

\$1 million Fasig-Tipton La Troienne (Grade I)

40th Running – Friday, May 2, 2025 (Spring Meet – Kentucky Oaks Day)
Fillies & Mares, 4-Year-Olds & Up at 1 1/16 Miles on Dirt at Churchill Downs
Stakes Record – 1:42.09, Authenticity (2013)
Track Record – 1:40.66, Fierceness (2025)

Name Origin: Formally known as the Louisville Breeders' Cup Handicap (1986-2007) and Louisville Distaff (2008-09), it was renamed to honor the La Troienne in 2010. The race currently known as the Eight Belles was known as the La Troienne from 1967-2008. Former Churchill Downs racing secretary Allan "Doc" Lavin wanted to name an event for the great foundation mare La Troienne (1926-54), who produced 14 foals – 12 raced and 10 were winners, including four stakes winners with seven stakes victories. Owing to the success of her descendants, she was listed as a Cluster Mare, which is a Thoroughbred broodmare that has produced two or more winners of five or more of the eight most important and valuable races, within six generations. She came in time to be described as "the most important producer to be brought across the Atlantic Ocean in this century."

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—
2025-May 2 (7th) 1 1/16 Miles (7)	Raging Sea (5m) Alpha Delta Stables LLC	Flavien Prat (123) Chad Brown	Taxed Randomized	1:42.91 (fast) 4.04-1 (¾ length)	Curlin Kentucky (Ch.)	\$992,000-Gr. I \$606,840—40
2024-May 3 (5th) 1 1/16 Miles (5)	Idiomantic (5m)* Juddmonte	Florent Geroux (123) Brad Cox	Free Like a Girl O-Pretty Mischievous	1:43.24 (sloppy) 0.83-1 (3 ¼ lengths)	Curlin Kentucky (B.)	\$1,000,000-Gr. I \$620,000—39
2023-May 5 (9th) 1 1/16 Miles (10)	Played Hard (5m) Rigney Racing LLC	John Velazquez (123) Phil Bauer	O-Secret Oath* Search Results	1:42.48 (fast) 8.93-1 (neck)	Into Mischief Kentucky (B.)	\$750,000-Gr. I \$441,750—38
2022-May 6 (6th) 1 1/16 Miles (7)	Pauline's Pearl (4f) Stonestreet Stables LLC	Joel Rosario (123) Steve Asmussen	O-Shedaresthedevil* Ava's Grace	1:42.46 (fast) 1.90-1 (1/2 length)	Tapit Kentucky (Gr or Ro.)	\$750,000-Gr. I \$455,700—37
2021-April 30 (8th) 1 1/16 Miles (7)	O-Shedaresthedevil (4f)* Flurry Racing Stables, Qatar Racing Ltd. & Big Aust Farms	Florent Geroux (123) Brad Cox	Envoutante Finite	1:42.69 (fast) 1.70-1 (1 length)	Daredevil Kentucky (B.)	\$500,000-Gr. I \$303,800—36
2020-Sept 4 (11th) 1 1/16 Miles (8)	OF-Monomoy Girl (5m)* <small>Midwest Oaks Nursery Stable LLC, The Shalom Group LLC & Salsbury Industries LLC</small>	Florent Geroux (123) Brad Cox	Lady Kate Horologist	1:42.14 (fast) 0.40-1 (1 ¼ lengths)	Tapizar Kentucky (Ch.)	\$500,000-Gr. I \$300,700—35
2019-May 3 (8th) 1 1/16 Miles (9)	She's a Julie (4f) <small>Whispering Oaks Farm LLC, Tanya Shady, Tim & Amy Graham, Baffin, Thoroughbred & Salsbury Industries LLC</small>	Ricardo Santana Jr. (118) Steve Asmussen	Secret Spice Blue Prize-ARG*	1:43.58 (fast) 5.00-1 (1/2 length)	Elusive Quality Kentucky (B.)	\$500,000-Gr. I \$297,600—34
2018-May 4 (6th) 1 1/16 Miles (6)	Salty (4f) Gary Barber, Baccari Racing Stable & Chester Prince	Tyler Gaffalione (118) Mark Casse	Farrell Martini Glass	1:43.78 (fast) 4.20-1 (1 ¼ lengths)	Quality Road Kentucky (B.)	\$350,000-Gr. I \$214,830—33
2017-May 5 (5th) 1 1/16 Miles (8)	Big World (4f) Maggi Moss	Florent Geroux (118) Tom Amoss	Romantic Vision Streamline	1:44.91 (sloppy) 7.00-1 (1 ½ lengths)	Custom for Carlos Louisiana (B.)	\$300,000-Gr. I \$180,420—32
2016-May 6 (6th) 1 1/16 Miles (6)	Curalina (4f) Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	John Velazquez (118) Todd Pletcher	Engaginglee Sheer Drama*	1:42.45 (fast) 2.30-1 (7 ½ lengths)	Curlin Kentucky (Ch.)	\$300,000-Gr. I \$184,140—31
2015-May 1 (7th) 1 1/16 Miles (9)	Molly Morgan (6m) W.D. Cubbedge	Corey Lanerie (120) Dale Romans	Sheer Drama* Gold Medal Dancer	1:43.25 (fast) 5.50-1 (¾ length)	Ghostzapper Kentucky (B.)	\$300,000-Gr. I \$178,560—30
2014-May 2 (5th) 1 1/16 Miles (6)	On Fire Baby (5m)* Anita Cauley	Joe Johnson (118) Gary Hartage	Molly Morgan Devil's Cave	1:43.48 (fast) 1.60-1 (2 ¾ lengths)	Smoke Glacken Kentucky (Gr. or Ro.)	\$327,000-Gr. I \$200,713—29
2013-May 3 (6th) 1 1/16 Miles (7)	Authenticity (6m) Padua Stables	John Velazquez (118) Todd Pletcher	On Fire Baby Believe You Can*	1:42.09 (fast) 5.10-1 (head)	Quiet American Kentucky (B.)	\$335,100-Gr. II \$203,607—28
2012-May 4 (6th) 1 1/16 Miles (7)	Juanita (4f) William and Graydon Patterson	Ramon Dominguez (118) Mike Maker	St. John's River O-Plum Pretty*	1:42.82 (fast) 16.70-1 (2 lengths)	Mineshaft Kentucky (Dk. B. or Br.)	\$327,000-Gr. II \$198,686—27
2011-May 6 (6th) 1 1/16 Miles (8)	O-Blind Luck (4f)* <small>Mark DeDonofrio LLC, John Carver, Peter Abruzzo & Jerry Hollendorfer</small>	Garrett Gomez (119) Jerry Hollendorfer	Unrivaled Belle All Due Respect	1:42.93 (fast) 1.40-1 (1/2 length)	Pollard's Vision Kentucky (Ch.)	\$333,900-Gr. II \$200,808—26
