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LOS ALAMITOS FUTURITY ADDED TO 2014-15 'ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY DERBY' SERIES

Southern California Track's Starlet Also Added to 'Road to the Kentucky Oaks'

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2014) – The \$500,000 Los Alamitos Futurity (Grade I) has been added to the list of races that comprise the 2014-15 “Road to the Kentucky Derby.” The series of 35 select races – 19 “Prep Season” races and 16 “Championship Series” races – will determine which horses qualify to the 141st running of the \$2 million guaranteed Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (Grade I) on Saturday, May 2, 2015.

The 1 1/16-mile Los Alamitos Futurity, a race formerly known as the Hollywood (1981-2006) and CashCall (2007-13) Futurity at the now-shuttered Betfair Hollywood Park, will be run for the first time at Los Alamitos Race Course – the home base for 2014 Kentucky Derby winner California Chrome – on Saturday, Dec. 20. The race produced six Kentucky Derby winners during its run at Hollywood Park.

“The robust commitments by the team at Los Alamitos suggest a strong desire to be included in our series, and we’re confident the race is likely to attract aspiring and compelling Derby prospects,” said Churchill Downs Racetrack President **Kevin Flanery**. “We’re delighted to welcome the Los Alamitos Futurity to the Kentucky Derby ‘Prep Season.’”

Points awarded to the Top 4 finishers in the Los Alamitos Futurity will be 10-4-2-1 as part of the “Prep Season” that showcases foundation-building races over a minimum of one mile between September and mid-February. It commences Sept. 6 at the home of the Derby with the \$100,000 Iroquois (GIII) over 1 1/16 miles.

The 16 significant events that comprise the “Kentucky Derby Championship Series” during the 10-week run-up to the first Saturday in May remain unchanged from a year ago.

This is the third consecutive year that Churchill Downs Racetrack will use a sliding scale of points awarded to the Top 4 finishers in choice races to determine preference for its 20-horse Derby field. At least 20 horses have entered the 1 1/4-mile classic for 3-year-old Thoroughbreds every year since 2004, and 14 of the last 16 years.

In the first two years of the point system, the horses that topped the leaderboard with 150 points each won the Kentucky Derby: **Stuart S. Janney III** and **Phipps Stable’s Orb** in 2013 and **Steve Coburn** and **Perry Martin’s California Chrome** in 2014.

A similar series remains in place to qualify for the Derby’s sister race, the \$1 million Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI) for 3-year-old fillies on Friday, May 1, 2015. The lone change to the 31-race “Road to the Kentucky Oaks” series is the addition of the \$350,000 Starlet (GI), a 1 1/16-mile “Prep Season” race scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 13 at Los Alamitos. Like the Futurity, the Starlet also had been previously run at Hollywood Park.

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2014-15 ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY DERBY

35 Races (16 Championship Series Races)

Kentucky Derby Prep Season (20 races)

Date	Race	Racetrack	Distance	1 st (Points)	2 nd (Points)	3 rd (Points)	4 th (Points)
Sept. 6	Iroquois	Churchill Downs	1 1/16 Miles	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
Sept. 27	FrontRunner	Santa Anita	1 1/16 Miles	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
Oct. 4	Champagne	Belmont Park	1 Mile	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
Oct. 4	Breeders' Futurity	Keeneland	1 1/16 Miles	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
Oct. 5	Grey	Woodbine	1 1/16 Miles (S)	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
Nov. 1	Breeders' Cup Juvenile	Santa Anita	1 1/16 Miles	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
Nov. 22	Delta Downs Jackpot	Delta Downs	1 1/16 Miles	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
*Nov. 29	Remsen	Aqueduct	1 1/8 Miles	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
Nov. 29	Kentucky Jockey Club	Churchill Downs	1 1/16 Miles	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
+Dec. 20	Los Alamitos Futurity	Los Alamitos	1 1/16 Miles	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
*Jan. 3	Jerome	Aqueduct	1 Mile 70 Yards	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
*Jan. 10	Sham	Santa Anita	1 Mile	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
*Jan. 17	Lecomte	Fair Grounds	1 Mile 70 Yards	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
Jan. 19	Smarty Jones	Oaklawn Park	1 Mile	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
Jan. 24	Holy Bull	Gulfstream Park	1 1/16 Miles	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
*Jan. 31	Withers	Aqueduct	1 1/16 Miles	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
*Feb. 7	Robert B. Lewis	Santa Anita	1 1/16 Miles	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
*Feb. 14	El Camino Real Derby	Golden Gate	1 1/8 Miles (S)	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
Feb. 16	Southwest	Oaklawn Park	1 1/16 Miles	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)

