

## FIERCENESS, CATALYTIC MAKE FIRST APPEARANCE BENEATH TWIN SPIRES

LOUISVILLE, KY (Tuesday, April 23, 2024) – Repole Stable's **Fierceness**, the champion 2-year-old of 2023 and possible favorite for the 150<sup>th</sup> running of the \$5 million Kentucky Derby (GI) Presented by Woodford Reserve, made his first appearance on the track at Churchill Downs on a sun-splashed Tuesday morning.

Under regular exercise rider **Danny Wright**, Fierceness galloped a mile during the 7:30-7:45 training window for Kentucky Derby and Oaks runners.

Also making his first appearance on track was Tami Bobo, **Julie Davies** and **George Isaacs'** **Catalytic**, who jogged a mile under exercise rider **Olaf Hernandez**.

Scheduled to work six furlongs on Wednesday morning is **Susumu Fujita's** undefeated **Forever Young (JPN)**. Jockey **Ryusei Sakai** is slated to be aboard for the work.

At Gulfstream Park Tuesday morning, **Granpollo Stables' Grand Mo the First** worked six furlongs in 1:16.46 for trainer **Victor Barboza Jr.** Grand Mo the First is scheduled to ship to Louisville on Thursday.

Also at Gulfstream, **Stonehedge LLC's Fiona's Magic** worked six furlongs in 1:15.16 toward the Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI) for trainer **Bo Yates**. Fiona's Magic is scheduled to arrive at Churchill Downs in the next 48 hours, according to Yates

**CATALYTIC** – Making his first appearance on track Tuesday morning was **Tami Bobo, Julie Davies** and **George Isaacs'** **Catalytic**, who jogged a mile under exercise rider **Olaf Hernandez**.

Trained by **Saffie Joseph Jr.**, Catalytic arrived at Churchill Downs Monday morning after vaning from South Florida. Catalytic is scheduled to work Sunday.

**CATCHING FREEDOM/ENCINO/JUST A TOUCH** – Trainer **Brad Cox's** Derby trio of **Catching Freedom, Encino** and **Just a Touch** all galloped about 1 ½ miles Tuesday at 7:30 a.m.

Following their training sessions, the trio schooled in the paddock at 10 a.m.

Cox, who was at Keeneland Tuesday morning, is scheduled to be back at Churchill Downs Wednesday.

**DOMESTIC PRODUCT/SIERRA LEONE** – Trainer **Chad Brown's** two Kentucky Derby hopefuls galloped a mile and a half during the 7:30-7:45 training window for Kentucky Derby and Oaks horses.

It was the first day on the track for **Klaravich Stables' Domestic Product**, who was partnered by **Peter Roman**.

"The first day on the track was excellent. He was moving well," Brown said.

Sierra Leone, winner of the Blue Grass Stakes (GI) and Risen Star (GII), had regular exercise rider **Kriss Bon** aboard. Sierra Leone is owned by the partnership of **Peter Brant, Mrs. John Magnier, Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith, Westerberg** and **Brook Smith**.

**DORNOCH/SOCIETY MAN** – Trainer **Danny Gargan's** Kentucky Derby hopefuls, **Dornoch** and **Society Man**, galloped a mile and a half under **Pricilla Schaefer**.

Dornoch, owned by the partnership of **West Paces Racing, R. A. Hill Stable, Belmar Racing and Breeding, Two Eight Racing** and **Pine Racing Stables**, galloped at 7:30 and comes into the Derby off a fourth-place finish in the Blue Grass Stakes (GI).

Society Man, runner-up in the Wood Memorial (GII) in his most recent start, galloped at 9 a.m. He is owned by the partnership of **Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, West Paces Racing, GMP Stables** and **Carl and Yurie Pascarella**.

**ENDLESSLY** – **Amerman Racing's** Jeff Ruby Steaks (GIII) winner **Endlessly** had an easy 1 ½-mile gallop early Tuesday morning.

Endlessly is slated to work Saturday.

**FIERCENESS** – **Repole Stable's Fierceness**, the champion 2-year-old of 2023 and possible favorite for the 150<sup>th</sup> running of the \$5 million Kentucky Derby (GI) Presented by Woodford Reserve, made his first appearance on the track at Churchill Downs on a sun-splashed Tuesday morning.

Under regular exercise rider **Danny Wright**, Fierceness galloped a mile during the 7:30-7:45 training window for Kentucky Derby and Oaks runners.

