

\$300,000 River City (Grade III)

46th Running – Saturday, Nov. 8, 2025 (Fall Meet)
3-Year-Olds & Up at 1 1/8 Miles on Turf at Churchill Downs
Stakes Record – 1:47.90, Dr. Kashnikow (2001)
Course Record – 1:45.51, She Feels Pretty (2025)

Name Origin: Named as a tribute to Louisville's moniker as the River City.

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-Nov. 9 (10th) 1 1/8 Miles- Turf (9)	Battle of Normandy (4c) West Point Thoroughbreds & Woodford Racing	Luan Machado (121) Shug McGaughey III	Reckoning Force Gigante	1:48.79 (firm) 4.16-1 (1 1/4 lengths)	City of Light Kentucky (B.)	\$290,500-Gr. III \$178,800—45
2023-Nov. 11 (10th) 1 1/8 Miles- Turf (12)	Smokin' T (4c) DATTT Stable	John Velazquez (121) Shug McGaughey III	Harlan Estate Siege of Boston	1:50.66 (good) 4.27-1 (1 1/4 lengths)	War Front Kentucky (B.)	\$289,858-Gr. III \$174,150—44
2022-Nov. 13 (10th) 1 1/8 Miles-Off Turf (7)	Hozier (4g) Storyteller Racing	Julien Leparoux (121) Rodolphe Brisset	Starting Over In Love-BRZ	1:51.67 (fast) 4.95-1 (3 1/2 lengths)	Pioneerof the Nile Kentucky (B.)	\$292,500 \$181,900—43
2020-21 No Runnings						
2019-Nov. 16 (10th) 1 1/8 Miles-Turf (10)	Mr. Misunderstood (5g) Flurry Racing Stables LLC	Florent Geroux (121) Brad Cox	Cullum Road Admission Office*	1:53.31 (good) 4.60-1 (neck)	Archarcharch Kentucky (Dk B or Br.)	\$175,000-Gr. III \$103,075—42
2018-Nov. 17 (10th) 1 1/8 Miles-Turf (5)	Mr. Misunderstood (4g)* Flurry Racing Stables LLC	Florent Geroux (121) Brad Cox	Big Changes Team Colors	1:55.94 (yielding) 0.70-1 (1/2 length)	Archarcharch Kentucky (Dk B or Br.)	\$100,000-Gr. III \$62,000—41
2017-Nov. 23 (11th) 1 1/8 Miles-Turf (13)	Shining Copper (7g) Ken & Sarah Ramsey	Corey Lanerie (119) Mike Maker	Kasaquai-ARG Revved Up	1:52.78 (yielding) 4.20-1 (1 1/4 lengths)	Aragorn-IRE Kentucky (Ch.)	\$100,000-Gr. III \$57,040—40
2016-Nov. 24 (11th) 1 1/8 Miles-Turf (13)	Thatcher Street (5g) Randy Bloch, Phil Milner, John Seiler & Amietan LLC	Brian Hernandez Jr. (116) Ian Wilkes	Pleuven-FR The Pizza Man*	1:15.45 (good) 7.20-1 (1/2 length)	Street Sense Kentucky (B.)	\$100,000-Gr. III \$57,040—39
2015-Nov. 26 (10th) 1 1/8 Miles-Turf (8)	Heart to Heart-CAN (4c) Terry Hamilton	Julien Leparoux (121) Brian Lynch	Thatcher Street Perfect Title	1:52.16 (good) 1.60-1 (2 lengths)	English Channel Canada (B.)	\$100,000-Gr. III \$60,140—38
2014-Nov. 8 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles-Turf (11)	Villandry (5g) Gainesway Stable (Antony Beck)	Julien Leparoux (118) Charlie LoPresti	Hamp Under Control-BRZ	1:48.54 (firm) 4.30-1 (2 3/4 lengths)	Mr. Greeley Kentucky (Ch.)	\$114,000-Gr. III \$66,439—37
2013-Nov. 23 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles-Turf (10)	Potomac River (4c) Maribel Ruelas	Juan Vargas (117) Sergio Baez	Set the Sail Grand Arch	1:51.20 (good) 45.70-1 (2 lengths)	English Channel Kentucky (Ch.)	\$116,300-Gr. III \$68,501—36