Kentucky Derby Championship Series (16 races)

Date	Race	Racetrack	Distance	1 st (Points)	2 nd (Points)	3 rd (Points)	4 th (Points)
Feb. 21	Fountain of Youth	Gulfstream Park	1 1/16 Miles	(50)	(20)	(10)	(5)
*Feb. 21	Risen Star	Fair Grounds	1 1/16 Miles	(50)	(20)	(10)	(5)
*Feb. 28	Gotham	Aqueduct	1 1/16 Miles	(50)	(20)	(10)	(5)
*March 7	San Felipe	Santa Anita	1 1/16 Miles	(50)	(20)	(10)	(5)
*March 7	Tampa Bay Derby	Tampa Bay Downs	1 1/16 Miles	(50)	(20)	(10)	(5)
March 14	Rebel	Oaklawn Park	1 1/16 Miles	(50)	(20)	(10)	(5)
*March 21	Spiral	Turfway Park	1 1/8 Miles (S)	(50)	(20)	(10)	(5)
March 22	Sunland Derby	Sunland Park	1 1/8 Miles	(50)	(20)	(10)	(5)
March 28	UAE Derby	Meydan Racecourse	1 3/16 Miles (S)	(100)	(40)	(20)	(10)
March 28	Florida Derby	Gulfstream Park	1 1/8 Miles	(100)	(40)	(20)	(10)
*March 28	Louisiana Derby	Fair Grounds	1 1/8 Miles	(100)	(40)	(20)	(10)
*April 4	Wood Memorial	Aqueduct	1 1/8 Miles	(100)	(40)	(20)	(10)
*April 4	Santa Anita Derby	Santa Anita	1 1/8 Miles	(100)	(40)	(20)	(10)
*April 11	Blue Grass	Keeneland	1 1/8 Miles	(100)	(40)	(20)	(10)
April 11	Arkansas Derby	Oaklawn Park	1 1/8 Miles	(100)	(40)	(20)	(10)
*April 18	Lexington	Keeneland	1 1/16 Miles	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)

2014-15 Road to the Kentucky Derby Changes

Date	Race	Racetrack	Distance	Top 4 Points	Change
Dec. 20	Los Alamitos Futurity	Los Alamitos	1 1/16 Miles	10-4-2-1	Added

+ New Race Included in Series.

* Race dates and distances to be announced by host track; date based on previous year's placement.

Schedule subject to change.

HOW TO GET INTO THE KENTUCKY DERBY STARTING GATE – The Road to the Kentucky Derby Presented by TwinSpires.com is a 35-race series that awards points to the Top 4 finishers in each race. The Top 20 point earners will earn a spot in the starting gate for the 141st running of the \$2 million Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (Grade I) on Saturday, May 2, 2015. The Kentucky Derby field has been limited to 20 starters since 1975. At least 20 horses have entered the 1 ¼-mile race for 3-year-olds every year since 2004, and 14 of the last 16 years.

TIEBREAKERS – If two or more horses have the same number of points, the tiebreaker is earnings in non-restricted stakes races. In the case of remaining ties, the additional starter(s) and/or also-eligible horses shall be determined by lot (aka a “shake”).

FILLIES – If a filly wants to run in the Kentucky Derby she can, but she’ll have to earn her way into the field by accumulating points against open company just like the rest of the colts and geldings. Additionally, any points earned by a filly in the “Road to the Kentucky Derby” series against open company will be credited to her point total in the “Road to the Kentucky Oaks” series.

DEAD-HEATS – In the event of a dead-heat (tie) in a “Road to the Kentucky Derby” race, those horses will divide equally the points they would have received jointly had one beaten the other.

