

\$1 million Stephen Foster (Grade I)

42nd Running – Saturday, July 1, 2023 (Spring Meet)
 4-Year-Olds & Up at 1 1/8 Miles on Dirt at Churchill Downs
 Breeders' Cup Challenge "Win and You're In" – Classic Division
 Stakes & Track Record – 1:47.28, Victory Gallop (1999)

Name Origin: The race is named in honor of famed composer Stephen Foster, who wrote numerous melodies including "My Old Kentucky Home" – the song that is annually played as the Kentucky Derby field parades on the track. The Stephen Foster was created in 1982, for 3-year-olds and up at 1 1/8 miles. The race rose from Grade III status in 1988 to Grade II in 1995, and was made a Grade I event in 2002. A 17-year run as a Grade I event ended in 2019 when it was downgraded to a Grade II. The purse received a huge increase in 1998 as it was raised from \$150,000 to \$750,000 and to \$1 million in 2008. Today, it is worth \$600,000.

| Year (Race No.) Dis. (Starters) | Winner (Age/Sex) Owner(s) | Jockey (Weight) Trainer | Second Third | Time (Condition) Odds (Margin) | Sire Bred (Color) | Gross Purse-Gr. Winner's Share-# |
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| 2023-July 1 (Elp 10th) 1 1/8 Miles (8) | West Will Power (6h)* Gary & Mary West | Flavien Prat (124) Brad Cox | Rattle N Roll Happy American | 1:47.93 (fast) 2.07-1 (1/2 length) | Bernardini Kentucky (B.) | \$1,000,000-Gr. I \$599,260—42 |
| 2022-July 2 (10th) 1 1/8 Miles (7) | Olympiad (4c)* Grandview Equine, Chevenne Stable LLC & LNJ Foxwoods | Junior Alvarado (124) Bill Mott | Americanrevolution Proxy | 1:47.66 (fast) 1.50-1 (2 1/4 lengths) | Speightstown Kentucky (B.) | \$740,000-Gr. II \$455,320—41 |
| 2021-June 26 (11th) 1 1/8 Miles (9) | Maxfield (4c)* Godolphin LLC | Jose Ortiz (121) Brendan Walsh | Warrior's Charge Sprawl | 1:48.53 (fast) 0.40-1 (3 1/4 lengths) | Street Sense Kentucky (Dk B or Br.) | \$600,000-Gr. II \$357,120—40 |
| 2020-June 27 (10th) 1 1/8 Miles (8) | Tom's d'Etat (7h)* G M B Racing | Miguel Mena (124) Al Stall Jr. | By My Standards Silver Dust | 1:47.30 (fast) 1.30-1 (4 1/4 lengths) | Smart Strike Kentucky (B.) | \$500,000-Gr. II \$300,700—39 |
| 2019-June 15 (8th) 1 1/8 Miles (12) | Seeking the Soul (6h) Charles E. Fipke | John Velazquez (121) Dallas Stewart | Quip Tom's d'Etat | 1:49.27 (fast) 4.60-1 (neck) | Perfect Soul-IRE Kentucky (B.) | \$600,000-Gr. II \$345,960—38 |
| 2018-June 16 (8th) 1 1/8 Miles (9) | Pavel (4c) Reddam Racing LLC | Mario Gutierrez (117) Doug O'Neill | Honorable Duty Matrooh | 1:49.21 (fast) 6.80-1 (3 3/4 lengths) | Creative Cause Kentucky (Gr or Ro.) | \$500,000-Gr. I \$297,600—37 |
| 2017-June 17 (8th) 1 1/8 Miles (8) | HM-Gun Runner (4c)* Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC & Three Chimneys Farm | Florent Geroux (124) Steve Asmussen | Honorable Duty Breaking Lucky | 1:47.56 (fast) 0.50-1 (7 lengths) | Candy Ride-ARG Kentucky (Ch.) | \$500,000-Gr. I \$300,700—36 |
