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CHURCHILL DOWNS TO OFFER RECORD 50 STAKES WORTH \$20.525 MILLION DURING 149TH SPRING MEET

28 Stakes Races Receive Significant Boosts; Grade I Stephen Foster Now Worth \$1 Million

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Friday, Feb. 3, 2023) – Led by the **\$3 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (Grade I)** on Saturday, May 6, a record 50 stakes races that total \$20.525 million will be staged at Churchill Downs Racetrack during the 44-day Spring Meet which spans April 29-July 3 (pending Kentucky Thoroughbred Development Fund final approval).

The record-breaking lineup features 28 stakes races that received significant boosts – including the Grade I Stephen Foster for 4-year-olds and up at 1 1/8 miles which is now worth \$1 million – and one new event, the \$175,000 Chorleywood Overnight Stakes for 4-year-olds and up at 1 3/8 miles on turf on June 17.

Derby Week (April 29-May 6) kicks off the nine-week 149th Spring Meet with 22 stakes that total a record \$13.125 million over the six-day stretch that culminates with the highlight of the annual racing calendar – the 149th running of the Kentucky Derby (GI) for 3-year-olds at 1 ¼ miles.

Nine of the 14 races on Kentucky Derby Day are stakes that total \$7.65 million. In addition to the Derby, the first Saturday in May will showcase the **\$1 million Old Forester Bourbon Turf Classic (GI)**; **\$750,000 Churchill Downs presented by Ford (GI)**; **\$750,000 Derby City Distaff presented by Kendall-Jackson Winery (GI)**; **\$500,000 Longines Churchill Distaff Turf Mile (GII)**; **\$500,000 Pat Day Mile (GII)**; **\$500,000 American Turf (GII)**; **\$500,000 Twin Spires Turf Sprint (GII)**; and **\$175,000 Knicks Go Overnight Stakes**.

The Old Forester Bourbon Turf Classic, which precedes the Derby, is the most lucrative of 22 stakes races scheduled to be run over the Matt Winn Turf Course.

One day earlier, Churchill Downs will host the **\$1.25 million Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI)** at 1 1/8 miles – the nation's most lucrative race for 3-year-old fillies. The seven stakes that day total \$4.2 million: the Oaks; **\$750,000 La Troienne (GI)**; **\$600,000 Alysheba presented by Sentient Jet (GII)**; **\$500,000 Eight Belles (GII)**; **\$500,000 Edgewood presented by Forcht Bank (GII)**; **\$300,000 Modesty (GIII)**; and **\$300,000 Unbridled Sidney presented by Sysco (Listed)**.

Derby Week stakes action that precedes Oaks and Derby days includes the **\$175,000 Roxelana Overnight Stakes** on Opening Night, Saturday, April 29; **\$225,000 Mamzelle (Listed)** and **\$175,000 Isaac Murphy Marathon Overnight Stakes** on Champions Day, Wednesday, May 3; **\$300,000 Opening Verse (Listed)**; **\$200,000 Kentucky Juvenile** and **\$175,000 St. Matthews Overnight Stakes** on Thurby, May 4.

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Stephen Foster Preview Day is Saturday, June 3 with six stakes that total \$1.35 million: the **\$225,000 Blame (GIII)**; **\$225,000 Shawnee (GIII)**; **\$225,000 Arlington (GIII)**; **\$225,000 Regret (GIII)**; **\$225,000 Aristides (Listed)**; and **\$225,000 Audubon (Listed)**.

The **\$1 million Stephen Foster**, which has been elevated to Grade I status as it annually attracts some of the nation's top older horses, is the centerpiece of an action-packed closing weekend. The 1 1/8-mile race anchors a six-race stakes bonanza that totals \$2.475 million on Saturday, July 1, and includes the **\$400,000 Fleur de Lis (GII)**; **\$400,000 Wise Dan (GII)**; **\$225,000 American Derby (Listed)**; **\$225,000 Tepin**; and **\$225,000 Kelly's Landing (Listed)**.

The first condition book of scheduled races features \$120,000 maiden races while allowance races range from \$127,000 to \$148,000. There also will be a \$300 bonus awarded to trainers whose starters finish fourth through last in all non-stakes races.

Spring Meet stall applications are due Friday, March 3. Following its annual closure for wintertime renovations, the Churchill Downs stable area will reopen Tuesday, March 21. The first day of training on the main dirt track will be Friday, March 24.

