

\$400,000 Ack Ack (Grade III)

33rd Running – Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025 (September Meet)
 3-Year-Olds & Up at 1 Mile on Dirt at Churchill Downs
 Stakes Record – 1:33.78, Pants On Fire (2013)
 Track Record – 1:33.26, Fruit Ludd (2014)
 Breeders' Cup "Win & You're In" Dirt Mile Series

Name Origin: The race is named for the 1971 Horse of the Year, Ack Ack, who also took honors that season as champion older colt, horse, or gelding and champion sprinter. At age 3, he won the 1969 Derby Trial – his lone start at Churchill Downs – in 1:34.40, which was a track record at the time.

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-#
2024-Sept. 28 (8th) 1 Mile (4)	Three Technique (7h) Grindley, Miller, Preuss & Werner	Rafael Bejarano (121) Jason Cook	Tumbarumba Cagliostro*	1:36.77 (sloppy) 5.29-1 (1 ½ lengths)	Mr Speaker Kentucky (Dk B or Br.)	\$356,000-Gr. III \$246,000—32
2023-Sept. 30 (9th) 1 Mile (7)	Zozos (4c)* Barry & Joni Butzow	Florent Geroux (121) Brad Cox	Stage Raider Three Technique	1:35.32 (fast) 0.77-1 (1 length)	Munnings Kentucky (Dk B or Br.)	\$400,000-Gr. III \$242,280—31
2022-Oct. 1 (9th) 1 Mile (8)	Senor Buscador (4c) Joe R. Peacock Jr.	Francisco Arrieta (121) Todd Fincher	Injunction Three Injunction	1:34.60 (fast) 6.18-1 (1 ½ lengths)	Mineshaft Kentucky (B.)	\$300,000-Gr. III \$180,350—30
2021-Oct. 2 (10th) 1 Mile (9)	Plainsman (6h) Shortleaf Stable Inc.	Joel Rosario (121) Brad Cox	Beau Liam* Atoka	1:33.85 (fast) 5.80-1 (1 length)	Flatter Kentucky (B.)	\$297,250-Gr. III \$178,800—29
2020-Sept. 26 (9th) 1 Mile (12)	Mr. Money (4c) Allied Racing Stable & Spendthrift Farm	Gabriel Saez (121) Bret Calhoun	Bourbon Calling Thirstforlife	1:34.85 (fast) 6.40-1 (1 ½ lengths)	Goldencents Kentucky (B.)	\$100,000-Gr. III \$57,660—28
2019-Sept. 28 (7th) 1 Mile (8)	Mr Freeze (4c) Jim Bakke & Gerald Isbister	Robby Albarado (121) Dale Romans	Thirstforlife Mr Darcy	1:34.11 (fast) 7.50-1 (1 ½ lengths)	To Honor and Serve Kentucky (Ch.)	\$150,000-Gr. III \$90,210—27
2018-Sept. 29 (8th) 1 Mile (6)	Seeking the Soul (5h) Charles E. Fipke	Brian Hernandez Jr. (121) Dallas Stewart	Nice Not Nice Giant Expectations	1:35.01 (fast) 3.60-1 (1 ½ lengths)	Perfect Soul-IRE Kentucky (B.)	\$100,000-Gr. III \$61,380—26
2017-Sept. 30 (10th) 1 Mile (9)	Awesome Slew (4c)* Live Oak Plantation	Corey Lanerie (118) Mark Casse	The Player Pinson	1:35.02 (fast) 0.60-1 (1 length)	Awesome Again Florida (B.)	\$100,000-Gr. III \$59,520—25
2016-Oct 1 (9th) 1 Mile (6)	Tom's Ready (3c) G M B Racing	Brian Hernandez Jr. (118) Dallas Stewart	Iron Fist Schivarelli	1:34.86 (wet fast) 4.90-1 (½ length)	More Than Ready Pennsylvania (Dk. B. or Br.)	\$100,000-Gr. III \$61,380—24
2015-Sept 26 (8th) 1 Mile (7)	Tapiture (4c) Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Ricardo Santana Jr. (118) Steve Asmussen	Viva Majorca* Hat of Jacks	1:35.39 (fast) 2.70-1 (½ length)	Tapit Kentucky (Ch.)	\$100,000-Gr. III \$60,760—23
2014-Sept 6 (4th) 1 Mile (5)	Bradester (4c)* Joseph W. Sutton	Corey Lanerie (119) Eddie Kenneally	Carve Flashback	1:34.54 (fast) 1.20-1 (1 ½ lengths)	Lion Heart Kentucky (B.)	\$107,300-Gr. III \$66,526—22
2013-Sept 7 (9th) 1 Mile (8)	Pants On Fire (5h) George & Lori Hall	Paco Lopez (121) Kelly Breen	Taptowne* Good Morning Diva	SR-1:33.78 (fast) 2.50-1 (2 ¼ lengths)	Jump Start Kentucky (Dk. B. or Br.)	\$110,700-Gr. III \$66,575—21
2012-Nov 2 (9th) 1 Mile (7)	Neck 'n Neck (3c) A. Stevens Miles Jr.	Brian Hernandez Jr. (120) Ian Wilkes	Fort Loudon Stealcase	1:36.38 (fast) 1.70-1 (2 ¼ lengths)	Flower Alley Kentucky (Dk. B. or Br.)	\$110,400-Gr. III \$67,080—20
2011-Nov 4 (3rd) 1 1/16 Miles (7)	Mister Marti Gras (4g) Lothenbach Stables LLC	Julien Leparoux (116) Chris Block	Alma d'Oro Glenwood Canyon	1:45.68 (muddy) 2.90-1 (1/2 length)	Belong to Me Kentucky (Ch.)	\$109,700-Gr. III \$66,655—19