2012-Nov. 25 (10th) 1 1/8 Miles-Turf (12)	Keep Up (5h) Mill Ridge Farm	Miguel Mena (115) Alex Clarkson	Boisterous* Skyring	1:48.05 (firm) 30.30-1 (1/2 length)	Unbridled's Song Kentucky (B.)	\$115,700-Gr. III \$66,713—35
2011-Nov. 19 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles-Turf (8)	Blues Street (7g) Anstu Stables Inc.	Robby Albarado (117) Eddie Kenneally	Allie's Event Gleam of Hope	1:51.72 (firm) 2.70-1 (4 1/2 lengths)	Street Cry-IRE Kentucky (Dk. B. or Br.)	\$111,000-Gr. III \$66,756—34
2010-Nov. 4 (11th) 1 1/8 Miles-Turf (8)	Battle of Hastings-GB (4g) Mike House	Joel Rosario (121) Greg Fox	Midnight Mischief Boots Ahead	1:48.90 (firm) 1.90-1 (2 1/2 lengths)	Royal Applause-GB England (B.)	\$111,200-Gr. III \$66,876—33
2009-Nov. 27 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles-Turf (10)	Rahystrada (5g) Robert E. Courtney	Leandro Goncalves (114) Byron Hughes	Rahy's Attorney Pleasant Strike	1:49.18 (firm) 56.90-1 (2 1/4 lengths)	Rahy Kentucky (Ch.)	\$112,700-Gr. III \$66,382—32
2008-Nov. 22 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles-Turf (11)	DH-Karelian (6g) Green Lantern Stables LLC	Bill Troilo (119) Rusty Arnold	Telling	1:50.06 (firm) 5.10-1 (2 lengths)	Bertrando Kentucky (B.)	\$114,400-Gr. III \$44,090—31
	DH-Demarcation (4g) Amerman Racing Stables LLC	Jesus Castanon (117) Paul McGee			Gulch Kentucky (B.)	
2007-Nov. 23 (10th) 1 1/8 Miles-Turf (10)	Thorn Song (4c) Zayat Stables LLC	Kent Desormeaux (116) Dale Romans	Cosmonaut* Gun Salute	1:51.37 (yielding) 7.40-1 (1/2 length)	Unbridled's Song Kentucky (Gr. or Ro.)	\$227,400-Gr. III \$133,940—30
2006-Nov. 3 (11th) 1 1/8 Miles-Turf (9)	Bayeux (5g) Michael Tabor	John Velazquez (112) Gerard Butler	Lord Admiral Ballast-IRE	1:48.77 (firm) 23.40-1 (1 1/2 lengths)	Red Ransom Kentucky (B.)	\$168,900-Gr. III \$100,531—29
2005-Nov. 20 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles-Turf (8)	America Alive (4c)* Mill House	Robby Albarado (119) Neil Howard	G P Fleet Shaniko	1:50.78 (firm) 1.50-1 (nose)	American Chance Kentucky (B.)	\$167,700-Gr. III \$103,974—28
2004-Nov. 21 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles-Turf (12)	G P Fleet (4g) Richard Bertram & Elaine Klein	Jose Martinez Jr. (115) Steve Flint	Cloudy's Knight Ay Caramba-BRZ	1:51.26 (yielding) 12.30-1 (1/2 length)	Northern Afleet Florida (Ch.)	\$174,300-Gr. III \$108,066—27
2003-Nov. 16 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles-Turf (10)	Hard Buck-BRZ (4c) Team Victory II	Brice Blanc (118) Kenny McPeck	Warleigh Rowans Park	1:51.60 (yielding) 11.60-1 (1/2 length)	Spend a Buck Brazil (Dk B or Br.)	\$172,800-Gr. III \$107,136—26
2002-Nov. 17 (11th) 1 1/8 Miles-Turf (11)	Dr. Kashnikow (5g) Erdenheim Farm	Robby Albarado (116) John Fisher	Foster's Landing Roxinhe-BRZ	1:51.44 (yielding) 3.30-1 (nose)	El Gran Senor Canada (Gr or Ro.)	\$175,650-Gr. III \$108,903—25
