSTIFY (USA)	125	USA

Cracksman earned his rating by winning the **QIPCO Champion Stakes (G1)** for the second consecutive year. He pulled away from his competition on British Champions Day to win by six lengths over **CRYSTAL OCEAN (GB) [125]**. Cracksman's other victories on the year came in the **Investec Coronation Cup (G1)** and **Prix Ganay - Prix de l'Inauguration de ParisLongchamp (G1)**.

Winx is currently in the midst of a 29-race winning streak. In 2018, she won all seven of her starts, including the **Ladbrokes Cox Plate (G1)**, which makes her the only horse in history to win the acclaimed race four times. Winx earned her highest rating of the year in the **LONGINES Queen Elizabeth Stakes (G1)**.

The third spot belongs to **ACCELERATE (USA) [128]**, making him the highest rated dirt horse in the world for 2018. Accelerate put in a tour de force in the **\$1 Million TVG Pacific Classic Stakes (G1)**, which he won by 12 ½ lengths, to earn his rating. He finished his season with a victory in the **Breeders' Cup Classic (G1)** in November and will race for the final time in Saturday's Pegasus World Cup Invitational Stakes (G1).

There are three horses who share the fourth position, including **GUN RUNNER (USA) [127]**, who won the 2018 Pegasus in his final career start. In Hong Kong, **BEAUTY GENERATION (NZ) [127]** improved throughout the year and earned his rating in December's **LONGINES Hong Kong Mile (G1)**, while in Europe, **ROARING LION (USA) [127]** defeated his elders in the **Juddmonte International Stakes (G1)**, making him the highest rated 3-year-old in the world for 2018.

In the Juddmonte International, Roaring Lion bested the likes of **POET'S WORD (IRE) [126]**, who earned his spot as the seventh highest ranked horse with victories in the **Prince of Wales's Stakes (G1)** and **King George VI & Elizabeth Stakes (G1)**.

The Top 10 is completed by three horses who share the eighth position. In addition to the previously mentioned Crystal Ocean, **ENABLE (GB) [125]** and **JUSTIFY (USA) [125]** are equally ranked. Enable made history by becoming the first horse to win the **Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (G1)** and **LONGINES Breeders' Cup Turf (G1)** in the same year, while Justify became the 13th Triple Crown winner in America. Enable earned her rating in the Turf, while Justify earned his in the **Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve (G1)**.

Overall, 332 horses, trained in 17 different countries, were rated 115 or higher. The full list and further information on the LONGINES World's Best Racehorse Rankings are available on the IFHA website ifhaonline.org.

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