2010-Apr 30 (6th) 1 1/16 Miles (6)	Unrivaled Belle (4f) Gary Seidler & Peter Vegso	Kent Desormeaux (120) Bill Mott	O-Rachel Alexandra* Morena-PER	1:42.97 (fast) 9.40-1 (head)	Unbridled's Song Kentucky (Gr. or Ro.)	\$418,800-Gr. II \$265,659—25
2009-May 1 (7th) 1 1/16 Miles (6)	Miss Isella (4f) Domino Stud of Lex LLC	Calvin Borel (122) Ian Wilkes	One Caroline* Swift Temper	1:42.75 (good) 8.70-1 (3/4 lengths)	Silver Charm Kentucky (Gr. or Ro.)	\$379,700-Gr. II \$233,990—24
2008-May 2 (6th) 1 1/16 Miles (5)	Ginger Punch (5m)* Stronach Stables	Rafael Bejarano (124) Bobby Frankel	Leah's Secret Lear's Princess	1:43.08 (fast) 0.50-1 (3 ¼ lengths)	Awesome Again Florida (Ch.)	\$268,200-Gr. II \$148,924—23
2007-May 4 (8th) 1 1/16 Miles (6)	Fierly Pursuit (4f) Overbrook Farm	Calvin Borel (118) D. Wayne Lukas	Asi Siempre Baghdaria	1:44.11 (sloppy) 11.80-1 (head)	Carson City Kentucky (Ch.)	\$305,197-Gr. II \$202,069—22
2006-May 5 (8th) 1 1/16 Miles (8)	Oonagh Maccool-IRE (4f)* Charles Wacker III	Rafael Bejarano (117) Todd Pletcher	La Reason Gallant Secret	1:42.96 (fast) 1.60-1 (3 ½ lengths)	Giant's Causeway Ireland (Ch.)	\$271,000-Gr. II \$140,127—21
2005-May 6 (8th) 1 1/16 Miles (9)	Shadow Cast (4f) William S. Farish Jr.	Robby Albarado (116) Neil Howard	Island Sand Storm's Darling	1:42.43 (fast) 3.90-1 (1 length)	Smart Strike Kentucky (Ch.)	\$336,300-Gr. II \$210,366—20
2004-Apr 30 (8th) 1 1/16 Miles (6)	Lead Story (5m) A. Stevens Miles Jr.	Calvin Borel (116) Carl Nafzger	Yell Cat Fighter	1:44.37 (sloppy) 10.00-1 (3/4 lengths)	Editor's Note Kentucky (Ch.)	\$327,000-Gr. II \$202,740—19
2003-May 2 (8th) 1 1/16 Miles (5)	You (4f)* Ed Gann	Jerry Bailey (118) Bobby Frankel	Fly Borboleta Seven Four Seven	1:43.21 (fast) 0.30-1 (7 ¼ lengths)	You and I Kentucky (Dk. B. or Br.)	\$325,500-Gr. II \$201,810—18
2002-May 3 (7th) 1 1/16 Miles (6)	Spain (5m) The Thoroughbred Corporation	Jerry Bailey (118) D. Wayne Lukas	Mystic Lady De Bertie	1:43.93 (fast) 3.00-1 (1 ½ lengths)	Thunder Gulch Kentucky (B.)	\$332,700-Gr. II \$206,274—17
2001-May 4 (7th) 1 1/16 Miles (8)	Saudi Poetry (4f) The Thoroughbred Corporation	Victor Espinoza (112) Bob Baffert	Royal Fair Dreams Gallore	1:42.53 (fast) 14.00-1 (head)	Storm Cat Kentucky (Ch.)	\$279,000-Gr. II \$172,980—16
2000-May 5 (7th) 1 1/16 Miles (6)	Heritage of Gold (5m) Jack Garey	Shane Sellers (119) Tom Amoss	Roza Robata Bella Chiara*	1:42.99 (fast) 2.20-1 (1 ½ lengths)	Gold Legend Kentucky (B.)	\$255,250-Gr. II \$170,655—15
1999-Apr 30 (7th) 1 1/16 Miles (6)	Silent Eskimo (4f) John Franks	Calvin Borel (113) Bobby Barnett	Lu Ravi* Leo's Gypsy Dancer	1:43.82 (fast) 5.90-1 (1 ¼ lengths)	Eskimo Florida (Ch.)	\$268,250-Gr. II \$169,415—14
1998-May 1 (7th) 1 1/16 Miles (10)	F-Escena (5m)* Allen Paulson	Jerry Bailey (119) Bill Mott	One Rich Lady Three Fanfares	1:44.84 (fast) 0.70-1 (4 lengths)	Strawberry Road-AUS Kentucky (B.)	\$287,750-Gr. II \$178,405—13
1997-May 2 (7th) 1 1/16 Miles (7)	Halo America (7m)* John Franks	Calvin Borel (120) Bobby Barnett	Escena Rare Blend	1:42.78 (fast) 0.80-1 (3 ½ lengths)	Waquoit Florida (Gr.)	\$222,600-Gr. II \$138,012—12
1996-May 3 (7th) 1 1/16 Miles (6)	F-Jewel Princess (4f) Richard Stephen	Chris McCarron (118) Wally Dollase	Serena's Song* Naskra Colors	1:42.50 (fast) 2.00-1 (neck)	Key to the Mint Florida (B.)	\$220,000-Gr. II \$143,000—11
1995-May 5 (7th) 1 1/16 Miles (9)	Fit to Lead (5m) J. Colbert, R. Hubbard & C. Sczesney	Kent Desormeaux (113) Richard Mandella	Jade Flush* Teewinot	1:43.46 (fast) 2.60-1 (1 ½ lengths)	Fit to Fight Kentucky (Dk. B. or Br.)	\$212,500-Gr. II \$138,125—10
1994-May 6 (7th) 1 1/16 Miles (7)	One Dreamer (6m) Glen Hill Farm	Gary Stevens (115) Tom Proctor	Kalita Melody-GB Added Asset	1:43.73 (wet fast) 2.00-1 (4 lengths)	Relaunch Florida (Gr.)	\$210,200-Gr. II \$136,630—9
1993-Apr 30 (7th) 1 1/16 Miles (12)	Quilma-CHI (6m) Tri-Honors Stable	Jose Santos (113) Shug McGaughey III	Looie Capote* Hitch	1:44.61 (fast) 6.80-1 (3/4 lengths)	Semenenko Chile (Ch.)	\$92,800-Gr. II \$37,570—8
1992-May 1 (7th) 1 1/16 Miles (7)	Fowda (4f) Allen Paulson	Pat Valenzuela (117) Richard Lundy	Dance Colony Fit for a Queen*	1:44.16 (fast) 3.10-1 (2 lengths)	Strawberry Road-AUS Kentucky (Ch.)	\$155,000-Gr. II \$100,750—7
1991-May 3 (7th) 1 1/16 Miles (8)	Fit for a Queen (5m)* Hermitage Farm	Jerry Bailey (113) Steve Penrod	Crowned Topsa	1:43.13 (fast) 2.60-1 (5 lengths)	Fit to Fight New York (Ch.)	\$156,200-Gr. II \$101,530—6
1990-May 4 (7th) 1 1/16 Miles (6)	Connie's Gift (4f) William S. Farish & W. S. Kilroy	Pat Day (111) Neil Howard	Affirmed Classic Barbarika*	1:45.80 (sloppy) 5.50-1 (3 lengths)	Nijinsky II Kentucky (B.)	\$154,500-Gr. II \$100,425—5

