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STARS OF RACING WORLD NOMINATED FOR KENTUCKY DERBY WEEK STAKES RACES

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Monday, April 15, 2024) – Some of the world’s best horses are set to compete at Churchill Downs on Kentucky Derby week in 22 stakes events worth a whopping \$17.5 million.

Nominations for all Kentucky Derby week stakes races outside the \$5 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (Grade I) and \$1.5 million Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI) totaled 709 horses.

The Grade I events run over Kentucky Derby and Oaks Days include the \$1 million Old Forester Bourbon Turf Classic (31 nominations); \$1 million Churchill Downs presented by Ford (31 nominations); \$1 million Derby City Distaff presented by Kendall-Jackson Winery (26 nominations); and \$1 million Fasig-Tipton La Troienne (21 nominations).

Fasig-Tipton has partnered with Churchill Downs to sponsor three races over the course of the year. In addition to the La Troienne, Fasig-Tipton will sponsor the \$500,000 Fleur de Lis (GII) on June 29 and the September Meet’s Locust Grove.

Top horses nominated to Kentucky Derby week stakes events include **Godolphin’s** Makers Mark Mile (GI) winner **Master of The Seas (IRE)** (Old Forester Bourbon Turf Classic); **Juddmonte’s** champion older filly & mare **Idiomantic** (La Troienne); Godolphin’s Kentucky Oaks winner and champion 3-year-old filly **Pretty Mischievous** (La Troienne); and **Pamela Ziebarth’s** Beholder Mile (GI) winner **Sweet Azteca** (Derby City Distaff).

Wednesday also marked the second closing for the Longines Kentucky Oaks. The lone filly to be a late nomination was **Valene Farms’ Accommodate Eva**, currently No. 23 on the preference list.

The full list of nominations is available online at Equibase.com under the Horsemen section or <https://www.equibase.com/premium/eqbHorsemenAreaSNHW.cfm?trk=CD>.

2024 KENTUCKY DERBY WEEK STAKES SCHEDULE

Date	Running	Grade	Purse	+ vs. 2023	Race	Conditions	Distance	Surface
Saturday, April 27	14 th		\$200,000	\$25,000	Roxelana Overnight Stakes	4&cup, f&m	6 F	Dirt
Wednesday, May 1	9 th	Listed	\$300,000	\$75,000	William Walker	3yo	5 ½ F	Turf
Wednesday, May 1	6 th		\$200,000	\$25,000	Isaac Murphy Marathon Overnight Stakes	4&cup	1 ½ M	Dirt
Thursday, May 2	19 th	Listed	\$350,000	\$50,000	Opening Verse	4&cup	1 M	Turf
Thursday, May 2	30 th		\$250,000	\$50,000	Kentucky Juvenile	2yo	5 F	Dirt
Thursday, May 2	3 rd		\$200,000	\$25,000	St. Matthews Overnight Stakes	4&cup ®	6 F	Dirt
Friday, May 3	150 th	I	\$1,500,000	\$250,000	Longines Kentucky Oaks	3yo f	1 1/8 M	Dirt
Friday, May 3	39 th	I	\$1,000,000	\$250,000	Fasig-Tipton La Troienne	4&cup, f&m	1 1/16 M	Dirt
Friday, May 3	21 st	II	\$750,000	\$150,000	Alysheba	4&cup	1 1/16 M	Dirt
Friday, May 3	69 th	II	\$600,000	\$100,000	Eight Belles presented by Sysco	3yo f	7 F	Dirt
Friday, May 3	40 th	II	\$600,000	\$100,000	Edgewood presented by Forcht Bank	3yo f	1 1/16 M	Turf
Friday, May 3	67 th	III	\$400,000	\$100,000	Modesty presented by Derby City Gaming	4&cup, f&m	1 1/8 M	Turf
Friday, May 3	14 th	III	\$400,000	\$100,000	Unbridled Sidney presented by Resolute Racing	3&cup, f&m	5 ½ F	Turf
Saturday, May 4	150 th	I	\$5,000,000	\$2,000,000	Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve	3yo	1 ¼ M	Dirt
Saturday, May 4	38 th	I	\$1,000,000		Old Forester Bourbon Turf Classic	4&cup	1 1/8 M	Turf
Saturday, May 4	89 th	I	\$1,000,000	\$250,000	Churchill Downs presented by Ford	4&cup	7 F	Dirt
Saturday, May 4	38 th	I	\$1,000,000	\$250,000	Derby City Distaff presented by Kendall-Jackson Winery	4&cup, f&m	7 F	Dirt
Saturday, May 4	39 th	II	\$750,000	\$250,000	Longines Churchill Distaff Turf Mile	4&cup, f&m	1 M	Turf
Saturday, May 4	30 th	II	\$600,000	\$100,000	Twin Spires Turf Sprint presented by Sentient Jet	3&cup	5 ½ F	Turf
Saturday, May 4	100 th	II	\$600,000	\$100,000	Pat Day Mile presented by SAP	3yo	1 M	Dirt
Saturday, May 4	33 rd	II	\$600,000	\$100,000	American Turf presented by TwinSpires	3yo	1 1/16 M	Turf
Saturday, May 4	3 rd	Listed ®	\$200,000	\$25,000	Knicks Go presented by L&N Federal Credit Union	4&cup ®	1 M	Dirt

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