Wright has been the regular morning partner for Fierceness since last summer at Saratoga.

"He looked smooth and handled it well," trainer **Todd Pletcher** said of the morning's activity.

Winner of the Breeders' Cup Juvenile (GI) and Florida Derby (GI) in dominating fashion, Fierceness is scheduled to work Friday morning ... weather permitting.

Pletcher said Fierceness would make a couple of trips to the starting gate as well as a couple of paddock schooling sessions next week.

**FOREVER YOUNG (JPN)** – **Susumu Fujita's** undefeated **Forever Young (JPN)** warmed up in the mile chute for a half-hour before galloping a mile and a half under jockey **Ryusei Sakai**.

Trained by **Yoshito Yahagi**, Forever Young is scheduled to work six furlongs in company Wednesday morning with Sakai aboard.

Yahagi is scheduled to arrive in Louisville next Tuesday night and be trackside Wednesday morning, May 1.

**GRAND MO THE FIRST** – At Gulfstream Park Tuesday morning, **Granpollo Stables' Grand Mo the First** worked six furlongs in 1:16.46 for trainer **Victor Barboza Jr.** Grand Mo the First is scheduled to ship to Louisville on Thursday.

“It was a beautiful workout,” Barboza said via text of the solo move with jockey **Emisael Jaramillo** up. “We will arrive there Thursday night, walk Friday and then go to the track Saturday.”

**HONOR MARIE** – **Ribble Farms, Michael Eiserman, Earl Silver, Kenneth and Dave Fishbein's Honor Marie** galloped 1 ½ miles Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. under trainer **Whit Beckman's** exercise rider **Maurilio Garcia**.

His jockey, **Ben Curtis**, was also in town Tuesday to watch his Derby mount train. Curtis, a native of Ireland, moved his tack to North America this winter and will base at Delaware Park throughout the spring and early summer.

**JUST STEEL** – **BC Stable's Just Steel** returned to the track Tuesday for the first time since is serious one-mile work Saturday.

The **D. Wayne Lukas** trainee had an easy gallop around 5:30 a.m.

**MYSTIK DAN** – **Lance Gasaway, 4 G Racing and Daniel Hamby III's Mystik Dan** galloped a mile and a half for trainer **Kenny McPeek**.

Winner of the Southwest (GIII) and most recently third in the Arkansas Derby (GI), **Mystik Dan** is scheduled to work Saturday.

**RESILIENCE** – **Emily Bushnell and Ric Waldman's Resilience** jogged about one mile Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. a day after his five furlong move in 1:01.60

“It was a beautiful work and had very good energy,” jockey **Junior Alvarado** said. “He’s a very easy horse to manage. He galloped out very strong. I had to pull him up a little bit earlier because he wanted to keep going.”

Alvarado was named to ride **Resilience** in the Kentucky Derby.

**STRONGHOLD** – **Eric and Sharon Walker's Stronghold**, winner of the Santa Anita Derby (GI) in his most recent start, was en route to Louisville Tuesday morning from trainer **Phil D'Amato's** main base at Santa Anita.

**Stronghold** was scheduled to arrive at Churchill Downs Tuesday afternoon.

**TRACK PHANTOM** – **Lecomte (GIII) winner Track Phantom** jogged about one mile then had a light gallop under exercise rider **Roberto Howell** Tuesday at 5:45 a.m.

**WEST SARATOGA** – **Harry Veruchi's West Saratoga** galloped two miles at The Thoroughbred Center in Lexington, Kentucky, under **Donte Lowery** for trainer **Larry Demeritte**.

**West Saratoga** is scheduled to ship to Churchill Downs with a work scheduled for Saturday morning.

“I thank God every day for my blessings in this life and this is truly amazing how we got to this position with this horse,” **Demeritte** said. “I’m hopeful people will see our story and become interested in this sport because this horse is proving anyone with a dream can make it to the Derby stage.”

**ALSO ELIGIBLES** – **Welch Racing's Epic Ride** galloped at The Thoroughbred Center in Lexington, Kentucky. Trainer **John Ennis** tentative plans call for **Epic Ride** to come to Churchill Downs after training Friday morning in Lexington.