| 2016-June 18 (8th) 1 1/8 Miles (7) | Bradester (6h) Joseph W. Sutton | Joe Bravo (116) Eddie Kenneally | Eagle Majestic Harbor | 1:48.85 (fast) 9.20-1 (1/2 length) | Lion Heart Kentucky (B.) | \$500,000-Gr. I \$303,800—35 |
| 2015-June 13 (8th) 1 1/8 Miles (7) | Noble Bird (4c) John C. Oxley | Shaun Bridgmohan (116) Mark Casse | Lea* Hoppertunity | 1:47.94 (fast) 4.70-1 (neck) | Birdstone Kentucky (Ch.) | \$500,000-Gr. I \$303,800—34 |
| 2014-June 14 (8th) 1 1/8 Miles (9) | Moonshine Mullin (6h) Randy Patterson | Calvin Borel (118) Randy Morse | Will Take Charge* Departing | 1:49.66 (fast) 10.00-1 (1 3/4 lengths) | Albert the Great Kentucky (B.) | \$552,500-Gr. I \$328,848—33 |
| 2013-June 15 (8th) 1 1/8 Miles (6) | Fort Larned (5h) Janis R. Whitham | Brian Hernandez Jr. (121) Ian Wilkes | Golden Ticket Ron the Greek | 1:47.45 (fast) 3.30-1 (6 1/4 lengths) | E Dubai Kentucky (B.) | \$536,300-Gr. I \$329,181—32 |
| 2012-June 16 (8th) 1 1/8 Miles (8) | Jan the Greek (5h) Broux Stable, Wachtel Stable & Jack Hammer | Jose Lezcano (119) Bill Mott | HMTM-Wise Dan* Nates Mineshaft | 1:50.51 (fast) 9.40-1 (head) | Full Mandate Florida (B.) | \$437,200-Gr. I \$262,932—31 |
| 2011-June 18 (12th) 1 1/8 Miles (11) | Pool Play (6h) William S. Farish Jr. | Miguel Mena (116) Mark Casse | Mission Impazible Apart | 1:50.52 (fast) 36.60-1 (neck) | Silver Deputy Canada (Dk. b. or br.) | \$561,300-Gr. I \$327,127—30 |
| 2010-June 12 (10th) 1 1/8 Miles (11) | M-Blame (4c) Adele Dilschneider & Claiborne Farm | Garrett Gomez (120) Al Stall Jr. | Battle Plan* General Quarters | 1:49.37 (fast) 3.90-1 (3/4 length) | Arch Kentucky (B.) | \$671,700-Gr. I \$391,467—29 |
| 2009-June 13 (10th) 1 1/8 Miles (8) | Macho Again (4c) West Point Thoroughbreds | Robby Albarado (117) Dallas Stewart | Asiatic Boy-ARG Einstein-BRZ* | 1:49.75 (fast) 7.70-1 (1 length) | Macho Uno Kentucky (Gr/Ro.) | \$660,000-Gr. I \$396,924—28 |
| 2008-June 14 (10th) 1 1/8 Miles (10) | HM-Curlin (4c)* Stonestreet Stables LLC & Midnight Cry Stables | Robby Albarado (128) Steve Asmussen | Einstein-BRZ Barcola | 1:49.68 (fast) 0.40-1 (4 1/4 lengths) | Smart Strike Kentucky (Ch.) | \$1,000,000-Gr. I \$589,000—27 |
| 2007-June 16 (10th) 1 1/8 Miles (8) | Flashy Bull (4c) West Point Thoroughbreds | Robby Albarado (117) Kiaran McLaughlin | Magna Graduate Diamond Stripes | 1:48.63 (fast) 6.10-1 (head) | Holy Bull Kentucky (Gr./Ro.) | \$829,500-Gr. I \$498,863—26 |
| 2006-June 17 (10th) 1 1/8 Miles (9) | Seek Gold (6g) Bowman Couch Racing LLC | Calvin Borel (116) Ron Moquet | Perfect Drift West Virginia | 1:49.24 (fast) 91.70-1 (nose) | Touch Gold Kentucky (B.) | \$844,500-Gr. I \$502,647—25 |
| 2005-June 18 (10th) 1 1/8 Miles (8) | HM-Saint Liam (5h)* Mr. & Mrs. William K. Warren Jr. | Edgar Prado (121) Bobby Frankel | Eurosilver Perfect Drift | 1:47.52 (fast) 0.90-1 (2 3/4 lengths) | Saint Ballado Kentucky (B.) | \$828,000-Gr. I \$513,360—24 |
| 2004-June 12 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles (6) | Colonial Colony (6h) Lakeside Farms LLC | Rafael Bejarano (111) Walter Bindner Jr. | Southern Image* Perfect Drift | 1:50.40 (sloppy) 62.60-1 (nose) | Pleasant Colony Kentucky (Dk. b. or br.) | \$810,750-Gr. I \$502,665—23 |