2001-Nov. 11 (8th) 1 1/8 Miles-Turf (8)	Dr. Kashnikow (4g) Erdenheim Farm	Robby Albarado (116) John Fisher	Tijiy* Strategic Mission	SR-1:47.90 (firm) 3.80-1 (1 1/2 lengths)	El Gran Senor Canada (Gr or Ro.)	\$177,300-Gr. III \$109,926—24
2000-Nov. 5 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles-Turf (8)	Brahms (3c) Tom Van Meter	Pat Day (112) Elliott Walden	Vergennes Super Quercus-FR*	1:48.09 (firm) 2.40-1 (1/2 length)	Danzig Kentucky (Dk B or Br.)	\$180,450-Gr. III \$111,879—23
1999-Nov. 21 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles-Turf (10)	Comic Strip (4c)* W. S. Farish, G. W. Humphrey Jr. & James Elkins	Pat Day (119) Neil Howard	Keats and Yeats Aboriginal Apex	1:50.71 (firm) 1.10-1 (1 1/2 lengths)	Red Ransom Kentucky (Dk B or Br.)	\$171,150-Gr. III \$106,113—22
1998-Nov. 8 (8th) 1 1/8 Miles-Turf (13)	Wild Event (5h)* Arthur I. Appleton	Shane Sellers (116) Lou Goldfine	Buff Floriselli	1:49.18 (firm) 2.50-1 (1 1/4 lengths)	Wild Again Florida (B.)	\$187,800-Gr. III \$116,436—21
1997-Nov. 16 (8th) 1 1/8 Miles-Turf (9)	Same Old Wish (7g) Friendship Stable	Shane Sellers (117) Bobby Barbara	Aboriginal Apex Joveux Danseur	1:50.90 (good) 6.90-1 (1 1/4 lengths)	Lyphard's Wish-FR Florida (B.)	\$171,900-Gr. III \$106,578—20
1996-Nov. 17 (8th) 1 1/8 Miles-Turf (7)	Same Old Wish (6g)* Friendship Stable	Shane Sellers (119) Bobby Barbara	Jet Freightier Franchise Player	1:49.21 (soft) 1.60-1 (2 lengths)	Lyphard's Wish-FR Florida (B.)	\$113,100-Gr. III \$70,122—19
1995-Nov. 12 (8th) 1 1/8 Miles-Turf (8)	Homing Pigeon (5g) Nancy Vanier	Randy Romero (113) Harvey Vanier	Hawk Attack* Dusty Asher	1:51.00 (good) 7.70-1 (neck)	Magloire Illinois (Dk B or Br.)	\$112,800 \$73,320—18
1994-Nov. 6 (8th) 1 1/8 Miles-Turf (11)	Lindon Lime (4g) Frank Mansell	Shane Sellers (113) Elliott Walden	Torch Rouge Jaggery John	1:49.30 (firm) 3.50-1 (1 1/2 lengths)	Green Dancer Kentucky (Dk B or Br.)	\$116,400 \$75,660—17
1993-Oct. 31 (8th) 1 1/8 Miles-Off the Turf (5)	Secreto's Hideaway (4g)* Mickey Liber	Willie Martinez (110) Akiko Gothard	Little Bro Lantis Ganges	1:53.83 (muddy) 0.90-1 (3/4 lengths)	Secreto Kentucky (B.)	\$111,800 \$72,670—16
1992-Nov. 15 (8th) 1 1/8 Miles-Turf (8)	Cozzene's Prince (5g) Kirby Canada Farm	David Penna (117) Tino Attard	Lotus Pool Stagecraft-GB	1:49.31 (firm) 11.70-1 (nose)	Cozzene Canada (Gr.)	\$112,400 \$73,060—15
1991-Nov. 3 (8th) 1 1/8 Miles-Turf (10)	Spending Record (4c)* Moyglare Stud Farm	Pat Day (114) D. Wayne Lukas	Stage Colony Silver Medallion	1:50.34 (firm) 2.20-1 (3 1/4 lengths)	Topsider Kentucky (Ch.)	\$115,500 \$75,075—14
1990-Nov. 11 (8th) 1 1/8 Miles-Turf (10)	Silver Medallion (4g)* Brereton C. Jones	Craig Perret (118) Phil Hauswald	Blair's Cove Rushing Raj	1:50.80 (firm) 0.90-1 (2 lengths)	Silver Hawk Kentucky (B.)	\$87,000 \$56,550—13