**SHAPING UP: THE KENTUCKY DERBY** – Here are the horses (with jockeys and trainers) that are qualified for the Kentucky Derby and those on the also-eligible list (in alphabetical order with AEs listed last in preference order):

**Catalytic** (Jose Ortiz, **Saffie Joseph Jr.**); **Catching Freedom** (Flavien Prat, **Brad Cox**); **Domestic Product** (Irad Ortiz Jr., **Chad Brown**); **Dornoch** (Luis Saez, **Danny Gargan**); **Encino** (TBA, **Brad Cox**); **Endlessly** (Umberto Rispoli, **Michael McCarthy**); **Fierceness** (John Velazquez, **Todd Pletcher**); **Forever Young (JPN)** (Ryusei Sakai, **Yoshito Yahagi**); **Grand Mo the First** (**Emisael Jaramillo**, **Victor Barboza Jr.**); **Honor Marie** (**Ben Curtis**, **Whit Beckman**); **Just a Touch** (**Florent Geroux**, **Brad Cox**); **Just Steel** (**Keith Asmussen**, **Wayne Lukas**); **Mystik Dan** (**Brian Hernandez Jr.**, **Kenny McPeek**); **Resilience** (**Junior Alvarado**, **Bill Mott**); **Sierra Leone** (**Tyler Gaffalione**, **Chad Brown**); **Society Man** (TBA, **Danny Gargan**); **Stronghold** (**Antonio Fresu**, **Phil D'Amato**); **T O Password (JPN)** (**Kazushi Kimura**, **Daisuke Takayanagi**); **Track Phantom** (**Joel Rosario**, **Steve Asmussen**); **West Saratoga** (**Jesus Castanon**, **Larry Demeritte**).

Also Eligibles: **Epic Ride** (**Adam Beschizza**, **John Ennis**); **Uncle Heavy** (TBA, **Butch Reid**); **Seize the Grey** (TBA, **Wayne Lukas**).

#### LONGINES KENTUCKY OAKS UPDATE

**GIN GIN/TARIFA** – **Calumet Farm's Gin Gin** along with **Godolphin's Tarifa**, two of trainer **Brad Cox's** Longines Kentucky Oaks hopefuls, both galloped about 1 ½ miles Tuesday at 7:30 a.m.

The duo will have their final breeze before the Oaks Friday or Saturday.

**INTO CHAMPAGNE** – **Six Column Stables, Randy Bloch, Jim Gladden, Mike Davis and Michael Steele's Into Champagne** galloped about 1 ½ miles Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. with trainer **Ian Wilkes** watching from the clocker stand.

**JUST F Y I** – **George Krikorian's Ashland (GI) runner-up Just F Y I** had a scheduled walk day at **Bill Mott's** Barn 19 following her strong five-furlong move in :59.80 Monday at Churchill Downs.

**LEMON MUFFIN** – **Aaron Sones' Lemon Muffin** returned to the track Tuesday for the first time since her five-eighths work in 1:02.20 Saturday morning.

Trained by **D. Wayne Lukas**, Lemon Muffin had an easy gallop at 5:30 a.m.

**LESLIE'S ROSE** – **Whisper Hill Farm's** Ashland (GI) winner **Leslie's Rose** galloped a mile and three-eighths under **Joel Osorio** for trainer **Todd Pletcher**. She is scheduled to work Thursday morning.

Pletcher said Leslie's Rose would make a couple of trips to the starting gate as well as a couple of paddock schooling sessions next week.

**REGULATORY RISK/WAYS AND MEANS** – **Klaravich Stables' Regulatory Risk** and **Ways and Means** both galloped a mile and a half on their first day on track at Churchill Downs.

"The first day on the track was excellent. They were moving well," Brown said of the fillies who arrived at Churchill Downs Monday morning.

**Peter Roman** was on **Ways and Means** and **Gudiel Alvarez** was on **Regulatory Risk**

**TAPIT JENALLIE** – **Willis Horton Racing's Tapit Jenallie** stood in the mile chute for about 15 minutes and then headed to the frontside of the track under trainer **Eddie Milligan Jr.**

"She went to the paddock, visited the gate and stood at the three-sixteenths pole for a while before galloping a mile and a half," said Milligan, who has another nine horses stabled at the nearby Trackside Training Center.

Tapit Jenallie is scheduled to work Thursday with jockey **Manny Esquivel** up.

**THORPEDO ANNA** – **Brookdale Racing, Mark Edwards, Judy Hicks** and **Magdalena Racing's Thorpedo Anna** galloped a mile and a half for trainer **Kenny McPeck**.