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-#
1989-May 5 (7th) 1 1/16 Miles (6)	Darien Miss (4f)* Taylor Asbury & E. Andrews	Patrick Johnson (115) Rusty Arnold	Savannah's Honor Miss Barbour	1:46.00 (sloppy) 1.10-1 (1 ½ lengths)	Mr. Leader Kentucky (Dk. B. or Br.)	\$155,000-Gr. III \$100,750—4
1988-May 6 (7th) 1 1/16 Miles (5)	By Land By Sea (4f)* Javeff B. Stables & Brereton Jones	Fernando Toro (124) Gary Jones	Bound Bestofbothworlds	1:43.20 (fast) 0.40-1 (4 ½ lengths)	Sauce Boat Kentucky (B.)	\$154,150-Gr. III \$100,175—3
1987-May 1 (7th) 1 1/16 Miles (6)	Queen Alexandra (5m) Mrs. Morton Rosenthal	Don Brumfield (117) George Baker	Infinidad I'm Sweets	1:42.80 (fast) 11.10-1 (3/4 lengths)	Determined King New York (Dk. B. or Br.)	\$154,300 \$100,295—2
1986-May 3 (7th) 1 1/8 Miles (4)	Hopeful Word (5h)* Barrett Morris, Robert Doll & James Clifton	Pat Day (119) Carl Bowman	Little Missouri Czar Nijinsky	1:49.40 (fast) 0.90-1 (1 ¼ lengths)	Verbatim Kentucky (B.)	\$153,550 \$99,808—1