2010-Nov 5 (4th) 1 1/16 Miles (5)	Apart (3c)* Adele Dilschneider	Garrett Gomez (117) Al Stall Jr.	Demarcation Colizeo	1:43.79 (fast) 1.40-1 (3/4 lengths)	Flatter Kentucky (Dk. B. or Br.)	\$108,600-Gr. III \$67,332—18
2009-Nov 6 (9th) 1 Mile (8)	Demarcation (5g) Amerman Racing Stables LLC	Jesus Castanon (116) Paul McGee	Glamour Guy Spotsgone	1:36.15 (fast) 10.70-1 (1 ½ lengths)	Gulch Kentucky (B.)	\$111,000-Gr. III \$66,757—17
2008-Oct 26 (10th) 1 Mile (6)	Magna Graduate (6h) Elisabeth Alexander	Shaun Bridgmohan (120) Steve Asmussen	Greeley's Conquest Forest Command*	1:36.06 (fast) 2.60-1 (2 ¼ lengths)	Honor Grades Kentucky (Dk. B. or Br.)	\$108,200-Gr. III \$66,416—16
2007-Nov 3 (9th) 1 Mile (8)	Istan (5h) Darpat S. L. Stables	Kent Desormeaux (118) Bill Mott	Sun King* Ryan's for Real	1:34.08 (fast) 2.40-1 (8 ¾ lengths)	Gone West Kentucky (B.)	\$221,600-Gr. III \$133,272—15
2006-Nov 4 (2nd) 1 Mile (12)	It's No Joke (4c) Stan Fulton	Robby Albarado (119) Rebecca Maker	Irene's Mon Level Playingfield	1:34.77 (fast) 3.40-1 (neck)	Distorted Humor Kentucky (Dk. B. or Br.)	\$232,800-Gr. III \$134,234—14
2005-Oct 30 (9th) 7 ½ F (9)	Straight Line (3c) Nancy Vanier & Cartwright Thoroughbreds LLC	Shaun Bridgmohan (114) Harvey Vanier	Vicarage* Level Playingfield	1:28.34 (fast) 9.30-1 (1 ½ lengths)	Boundary Kentucky (Dk. B. or Br.)	\$112,200-Gr. III \$69,564—13
2004-Oct 31 (9th) 7 ½ F (6)	Sir Cherokee (4c) Domino Stud of Lex LLC	Calvin Borel (114) Mike Tomlinson	Fire Slam* Slate Run	1:29.48 (fast) 6.40-1 (5 ¼ lengths)	Cherokee Run Kentucky (B.)	\$165,300-Gr. III \$102,486—12
2003-Oct 26 (9th) 7 ½ F (7)	Cappuchino (4c) Jerry Hollendorfer, Howard Litt & George Todaro	Jon Court (117) Jerry Hollendorfer	Pass Rush Twilight Road	1:31.66 (sloppy) 8.00-1 (2 lengths)	Capote Kentucky (B.)	\$165,450-Gr. III \$102,579—11
2002-Oct 27 (9th) 7 ½ F (9)	Twilight Road (5g)* Donamire Farm	Pat Day (113) Paul McGee	Mountain General Binthebest	1:29.39 (fast) 2.60-1 (2 ½ lengths)	Cahill Road Kentucky (Ch.)	\$112,700-Gr. III \$68,874—10
2001-Oct 28 (9th) 7 ½ F (11)	Illusioned (3c)* Team Valor Stable, Kinsman Stable & Helligbrodt Stable	Pat Day (118) Bill Mott	Strawberry Affair Fappie's Notebook	1:28.63 (fast) 0.90-1 (3 ¾ lengths)	Woodman Kentucky (Ch.)	\$114,300-Gr. III \$70,866—9
2000-Oct 29 (9th) 7 ½ F (10)	Chindi (6g) Cresnan LLC	Tim Doocy (113) Steve Hobby	Smolderin Heart Millencolin	1:29.30 (fast) 6.20-1 (1 ½ lengths)	El Prado-IRE Kentucky (Gr. or Ro.)	\$113,700-Gr. III \$70,494—8
1999-Oct 31 (9th) 7 ½ F (11)	Littlebitlively (5h)* John Franks	Run Johnny (119) Bobby Barnett	Tactical Cat	1:28.97 (fast) 2.60-1 (1/2 length)	Lively One Florida (Dk. B. or Br.)	\$115,600-Gr. III \$71,672—7
1998-Nov 1 (8th) 7 ½ F (6)	Distorted Humor (5h) R. L. Reineman & Prestonwood Farms Inc.	Calvin Borel (120) Elliott Walden	Crafty Friend Chindi	1:29.61 (fast) 2.90-1 (1 ½ lengths)	Forty Niner Kentucky (Ch.)	\$110,100-Gr. III \$68,262—6
1997-Oct 26 (8th) 7 ½ F (6)	Cat's Career (4c) Golden Eagle Farm	Willie Martinez (108) Lynn Whiting	Rare Rock Victor Cooley*	1:32.06 (sloppy) 14.30-1 (head)	Mr. Prospector Kentucky (B.)	\$111,500-Gr. III \$69,130—5
1996-Oct 27 (8th) 7 ½ F (8)	Western Trader (5h) John Franks	Calvin Borel (114) Bobby Barnett	Top Account* Strategy Intent	1:29.84 (sloppy) 20.30-1 (4 ½ lengths)	Heraclitus Kentucky (B.)	\$113,400 \$70,308—4
1995-Oct 29 (8th) 7 ½ F (10)	Mystery Storm (3c) David Beard	Carlos Gonzalez (112) Larry Robideaux Jr.	I'm Very Irish Tarzans Blade	1:29.10 (fast) 7.20-1 (4 lengths)	Storm Bird Kentucky (B.)	\$116,400 \$75,660—3
1994-Oct 30 (8th) 7 ½ F (8)	Lost Pan (4g) Overbrook Farm, Lukas & McDonald	Donna Barton (114) D. Wayne Lukas	Sir Vixen Groovy Jet	1:30.27 (fast) 2.80-1 (2 lengths)	Lost Code Kentucky (Ch.)	\$84,300 \$54,795—2
1991-Oct 27 (8th) 1 Mile (12)	Seven Spades (4c) Duane Clark	Danny Cox (108) Neil Huffman	Discover Senator to Be*	1:37.62 (sloppy) 39.90-1 (neck)	Solar City Illinois (B.)	\$59,250 \$38,513—1