Winner of three of four starts with the most recent coming in the Fantasy (GII), **Thorpedo Anna** is scheduled to work Friday.

**WHERE'S MY RING** – **Michael McMillan's Where's My Ring** galloped a mile and a half under exercise rider **David Rodriguez** for trainer **Val Brinkerhoff**.

Winner of the Gazelle (GIII) in her most recent start, **Where's My Ring** is scheduled to work a half-mile on Friday for **Brinkerhoff** who has three other horses here and another 24 at Santa Anita.

**ALSO ELIGIBLES** – **Fawzi Abdulla Nass' Manama Gold** and **Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners' Candied** galloped a mile and three-eighths for trainer **Todd Pletcher**. **Jonathan Fabian Aguilar** was on **Manama Gold** and **Carlos Quevedo** on **Candied**. The two are scheduled to work Thursday.

**SHAPING UP: THE KENTUCKY OAKS** – Here are the horses (with trainers) that are qualified for the Longines Kentucky Oaks and those on the also-eligible list (in alphabetical order with AEs listed last in preference order):

**Everland** (Abel Cedillo, Eric Foster); **Fiona's Magic** (TBA, Bo Yates); **Gin Gin** (TBA, Brad Cox); **Into Champagne** (Julien Lejaroux, Ian Wilkes); **Just F Y I** (Junior Alvarado, Bill Mott); **Lemon Muffin** (Keith Asmussen, Wayne Lukas); **Leslie's Rose** (Irada Ortiz Jr., Todd Pletcher); **Power Squeeze** (Daniel Centeno, Jorge Delgado); **Regulatory Risk** (TBA, Chad Brown); **Tapit Jenallie** (Manny Esquivel, Eddie Milligan); **Tarifa** (Flavien Prat, Brad Cox); **Thorpedo Anna** (Brian Hernandez Jr., Kenny McPeck); **Ways and Means** (Tyler Gaffalione, Chad Brown) and **Where's My Ring** (Jose Lezcano, Val Brinkerhoff).

Also-Eligible: **Manama Gold** (TBA, Todd Pletcher); **Our Pretty Woman** (Joel Rosario, Steve Asmussen); **Candied** (TBA, Todd Pletcher)

**STAKES PROBABLES** – The following are the early probable stakes race entrants for Kentucky Derby Week, according to assistant racing secretary and stakes coordinator **Dan Bork**:

The 9<sup>th</sup> running of the \$300,000 William Walker (Listed), run Wednesday, May 1 at 5 ½ furlongs on turf, entries taken Wednesday: **Joe Shiesty** (Eric Foster); **King of Gosford** (GB) (Phil D'Amato); **Market Street** (Wayne Lukas); **No Nay Mets (IRE)** (George Weaver); **Sketch (IRE)** (Conor Murphy); **Smokey Smokey** (Mike Maker); **This is Uskar** (Jordan Blair).

The 30<sup>th</sup> running of the \$250,000 Kentucky Juvenile, run Thursday, May 2 at five furlongs, entries taken Thursday: **Her Holy Name** (John Hancock); **Strummin** (John Hancock); **Turnbuckle** (Lance Rutledge); **West Memorial** (John Hancock).

The 6<sup>th</sup> running of the \$200,000 Isaac Murphy Marathon Overnight Stakes, run Wednesday, May 1 at 1 ½ miles, entries taken Wednesday: **Classic Causeway** (Kenny McPeck); **Master Game** (Grant Forster); **Next** (Doug Cowans); **O P Firecracker** (Robbie Medina); **Red Run** (Mike Maker).

The 19<sup>th</sup> running of the \$350,000 Opening Verse (Listed), run Thursday, May 2 at one mile on turf, entries taken Thursday: **Ah Jeez** (Doug O'Neill); **Chasing the Crown** (Mike Maker); **Quality G** (Todd Pletcher); **Saratoga Flash** (Saffie Joseph Jr.); **Shirl's Speight** (Roger Attfield); **Skyro** (Brian Lynch); **Stitched** (Greg Foley).

The 3<sup>rd</sup> running of the \$200,000 St. Matthews Overnight Stakes, run Thursday, May 2 at six furlongs, entries taken Thursday: **Bango** (Greg Foley); **Bourbon Bash** (D. Wayne Lukas); **Manny Wah** (Will Walden); **Surveillance** (Keith Desormeaux).