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2023 CHURCHILL DOWNS SPRING MEET STAKES SCHEDULE

Date	Running	Grade	Purse	Race	Conditions	Distance	Surface
Saturday, April 29	13 th		\$175,000	Roxelana Overnight Stakes	4&cup, f&m	6 F	Dirt
Wednesday, May 3	4 th	Listed	\$225,000	Mamzelle	3yo f	5 ½ F	Turf
Wednesday, May 3	5 th		\$175,000	Isaac Murphy Marathon Overnight Stakes	4&cup	1 ½ M	Dirt
Thursday, May 4	18 th	Listed	\$300,000	Opening Verse	4&cup	1 M	Turf
Thursday, May 4	29 th		\$200,000	Kentucky Juvenile	2yo	5 F	Dirt
Thursday, May 4	2 nd		\$175,000	St. Matthews Overnight Stakes	4&cup	6 F	Dirt
Friday, May 5	149 th	I	\$1,250,000	Longines Kentucky Oaks	3yo f	1 1/8 M	Dirt
Friday, May 5	38 th	I	\$750,000	La Troienne	4&cup, f&m	1 1/16 M	Dirt
Friday, May 5	20 th	II	\$600,000	Alysheba presented by Sentient Jet	4&cup	1 1/16 M	Dirt
Friday, May 5	68 th	II	\$500,000	Eight Belles	3yo f	7 F	Dirt
Friday, May 5	39 th	II	\$500,000	Edgewood presented by Forcht Bank	3yo f	1 1/16 M	Turf
Friday, May 5	66 th	III	\$300,000	Modesty	4&cup, f&m	1 1/8 M	Turf
Friday, May 5	13 th	Listed	\$300,000	Unbridled Sidney presented by Sysco	3&cup, f&m	5 ½ F	Turf
Saturday, May 6	149 th	I	\$3,000,000	Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve	3yo	1 ¼ M	Dirt
Saturday, May 6	37 th	I	\$1,000,000	Old Forester Bourbon Turf Classic	4&cup	1 1/8 M	Turf
Saturday, May 6	88 th	I	\$750,000	Churchill Downs presented by Ford	4&cup	7 F	Dirt
Saturday, May 6	37 th	I	\$750,000	Derby City Distaff presented by Kendall-Jackson Winery	4&cup, f&m	7 F	Dirt
Saturday, May 6	38 th	II	\$500,000	Longines Churchill Distaff Turf Mile	4&cup, f&m	1 M	Turf
Saturday, May 6	99 th	II	\$500,000	Pat Day Mile	3yo	1 M	Dirt
Saturday, May 6	32 nd	II	\$500,000	American Turf	3yo	1 1/16 M	Turf
Saturday, May 6	29 th	II	\$500,000	Twin Spires Turf Sprint	3&cup	5 ½ F	Turf
Saturday, May 6	2 nd		\$175,000	Knicks Go Overnight Stakes	4&cup	1 M	Dirt
Saturday, May 13	8 th	Listed	\$225,000	William Walker	3yo	5 ½ F	Turf
Saturday, May 20	86 th	III	\$225,000	Louisville	4&cup	1 ½ M	Turf
Saturday, May 27	10 th	Listed	\$225,000	Keertana	4&cup, f&m	1 ½ M	Turf
Monday, May 29	20 th	III	\$225,000	Winning Colors	4&cup, f&m	6 F	Dirt
Saturday, June 3	4 th	III	\$225,000	Blame	4&cup	1 1/8 M	Dirt
Saturday, June 3	4 th	III	\$225,000	Shawnee	4&cup, f&m	1 1/16 M	Dirt
Saturday, June 3	87 th	III	\$225,000	Arlington	4&cup	1 1/16 M	Turf
Saturday, June 3	54 th	III	\$225,000	Regret	3yo f	1 1/8 M	Turf
Saturday, June 3	35 th	Listed	\$225,000	Aristides	4&cup	6 F	Dirt
Saturday, June 3	4 th	Listed	\$225,000	Audubon	3yo	1 1/8 M	Turf
Sunday, June 4	47 th	III	\$225,000	Old Forester Mint Julep	4&cup, f&m	1 1/16 M	Turf
Saturday, June 10	7 th	Listed	\$225,000	Mighty Beau	3&cup	5 F	Turf
Sunday, June 11	26 th	III	\$400,000	Matt Winn	3yo	1 1/16 M	Dirt
Sunday, June 11	2 nd		\$175,000	Leslie's Lady Overnight Stakes	3yo f	7 F	Dirt
Saturday, June 17	2 nd		\$175,000	Monomoy Girl Overnight Stakes	3yo f	1 1/16 M	Dirt
Saturday, June 17	1 st		\$175,000	Chorleywood Overnight Stakes	4&cup	1 3/8 M	Turf
Saturday, June 24	33 rd	III	\$225,000	Chicago	4&cup, f&m	7 F	Dirt
Saturday, July 1	42 nd	I	\$1,000,000	Stephen Foster	4&cup	1 1/8 M	Dirt
Saturday, July 1	48 th	II	\$400,000	Fleur de Lis	4&cup, f&m	1 1/8 M	Dirt
Saturday, July 1	34 th	II	\$400,000	Wise Dan	4&cup	1 1/16 M	Turf
Saturday, July 1	108 th	Listed	\$225,000	American Derby	3yo	1 1/16 M	Turf
Saturday, July 1	4 th		\$225,000	Tepin	3yo f	1 M	Turf
Saturday, July 1	13 th	Listed	\$225,000	Kelly's Landing	3&cup	6 ½ F	Dirt
Sunday, July 2	2 nd		\$175,000	Anchorage Overnight Stakes	4&cup, f&m	1 M	Turf
Sunday, July 2	2 nd		\$175,000	Maxfield Overnight Stakes	3yo	7 F	Dirt
Monday, July 3	68 th	Listed	\$275,000	Hanshin presented by JRA	4&cup	1 M	Dirt
Monday, July 3	122 nd	Listed	\$225,000	Bashford Manor	2yo	6 F	Dirt
Monday, July 3	122 nd	Listed	\$225,000	Debutante	2yo f	6 F	Dirt

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