

\$300,000 Bourbon Trail

3rd Running – Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023 (September Meet)

3-Year-Olds at 1 3/16 Miles on Dirt at Churchill Downs

Stakes Record – 1:56.01, King Fury (2021)

Track Record – 1:55.97, Idol (2020)

Name Origin: Weary Kentucky settlers—daunted by the task of getting crops to market over narrow trails and steep mountains—put their heads together and landed upon an inspired solution. Converting corn and other grains to bourbon not only made the goods easy to transport and prevented excess grain from spoiling, but it provided settlers a welcome diversion from the rough and often tedious life on the frontier. Established in 1785, Bourbon County is one of Kentucky’s oldest counties. As an early hub of the whiskey trade, farmers shipped whiskey in oak barrels stamped from Bourbon County down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, all the way to New Orleans. The long trip aged the whiskey, while the oak wood lent it a distinct mellow flavor and amber color. As whiskey from Bourbon County grew in popularity, the liquor became known simply as “Bourbon”. In 1964, Congress officially recognized Bourbon’s place in America’s history, and its future, by declaring it a distinctive product of the United States. Today, Kentuckians continue the time-honored tradition of distilling Bourbon, perfecting the craft their ancestors developed centuries ago. 95% of the world’s Bourbon is produced in Kentucky. The world got its first taste of the profound history and proud tradition of “America’s Official Native Spirit” when the Kentucky Distillers’ Association (KDA) established the Kentucky Bourbon Trail® in 1999, a road trip-style experience for bourbon lovers to visit the Bluegrass State’s signature distilleries and, now, the inspiration for the Churchill Downs stakes race. In 2012, the KDA created the Kentucky Bourbon Trail Craft Tour® to complement the world-famous Kentucky Bourbon Trail® experience. The Kentucky Bourbon Trail® and the Kentucky Bourbon Trail Craft Tour® have drawn more than 2.5 million visitors from all 50 states and 25 countries in the last five years and have become leading educational and tourism attractions. Bourbon lovers can stop at a few of the distilleries or all 38—there is no wrong way to experience it. Every journey is personalized and requires planning, as some of the distilleries are as far as 70 miles apart. There’s something for everyone—tours, tastings, activities, big-city nightlife, quaint country towns, Bourbon-themed hotels and historic bed & breakfast accommodations. ... In order for whiskey to be Bourbon, it must be made with a minimum of 51 percent corn, aged in new, charred oak containers, stored at no more than 125 proof and bottled at no less than 80 proof. ... There are now 9.1 million barrels of Bourbon aging in Kentucky, which is two barrels for every person living in the state. ... The Kentucky Bourbon Trail® and Bourbon Trail® are trademarks/service marks of the Kentucky Distillers’ Association used by Churchill Downs Inc. pursuant to license. The Kentucky Distillers’ Association and its member distilleries ask that you please enjoy Kentucky Bourbon responsibly.

Year (Race No.) Dis. (Starters)	Winner (Age/Sex) Owner(s)	Jockey (Weight) Trainer	Second Third	Time (Cond.) Odds (Margin)	Sire Bred (Color)	Gross Purse-Gr. Winner's Share-#
2022-Sept 24 (10th) 1 3/16 M (9)	Home Brew (3c) Gary & Mary West Stables Inc.	Ricardo Santana Jr. (118) Brad Cox	Creative Minister War Campaign	1:56.39 (fast) 5.70-1 (nose)	Street Sense Kentucky (B.)	\$275,000 \$163,920—2
2021-Sept 25 (9th) 1 3/16 M (7)	King Fury (3c)* Fern Circles Stables & Three Chimneys Farm LLC	Brian Hernandez Jr. (120) Kenny McPeck	Bourbon Thunder Dr Jack	1:56.01 (fast) 0.50-1 (13 lengths)	Curlin Kentucky (Ch.)	\$275,000 \$166,710—1

*-Favorite

Most Wins, Jockey:	no jockey with more than one win
Most Wins, Trainer:	no trainer with more than one win
Most Wins, Owner:	no owner with more than one win
High \$2 Win:	\$13.40, Home Brew (2022)
Low \$2 Win:	\$3.00, King Fury (2021)
Largest Win Margin:	13 lengths, King Fury (2021)
Smallest Win Margin:	nose, Home Brew (2022)
Largest Field Size:	9 (2022)
Smallest Field Size:	7 (2021)
Favorites Record:	2-1-0-0 (Win%=50.0%; ITM%=50.0%)
Favorites who finished off-the-board:	Saint Tapit (9 th in 2022 at 2.33-1)
Fastest Splits – ¼-mile:	:23.62, Big Blue Line (2022)
Fastest Splits – ½-mile:	:47.70, Big Blue Line (2022)
Fastest Splits – ¾-mile:	1:12.03, Big Blue Line (2022)
Disqualifications:	none
Off-tracks:	none