The 39<sup>th</sup> running of the \$1 million Fasig-Tipton La Troienne (GI), run Friday, May 3 at 1 1/16 miles, entries taken Saturday: **Hoosier Philly** (Tom Amoss); **Idiomatic** (Brad Cox); **Pretty Mischievous** (Brendan Walsh) and **Xigera** (Phil Bauer).



The 21<sup>st</sup> running of the \$750,000 Alysheba (GII), run Friday, May 3 at 1 1/16 miles, entries taken Saturday: **Call Me Fast** (Al Stall Jr.); **First Mission** (Brad Cox); **Il Miracolo** (Antonio Sano); **Money Supply** (Joe Sharp); **Steal Sunshine** (Bobby Dibona); **T O Saint Denis (JPN)** (Daisuke Takayanagi); **Trademark** (Vicki Oliver); **Tumbarumba** (Brian Lynch).

The 40<sup>th</sup> running of the \$600,000 Edgewood presented by TwinSpires.com (GII), run Friday, May 3 at 1 1/16 miles on turf, entries taken Saturday: **Buchu** (Phil Bauer); **Dancing N Dixie** (Mark Casse); **Hard to Justify** (Chad Brown); **Pink Polkadots** (Joe Sharp); **Ragtime Lady** (Tom Amoss) and **Simply In Front** (Eddie Kenneally).

The 69<sup>th</sup> running of the \$600,000 Eight Belles presented by Sysco (GII), run Friday, May 3 at seven furlongs, entries taken Saturday: **Accommodate Eva** (Dallas Stewart); **All Things Go** (Michael Puhich); **Asternia** (Randy Morse); **Do Gooder** (Jena Antonucci); **Harbor Springs** (Greg Foley); **Lady Moscato** (Wayne Lukas); **Launch** (Jorge Delgado); **Maxisuperfly** (Eric Foster).

The 67<sup>th</sup> running of the \$400,000 Modesty presented by Derby City Gaming (GIII), run Friday, May 3 at 1 1/8 miles on turf, entries taken Saturday: **Aspen Grove (IRE)** (Chad Brown); **Be Your Best** (Horacio De Paz); **Forever After All** (Brendan Walsh); **Henrietta Topham** (Geoff Mulcahy); **Sparkle Blue** (Graham Motion); **Surprisingly** (Todd Pletcher); **Tryinmyheartout** (Shane Wilson).

The 14<sup>th</sup> running of the \$400,000 Unbridled Sidney presented by Resolute Racing (GIII), run Friday, May 3 at 5 1/2 furlongs on turf, entries taken Saturday: **Miss Speedy** (Mark Casse); **Stone Silent** (Brian Lynch); **Tony Ann** (Phil D'Amato).

The 89<sup>th</sup> running of the \$1 million Churchill Downs presented by Ford (GI), run Saturday, May 4 at seven furlongs, entries taken Saturday: **Bo Cruz** (Al Stall Jr.); **Here Mi Song** (Billy Stinson Jr.); **Hoist the Gold** (Dallas Stewart); **Minnesota Ready** (Tom Amoss); **Oscar Eclipse** (Brian Lynch); **Tejano Twist** (Chris Hartman); **Three Technique** (Jason Cook).

The 38<sup>th</sup> running of the \$1 million Derby City Distaff presented by Kendall-Jackson Winery (GI), run Saturday, May 4 at seven furlongs, entries taken Saturday: **Alva Starr** (Brett Brinkman); **American Band** (John Haran); **Oliva Darling** (Jorge Delgado); **Red Carpet Ready** (Rusty Arnold II); **Spirit Wind** (Saffie Joseph Jr.); **Sterling Silver** (Lance Rutledge) and **Vahva** (Cherie DeVaux).

The 38<sup>th</sup> running of the \$1 million Old Forester Bourbon Turf Classic (GI), run Saturday, May 4 at 1 1/8 miles on turf, entries taken Saturday: **Anglophile** (Brian Lynch); **Cellist** (Rusty Arnold II); **Far Bridge** (Christophe Clement); **I'm Very Busy** (Chad Brown); **Naval Power (GB)** (Charlie Appleby); **Program Trading** (Chad Brown); **Siege of Boston** (Jimmy Toner); **Webslinger** (Mark Casse).