1989-Nov. 12 (8th) 1 1/8 Miles-Turf (10)	Spark O'Dan (4g) W. S. Greene	Joe Johnson (113) Gary Hartlage	Exclusive Greer Air Worthy	1:50.80 (firm) 16.40-1 (3/4 lengths)	Danzig Kentucky (B.)	\$85,275 \$55,429—12
1988-Nov. 6 (8th) 1 1/8 Miles-Off the Turf (7)	Ile de Jinsky (4c) Finish Line Stable	Eugene Sipus Jr. (113) William Thomas	Stop the Stage Herakles*	1:53.20 (muddy) 2.50-1 (4 lengths)	Ile de Bourbon Maryland (B.)	\$68,310 \$44,618—11
1987-Nov. 7 (8th) 1 1/16 Miles-Turf (10)	Kings River II (5h) Bert Firestone	Mike Smith (114) Bill Mott	Lord Grundy Boulder Run	1:45.40 (firm) 4.50-1 (nose)	Irish River-FR Ireland (Ch.)	\$57,150 \$37,148—10
1986-Nov. 16 (8th) 1 Mile (8)	Taylor's Special (5h)* William Lucas	Pat Day (123) Bill Mott	Doonesbear Sumptious	1:36.20 (fast) 0.30-1 (2 1/2 lengths)	Hawkin's Special Kentucky (B.)	\$46,165 \$30,007—9
1985-Nov. 16 (8th) 1 Mile (6)	Banner Bob (3c) W. J. & Sharon Walsh	Keith Allen (118) J. J. Sarner Jr.	Rapid Gray* Cullendale	1:36.60 (muddy) 2.30-1 (neck)	Herculean Kentucky (Dk B or Br.)	\$44,800 \$29,348—8

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1984-Nov. 11 (8th) 1 Mile (8)	Eminency (6h)* Happy Valley Farm	Pat Day (115) Shug McGaughey III	Thumbsucker Bayou Hebert	1:38.40 (muddy) 0.50-1 (1/2 length)	Vaguely Noble Florida (B.)	\$28,350 \$18,103—7
1983-Nov. 5 (8th) 1 Mile (8)	Northern Majesty (4c) Leslie Combs II & C. C. Green	Sam Maple (120) Ray Lawrence Jr.	Shot n' Missed* Straight Flow	1:37.00 (fast) 2.10-1 (head)	His Majesty Ohio (B.)	\$28,450 \$18,249—6
1982-Nov. 13 (8th) 1 Mile (13)	Pleasing Times (3c) Tom Gentry	Pat Day (110) Joe Bollero	Hechizado Rackensack	1:38.20 (fast) 4.40-1 (head)	Olden Times Kentucky (Ch.)	\$31,250 \$20,719—5
1981-Nov. 2 (8th) 6 F (8)	Suliman (4c) Joyce Starr & Dixie Holthus	Larry Snyder (113) Bob Holthus	Tiger Lure Senate Chairman	1:10.60 (fast) 32.00-1 (1/2 lengths)	Little Current Kentucky (B.)	\$30,950 \$20,199—4
1980-Nov. 1 (8th) 6 F (6)	Tinsley's Hope (6g) Henry Pace	Julio Espinoza (114) William Thomas	Go With the Times* Withholding	1:11.00 (fast) 6.90-1 (3 lengths)	Tinsley Kentucky (B.)	\$29,300 \$19,208—3
1979-Oct. 29 (8th) 6 F (7)	Go With the Times (3g)* Russell Reineman	Gerry Gallitano (120) Joe Bollero	Cossett Charlie Bask*	1:10.20 (fast) 0.60-1 (7 lengths)	Blade Kentucky (Ch.)	\$25,000 \$19,435—2
1978-Oct. 30 (8th) 6 F (8)	Inca Roca (5h)* Charles Jarrell	Julio Espinoza (118) Earl Puckett	Perplext Raymond Earl	1:10.40 (fast) 1.80-1 (1 ½ lengths)	Hedever Florida (B.)	\$24,475 \$17,859—1

*-Favorite . . . DH-Karelian and Demarcation dead-heated for the win in 2008 ... Keep Up, a son of 1998 Kentucky Oaks winner Keeper Hill, is the most recent Churchill Downs stakes winner produced by a winner of the Kentucky Oaks. ... Run as a handicap 1978-2018.