SPLIT DIVISIONS – In the event a “Road to the Kentucky Derby” race is split into divisions and each division awards its originally published purse money, points will be awarded as scheduled for each division. If the originally published purse is halved for each division, points will be halved as well.

NOMINATIONS – Horses born in 2012 can be made eligible to run in the 2015 Kentucky Derby and Triple Crown with a \$600 early payment due by late January (date TBD). A late period for nominations at \$6,000 each will close in late March (date TBD). In addition to the Triple Crown nomination fee, owners must pay \$25,000 to enter the Derby by 10 a.m. ET on Wednesday, April 29, 2015, and an additional \$25,000 to start. A horse not nominated to the Triple Crown with sufficient points may be supplemented for \$200,000.

POST POSITION DRAW – The Kentucky Derby post position draw – a traditional “pill pull” in which horses’ entry blanks are pulled simultaneously with a numbered pill to determine what stall a horse will break from the starting gate – will be held at Churchill Downs on Wednesday, April 29, 2015, at 5 p.m. ET (live on NBCSN). Up to 24 horses may enter the race and four horses can be listed as “also eligible” and would be ranked in order accordingly; they could draw into the field should any horse(s) be scratched before scratch time on Friday, May 1, 2015 at 9 a.m. ET.

PRIZE MONEY – The Kentucky Derby winner will receive a gold trophy plus an estimated \$1.24 million payday. A total of \$400,000 will be awarded to the runner-up, \$200,000 to third, \$100,000 to fourth and \$60,000 to fifth.

BACKGROUND – Churchill Downs abandoned the graded stakes earnings criteria for the 2013 Kentucky Derby (used from 1986-2012) and proactively adopted a tiered point system to determine which horses would have preference for America’s greatest race. Today, a sliding scale of points is awarded to the Top 4 finishers in select races, and at the series’ end, the Top 20 point earners get first crack to start in the Kentucky Derby.

METRICS – More than \$59.7 million was wagered on the 34-race “Road to the Kentucky Derby” series in 2013-14 with an average of 9.38 horses per race. Betting on the 16-race Championship Series totaled more \$34.8 million and an average of 9.94 horses competed in each event. On Kentucky Derby Day, Churchill Downs had its second-largest crowd (164,909), second-highest all-sources betting handle (\$186.6 million) and 15.3 million viewers watched the race on NBC. Combined Kentucky Oaks and Kentucky Derby Day attendance was a record 277,977 and all-sources betting totaled \$229.8 million, which was second only behind 2013’s \$230.4 million.

ABOUT THE DERBY – To have a horse draped in the garland of roses while raising the solid gold trophy high atop the Kentucky Derby winner’s stand is the Holy Grail for horsemen around the world. Restricted to 3-year-old Thoroughbreds, horses only have one chance to win the Kentucky Derby, and it’s quite an accomplishment just to receive a berth in the starting gate. Approximately 23,500 Thoroughbreds were foaled in North America in 2012, and if history is any indication, about one percent of the crop will be nominated to next spring’s Triple Crown. Only 20 will be allowed to “Run for the Roses,” as the Derby field has been limited to 20 starters since 1975. At least 20 horses have entered the race since 2004, and 14 of the last 16 years. Once a horse earns its coveted Kentucky Derby berth, it, in most cases, will race the extended 1 ¼-mile distance for the first time. A combination of speed and the stamina it takes to complete the final eighth of a mile in the Derby often determines a win or loss.