| 2003-June 14 (10th) 1 1/8 Miles (10) | Perfect Drift (4g) Stonestreet Farm | Pat Day (115) Murray Johnson | HM-Mineshaft* Aldebaran | 1:47.55 (fast) 6.80-1 (head) | Dynaformer Kentucky (B.) | \$856,500-Gr. I \$531,030—22 |
| 2002-June 15 (10th) 1 1/8 Miles (8) | Street Cry-IRE (4c) Godolphin Racing LLC | Jerry Bailey (120) Saeed bin Suroor | Dollar Bill Tenpins | 1:47.84 (fast) 2.10-1 (6 1/2 lengths) | Machiavellian Ireland (Dk. b. or br.) | \$833,250-Gr. I \$516,615—21 |
| 2001-June 16 (11th) 1 1/8 Miles (8) | Guided Tour (5g) Mort Fink | Larry Melancon (113) Niall O'Callaghan | Captain Steve* Brahms | 1:47.74 (fast) 15.70-1 (1/2 length) | Hansel Kentucky (B.) | \$831,000-Gr. II \$515,220—20 |
| 2000-June 17 (8th) 1 1/8 Miles (6) | Golden Missile (5h) Stronach Stables | Kent Desormeaux (118) Joe Orseno | Ecton Park* Cat Thief | 1:49.56 (sloppy) 2.50-1 (2 3/4 lengths) | A.P. Indy Kentucky (Ch.) | \$810,000-Gr. II \$502,200—19 |
| 1999-June 12 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles (7) | M-Victory Gallop (4c)* Prestonwood Farm LLC | Jerry Bailey (120) Elliott Walden | Nite Dreamer Littlebitlively | CR-1:47.28 (fast) 1.30-1 (5 lengths) | Cryptoclearance Canada (B.) | \$827,250-Gr. II \$512,895—18 |
| 1998-June 13 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles (7) | Awesome Again (4c) Stronach Stables | Pat Day (113) Pat Byrne | D-Silver Charm Semoran | 1:48.61 (fast) 5.90-1 (1 length) | Deputy Minister Canada (B.) | \$799,500-Gr. II \$495,690—17 |
| 1997-June 14 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles (6) | City by Night (4c) Nancy & Richard Kaster | Shane Sellers (113) Pat Byrne | Victor Cooley* Semoran | 1:50.52 (sloppy) 4.00-1 (3 1/2 lengths) | Slew City Slew Florida (B.) | \$163,950-Gr. II \$101,649—16 |
| 1996-June 15 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles (8) | Tenants Harbor (4c) Michael Sheehan | Francisco Torres (112) Robert Desensi | Pleasant Tango Mt. Sassafras | 1:49.94 (fast) 5.80-1 (nose) | Badger Land Kentucky (Ch.) | \$166,050-Gr. II \$107,933—15 |
| 1995-June 17 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles (9) | Recoup the Cash (5g) Richard Trebat | Aaron Gryder (119) Jere Smith Sr. | Tyus Powerful Punch | 1:49.39 (fast) 21.50-1 (1 1/2 lengths) | Copelan Kentucky (B.) | \$168,150-Gr. II \$109,298—14 |
| 1994-June 18 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles (7) | Recoup the Cash (4g) Richard Trebat | Juvenal Diaz (112) Jere Smith Sr. | Taking Risks Dignitas | 1:49.46 (fast) 10.20-1 (2 1/2 lengths) | Copelan Kentucky (B.) | \$163,500-Gr. III \$106,275—13 |
| 1993-June 19 (10th) 1 1/8 Miles (11) | Root Boy (5h)* Richard Blue Jr. | Tommy Turner (113) Louis Bernier Jr. | Discover Flying Continental | 1:50.80 (fast) 4.60-1 (2 lengths) | Baederwood Maryland (B.) | \$114,000-Gr. III \$74,100—12 |