Most Wins, Jockey:	6, Pat Day (1982, '84, '86, '91, '99, 2000)
Most Wins, Trainer:	3, Shug McGaughey (1984, 2023)
Most Wins, Owner:	2, Friendship Stable (1996-97), Erdenheim Farm (2001-02), Flurry Racing Stables (2018-19)
Most Wins, Horse:	2, Same Old Wish (1996-97), Dr. Kashnikow (2001-02), Mr. Misunderstood (2018-19)
Most Starts:	3, Withholding (1980-82) and Dr. Kashnikow (2001-02, '04)
High \$2 Win:	\$115.80, Rahystrada (2009)
Low \$2 Win:	\$2.60, Taylor's Special (1986)
Largest Win Margin:	7 lengths, Go With the Times (1979)
Smallest Win Margin:	nose, Kings River II (1987); Cozzene's Prince (1992); Dr. Kashnikow (2002); America Alive (2005)
Largest Field Size:	13 (1998)
Smallest Field Size:	5 (1993)
Oldest Winner:	7-years-old, Same Old Wish (1997), Blues Street (2011) and Shining Copper (2017)
Youngest Winner:	3-years-old, Go With the Times (1979), Pleasing Times (1982), Banner Bob (1985) and Brahms (2000)
Favorites Record:	45-12-7-5 (Win=26.7%; ITM=53.3%)
Favorites who finished off-the-board:	Cash Equity-FR (4 th in 2024 at 3.03-1); Rockemperor-IRE (7 th in 2023 at 3.21-1); Militarist (6 th in 2022 at 1.29-1); War Correspondent (8 th in 2017 at 3.30-1); Messi-GER (5 th in 2015 at 0.90-1); Silver Max (6 th in 2014 at 4.30-1); Coalport (7 th in 2013 at 2.80-1); Tajaaweed (4 th in 2011 at 1.80-1); Rahystrada (5 th in 2010 at 1.60-1); Karelian (8 th in 2009 at 1.60-1); Thorn Song (8 th in 2008 at 2.70-1); Art Master (7 th in 2006 at 1.90-1); Warleigh (7 th in 2004 at 2.70-1); Sharbayan-IRE (5 th in 2003 at 1.90-1); Moon Solitaire-IRE (10 th in 2002 at 1.40-1); Trail City (4 th in 1997 at 1.30-1); Jeune Homme (6 th in 1994 at 1.50-1); Itsallgreekto me (4 th in 1992 at 2.10-1); Shy Tom (6 th in 1989 at 1.00-1); Expedition Moon and Mister C. (7 th and 8 th as entry in 1987 at 1.90-1); Mythical Ruler (9 th in 1982 at 1.60-1); Done Well (8 th in 1981 at 3.00-1); Man's Man (4 th in 1978 as co-favorite at 1.80-1)
Fastest Splits at 1 1/8-miles on Turf – ¼-mile:	:23.33, Yaqthan-IRE (1998) and Dominican Pioneer (2023)
Fastest Splits at 1 1/8-miles on Turf – ½-mile:	:47.17, Yaqthan-IRE (1998)
Fastest Splits at 1 1/8-miles on Turf – ¾-mile:	1:11.07, Global Power (2012)
Disqualifications:	none
Off-tracks:	Muddy (1984-85, '88, '93); Good (1995, '97, 2013, '15-'16, '19, '23); Soft (1996); Yielding (2002-04, '07, '17-18)