The 39<sup>th</sup> running of the \$750,000 Longines Churchill Distaff Turf Mile (GII), run Saturday, May 4 at one-mile on turf, entries taken Saturday: **Be My Sunshine** (Saffie Joseph Jr.); Delahaye (Chad Brown); **Evvie Jets** (Mertkan Kantarmaci); **Mission of Joy** (Graham Motion); **Safeen** (Eddie Kenneally); **Sister Lou Ann** (Saffie Joseph Jr.); **Walkathon** (Ian Wilkes).

The 33<sup>rd</sup> running of the \$600,000 American Turf presented by TwinSpires (GII), run Saturday, May 4 at 1 1/16 miles on turf, entries taken Saturday: **Abrumar** (Saffie Joseph Jr.); **Dancing Groom** (Antonio Sano); **Legend of Time (GB)** (Charlie Appleby); **Neat** (Rob Atras); **Rock'n a Halo** (Tom Amoss) and **Trikari** (Graham Motion).

The 100<sup>th</sup> running of the \$600,000 Pat Day Mile presented by SAP (GII), run Saturday, May 4 at one-mile, entries taken Saturday: **Glengarry** (Doug Anderson); **Knightsbridge** (Bill Mott); **Nash** (Brad Cox) and **Who Dey** (Tom Drury Jr.).

The 30<sup>th</sup> running of the \$600,000 Twin Spires Turf Sprint presented by Sentient Jet (GII), run Saturday, May 4 at 5 1/2 furlongs on turf, entries taken Saturday: **Bad Beat Brian** (Brittany Vanden Berg); **Big Invasion** (Christophe Clement); Coppola (Dale Romans); **Eamonn** (Joe Orseno); **Extendo** (Joe Orseno); **Mischief Magic (IRE)** (Charlie Appleby); **Mister Mmmmm** (Joe Sharp); **Mo Stash** (Vicki Oliver); **Nothing Better** (Jorge Duarte Jr.); **Our Shot** (John Terranova); **Panther Island** (Laura Cazares).

The 3<sup>rd</sup> running of the \$200,000 Knicks Go Overnight Stakes presented by L&N Federal Credit Union (Listed), run Saturday, May 4 at one mile, entries taken Saturday: **Best Actor** (Brad Cox); **Collaborate** (Michael Ann Ewing); **Five Star General** (Grant Forster); **Kupuna** (Bret Calhoun); **Major Blue** (Wayne Lukas); **Strava** (Norm Casse).

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**KENTUCKY DERBY MORNING WORKS PROGRAM AIRS DAILY** – The Kentucky Derby Morning Works Show will air daily through Thurby and feature Churchill Downs’ expert handicappers **Joe Kristufek, Kaitlin Free, Tony Calo** and **Kevin Kilroy** along with an array of popular industry figures such as former leading rider **Rosie Napravnik** and Churchill Downs Track Announcer **Travis Stone**.

The 20-minute program will be streamed live on @KentuckyDerby on YouTube, Facebook and X.

**KENTUCKY DERBY, OAKS MORNING WORKOUTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** – Starting Thursday and continuing through Wednesday, May 1, Churchill Downs will be open free-of-charge daily from 7-10 a.m. so guests can watch the nation’s top 3-year-old Thoroughbreds train toward their engagements in this year’s Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks.

Horses train on Churchill Downs’ main track daily from 5:15-10 a.m. There will be an exclusive training window only for Derby and Oaks participants from 7:30-7:45 a.m. following the 7-7:30 a.m. renovation break. Those horses will be identified by special saddle towels which include their names: yellow saddle towels for Derby horses and pink saddle towels for Oaks contenders.

Guests can enter Churchill Downs through the Clubhouse Gate and should park for free in the nearby Yellow Lot for convenient entry. Guests will be directed to Sections 115-117 to watch the morning workouts.

On Sunday and Monday, fans can enjoy a premium breakfast in Millionaires Row or the Stakes Room for Dawn at the Downs. Tickets and more information can be found on [www.KentuckyDerby.com/DerbyWeek](http://www.KentuckyDerby.com/DerbyWeek).

The 150<sup>th</sup> runnings of the \$1.5 Longines Kentucky Oaks (Grade I) and \$5 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (GI) will be held Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4, respectively. Opening Night of Derby Week and the 44-day Spring Meet is Saturday.

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