*-Favorite ... Run as a handicap 1991-2015.

Most Wins, Jockey:
Most Wins, Trainer:

4, Calvin Borel (1996, '98, '99, 2004)
 2, Bobby Barnett (1996, '99); Bill Mott (2001, '07); Paul McGee (2002, '09); Steve Asmussen (2008, '15);
 Dallas Stewart (2016, '18); Brad Cox (2021, '23)

Most Wins, Owner:
Most Wins, Horse:
Most Starts:
High \$2 Win:
Low \$2 Win:
Largest Win Margin:
Smallest Win Margin:

2, John Franks (1996, '99)
 no horse with more than one win
 4, Chindi (1998, 2000-02)
 \$81.80, Seven Spades (1991)
 \$3.20, Awesome Slew (2017)
 8 ¾ lengths, Istan (2007)
 head, Cat's Career (1997)

Largest Field Size:	12 (1991, 2006, '20)
Smallest Field Size:	4 (2024)
Oldest Winner:	7-years-old, Three Technique (2024)
Youngest Winner:	3-years-old, Mystery Storm (1995), Illusioned (2001), Straight Line (2005), Apart (2010), Neck 'n Neck (2012) and Tom's Ready (2016)
Favorites Record:	32-7-7-4 (Win=21.9%; ITM=56.3%)
Favorites who finished off-the-board:	Speaker's Corner (7 th in 2022 at 1.43-1); Warrior's Charge (8 th in 2020 at 1.30-1); Mr. Jagermeister (5 th in 2019 at 3.40-1); C Z Rocket (4 th in 2018 at 1.20-1); Runhappy (4 th in 2016 at 0.30-1); Dominus (5 th in 2012 at 1.40-1); Gladding (4 th in 2011 at 2.80-1); Riley Tucker (4 th in 2009 at 1.20-1); Magna Graduate (10 th in 2006 at 2.60-1); Apt to Be (7 th in 2003 at 2.20-1); Bright Valour (6 th in 2000 at 2.40-1); High Stakes Player (5 th in 1998 at 2.50-1); Judge T C (5 th in 1995 at 1.10-1); Seattle Mom (7 th in 1994 at 2.60-1)
Fastest Splits at 1 mile – ¼-mile:	:22.61, Warrior's Charge (2020)
Fastest Splits at 1 mile – ½-mile:	:44.85, Warrior's Charge (2020)
Fastest Splits at 1 mile – ¾-mile:	1:09.11, Pioneer Spirit (2020)
Disqualifications:	none
Off-tracks:	Wet Fast (2016); Sloppy (1991, '96-97, 2003, '24); Muddy (2011)