| 1992-June 20 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles (13) | Discover (4c) Claiborne Farm | Brent Bartram (116) Steve Penrod | Barkerville Classic Seven | 1:50.14 (fast) 8.10-1 (2 1/2 lengths) | Cox's Ridge Kentucky (B.) | \$115,900-Gr. III \$75,335—11 |
| 1991-June 22 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles (5) | HM-Black Tie Affair-IRE (5h)* Jeff Sullivan | Juvenal Diaz (119) Ernie Poulos | Private School Greydar | 1:49.81 (fast) 1.20-1 (2 3/4 lengths) | Miswaki Ireland (Gr./Ro.) | \$109,100-Gr. III \$70,915—10 |
| 1990-June 23 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles (10) | No Marker (6h) Billy Ray Gowdy | Aaron Gryder (115) Patricia Johnson | Western Playboy Lucky Peach | 1:49.80 (fast) 6.10-1 (3 lengths) | Grey Dawn II Kentucky (Ro.) | \$112,200-Gr. III 9 |
| 1989-June 24 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles (9) | Air Worthy (4g) John Carlesimo | D.J. Soto (115) William "Blackie" Huffman | J.T.'s Pet Present Value | 1:49.60 (fast) 16.50-1 (1/2 length) | Air Forbes Won Kentucky (Dk. b. or br.) | \$112,700-Gr. III 8 |
| 1988-June 25 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles (10) | Honor Medal (7h) Lettuce Farm | Luis Ortega (123) Neil Drysdale | Outlaws Sham Momsfurrari | 1:50.60 (fast) 2.90-1 (head) | Avatar Kentucky (Ch.) | \$129,700-Gr. III 7 |
| 1987-June 13 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles (9) | Red Attack (5h) Pillar Stud Inc. | Jack Kaenel (119) D. Wayne Lukas | Sir Naskra Blue Buckaroo | 1:51.20 (fast) 2.30-1 (3/4 length) | Alydar Kentucky (Ch.) | \$103,775 6 |

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| 1986-June 14 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles (7) | Hopeful Word (5h)* Morris, Clifton & Doll | Keith Allen (123) Carl Bowman | Dramatic Desire Ten Gold Pots | 1:49.40 (fast) 0.70-1 (2 1/2 lengths) | Verbatim Kentucky (B.) | \$102,050 5 |
| 1985-June 16 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles (7) | M-Vanlandingham (4c)* Loblolly Stable | Pat Day (121) Shug McGaughey III | Manantial Sovereign Exchange | 1:48.80 (fast) 0.10-1 (1/2 length) | Cox's Ridge Kentucky (B.) | \$79,250 4 |
| 1984-Aug. 25 (8th) 1 1/8 Miles (5) | Mythical Ruler (6h) Albert Risen | Jim McKnight (117) Fred Wirth | Fairly Straight Le Cou Cou* | 1:49.60 (fast) 2.30-1 (2 lengths) | Ruritania Kentucky (Ro.) | \$73,550 3 |
| 1983-June 25 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles (7) | Vodika Collins (5h) M.B. Collins | Leroy Moyers (118) Forrest Kaelin | Mythical Ruler* Northern Majesty | 1:49.20 (fast) 2.30-1 (2 lengths) | Vodika Kentucky (Ch.) | \$54,750 2 |
| 1982-June 19 (8th) 1 1/8 Miles (7) | Vodika Collins (4c) M.B. Collins | Tommy Barrow (116) Forrest Kaelin | Mythical Ruler Two's a Plenty* | 1:51.80 (sloppy) 3.90-1 (neck) | Vodika Kentucky (Ch.) | \$57,900 1 |