2014-15 ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY OAKS
31 Races (14 Championship Series Races)

Kentucky Oaks Prep Season (17 races)

Date	Race	Racetrack	Distance	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
Sept. 6	Pocahontas	Churchill Downs	1 1/16 Miles	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
Sept. 27	Chandelier	Santa Anita	1 1/16 Miles	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
Oct. 3	Alcibiades	Keeneland	1 1/16 Miles	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
Oct. 4	Frizette	Belmont Park	1 Mile	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
Oct. 5	Mazarine	Woodbine	1 1/16 Miles (S)	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
Nov. 1	BC Juvenile Fillies	Santa Anita	1 1/16 Miles	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
Nov. 22	Delta Downs Princess	Delta Downs	1 Mile	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
*Nov. 29	Demoiselle	Aqueduct	1 1/8 Miles	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
Nov. 29	Golden Rod	Churchill Downs	1 1/16 Miles	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
+Dec. 13	Starlet	Los Alamitos	1 1/16 Miles	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
*Jan. 3	Busanda	Aqueduct	1 Mile 70 Yards	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
*Jan. 3	Santa Ynez	Santa Anita	6 1/2 Furlongs	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
*Jan. 17	Silverbulletday	Fair Grounds	1 Mile 70 Yards	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
Jan. 24	Forward Gal	Gulfstream Park	7 Furlongs	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
*Jan. 31	Busher	Aqueduct	1 1/16 Miles	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
Jan. 31	Martha Washington	Oaklawn Park	1 Mile	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)
*Jan. 31	Las Virgenes	Santa Anita	1 Mile	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)

Kentucky Oaks Championship Series (14 races)

Date	Race	Racetrack	Distance	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
Feb. 21	Davona Dale	Gulfstream Park	1 1/16 Miles	(50)	(20)	(10)	(5)
*Feb. 21	Rachel Alexandra	Fair Grounds	1 1/16 Miles	(50)	(20)	(10)	(5)
Feb. 26	UAE Oaks	Meydan Racecourse	1 3/16 Miles (S)	(50)	(20)	(10)	(5)
*Feb. 28	Santa Ysabel	Santa Anita	1 1/16 Miles	(50)	(20)	(10)	(5)
March 7	Honeybee	Oaklawn Park	1 1/16 Miles	(50)	(20)	(10)	(5)
*March 21	Bourbonette Oaks	Turfway Park	1 Mile (S)	(50)	(20)	(10)	(5)
March 22	Sunland Park Oaks	Sunland Park	1 1/16 Miles	(50)	(20)	(10)	(5)
March 28	Gulfstream Park Oaks	Gulfstream Park	1 1/8 Miles	(100)	(40)	(20)	(10)
*March 28	Fair Grounds Oaks	Fair Grounds	1 1/16 Miles	(100)	(40)	(20)	(10)
*April 4	Santa Anita Oaks	Santa Anita	1 1/16 Miles	(100)	(40)	(20)	(10)
*April 4	Gazelle	Aqueduct	1 1/8 Miles	(100)	(40)	(20)	(10)
*April 4	Ashland	Keeneland	1 1/16 Miles	(100)	(40)	(20)	(10)
April 4	Fantasy	Oaklawn Park	1 1/16 Miles	(100)	(40)	(20)	(10)
*April 12	Beaumont	Keeneland	7 Furlongs	(10)	(4)	(2)	(1)

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NOMINATIONS – Fillies born in 2012 can be made eligible to run in the 2015 Longines Kentucky Oaks with a \$200 early payment due by late February (date TBD). A late period for nominations at \$1,500 each will close Wednesday, April 8, 2015. A supplemental nomination of \$30,000 may be made at the time of entry. In addition to the Oaks nomination fee, owners must pay \$5,000 to enter the Oaks by 10 a.m. ET on Tuesday, April 28, 2015, and an additional \$5,000 to start.

POST POSITION DRAW – The Longines Kentucky Oaks post position draw – a traditional “pill pull” in which horses' entry blanks are pulled simultaneously with a numbered pill to determine what stall a horse will break from the starting gate – will be held in The Parlay Media Briefing Room on Tuesday, April 28, 2015, at 11 a.m. ET. Up to 18 horses may enter the race and four horses can be listed as “also eligible” and would be ranked in order accordingly; they could draw into the field should any horse(s) be scratched before scratch time on Friday, May 1, 2015 at 9 a.m. ET.

PRIZE MONEY – The Kentucky Oaks winner will receive a silver trophy plus an estimated \$564,200 payday. A total of \$182,000 will be awarded to the runner-up, \$91,000 to third, \$45,500 to fourth; \$27,300 to fifth; and \$10,000 each to sixth through last.