*-Favorite . . . O-Kentucky Oaks Winner . . . F-Champion Older Female . . . For 3-Year-Olds & Up at 1 1/8 Miles in 1986 . . . Changed to Fillies & Mares, 3-Year-Olds & Up in 1987 . . . Race previously known as the Louisville Breeders' Cup Handicap (1986-2007) and Louisville Distaff (2008-09) . . . Rachel Alexandra named horse of the year in 2009 . . . Ginger Punch named champion older female in 2007 . . . Escena named champion older female in 1998 . . . Awarded Grade I status in 2014.

Most Wins, Jockey:	5, Calvin Borel (1997, '99, 2004, '07, '09)
Most Wins, Trainer:	3, Todd Pletcher (2006, '13, '16) and Brad Cox (2020-21, '24)
Most Wins, Owner:	2, Allen Paulson (1992, '98), John Franks (1997, '99) and The Thoroughbred Corporation (2001-02)
Most Wins, Horse:	no horse with more than one win
Most Starts:	3, La Reason (2004-06)
High \$2 Win:	\$35.40, Juanita (2012)
Low \$2 Win:	\$2.60, You (2003)
Largest Win Margin:	7 ¾ lengths, You (2003)
Smallest Win Margin:	head, Saudi Poetry (2001), Fiery Pursuit (2007), Unrivaled Belle (2010) and Authenticity (2013)
Largest Field Size:	12 (1993)
Smallest Field Size:	4 (1986)
Oldest Winner:	7-years-old, Halo America (1997)
Youngest Winner:	4-years-old
Favorites Record:	40-14-9-6 (Win=35.0%; ITM=72.5%)
Favorites who finished off-the-board:	Thorpedo Anna (7 th in 2025 at 0.39-1); Abel Tasman (4 th in 2018 at 0.60-1); Paid Up Subscriber (4 th in 2017 at 1.00-1); Indian Vale (4 th in 2007 at 1.30-1); Star Parade-ARG (5 th in 2005 at 2.50-1); Sightseek (4 th in 2004 at 0.40-1); Forest Secrets (5 th in 2002 at 1.10-1); Secret Status (6 th in 2001 at 0.90-1); Silverbulletday (4 th in 2000 at 0.90-1); Testy Trestle (5 th in 1994 at 2.00-1)
Fastest Splits at 1 1/16-miles – ¼-mile:	:22.74, Resplendency (2005)
Fastest Splits at 1 1/16-miles – ½-mile:	:45.64, Resplendency (2005)
Fastest Splits at 1 1/16-miles – ¾-mile:	1:10.03, Fly Borboleta (2003)
Disqualifications:	none
Off-tracks:	Sloppy (1989-90, 2004, '07, '17, '24); Wet Fast (1994); Good (2009)