*-Favorite . . . H-Horse of the Year . . . M-Champion Older Male . . . TM-Champion Turf Male . . . D-Kentucky Derby winner . . . Breeders' Cup Challenge "Win and You're In" Classic Division race since 2013. . . Race known as Stephen Foster Handicap Presented by Abu Dhabi from 2011, 2013-14. . . Race known as Stephen Foster Presented by GE Appliances in 2015-19. . . Handicap race 1982-2018. . . Four horses used victories in the Stephen Foster as part of their résumés in Horse of the Year campaigns. The four are **Black Tie Affair** (1991), **Saint Liam** (2005), **Curlin** (2008) and **Gun Runner** (2017). In addition, two runner-ups were crowned Horse of the Year: **Mineshaft** (2003) and **Wise Dan** (2012). . . Four horses have won the Stephen Foster and the Breeders' Cup Classic in the same year. **Black Tie Affair** (1991) and **Awesome Again** (1998) won both races at Churchill Downs. **Saint Liam** (2005) won his running of the Classic at Belmont Park. **Gun Runner** (2017) won his Classic at Del Mar. Additionally, Fort Larned won the 2012 Classic at Santa Anita and returned to win the 2013 Stephen Foster. The 40th renewal of the \$6 million Longines Breeders' Cup Classic is scheduled for Nov. 4, 2023 at Santa Anita.

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| Most Wins, Jockey: | 3, Pat Day (1985, '97-98) and Robby Albarado (2007-09) |
| Most Wins, Trainer: | 2, Forrest Kaelin (1982-83), Jere Smith Sr. (1994-95), Pat Byrne (1997-98), Mark Casse (2011, '15), Steve Asmussen (2008, '17), Dallas Stewart (2009, '19), Al Stall Jr. (2010, '20) and Bill Mott (2012, '22) |
| Most Wins, Owner: | 2, M. B. Collins (1982-83), Claiborne Farm (1992, 2010), Richard Trebat (1994-95), Stronach Stables (1998, 2000) and West Point Thoroughbreds (2007, '09) |
| Most Wins, Horse: | 2, Vodika Collins (1982-83) and Recoup the Cash (1994-95) |
| Most Starts: | 4, Perfect Drift (2003-06) |
| High \$2 Win: | \$185.40, Seek Gold (2006) |
| Low \$2 Win: | \$2.20, Vanlandingham (1985) |
| Largest Win Margin: | 7 lengths, Gun Runner (2017) |
| Smallest Win Margin: | nose, Tenants Harbor (1996), Colonial Colony (2004) and Seek Gold (2006) |
| Largest Field Size: | 13 (1992) |
| Smallest Field Size: | 5 (1984, '91) |
| Oldest Winner: | 7-years-old, Honor Medal (1988) and Tom's d'Etat (2020) |
| Youngest Winner: | 4-years-old |
| Favorites Record: | 42-12-10-4 (Win=28.6%; ITM=61.9%) |
| Favorites who finished off-the-board: | Gift Box (4 th in 2019 at 2.10-1); Backyard Heaven (6 th in 2018 at 0.80-1); Effinex (6 th in 2016 at 0.60-1); Take Charge Indy (6 th in 2013 at 1.90-1); Regal Ransom (11 th in 2011 at 4.70-1); Master Command (6 th in 2007 at 1.60-1); Buzzards Bay (4 th in 2006 at 1.40-1); Congaree (6 th in 2002 at 1.30-1); Knockadoon (6 th in 1996 at 1.10-1); Meadow Flight (8 th in 1995 at 3.00-1); Alydavid (6 th in 1992 at 1.30-1); Din's Dancer (5 th in 1990 at 2.30-1); Honor Medal (7 th in 1989 at 2.40-1); Homebuilder (6 th in 1988 at 1.50-1); Bolshoi Boy (5 th in 1987 at 2.20-1) |
| Fastest Splits – 1/4-mile: | :22.63, Connecting Terms (1997) |
| Fastest Splits – 1/2-mile: | :46.40, Takeawakatlove (1996) |
| Fastest Splits – 3/4-mile: | 1:10.45, Mineshaft (2003) |
| Disqualifications: | none |
| Off-tracks: | Sloppy (1982, '97, 2000, '04) |