

\$1 million Stephen Foster (Grade I)

44th Running – Saturday, June 28, 2025 (Spring Meet)
 4-Year-Olds & Up at 1 1/8 Miles on Dirt at Churchill Downs
 Breeders' Cup Challenge "Win and You're In" – Classic Division
 Stakes Record – 1:47.28, Victory Gallop (1999)
 Track Record – 1:47.26, Gould's Gold (2025)

Name Origin: The race is named in honor of famed composer Stephen Foster, who wrote numerous melodies including "My Old Kentucky Home" – the song that is annually played as the Kentucky Derby field parades on the track. The Stephen Foster was created in 1982, for 3-year-olds and up at 1 1/8 miles. The race rose from Grade III status in 1988 to Grade II in 1995, and was made a Grade I event in 2002. A 17-year run as a Grade I event ended in 2019 when it was downgraded to a Grade II. The purse received a huge increase in 1998 as it was raised from \$150,000 to \$750,000 and to \$1 million in 2008. Today, it is worth \$600,000.

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-June 28 (11th) 1 1/8 Miles (6)	Mindframe (4c)* Repole Stable & St. Elias Stables LLC	Irad Ortiz Jr. (124) Todd Pletcher	Sierra Leone First Mission	1:47.48 (fast) 1.88-1 (1 length)	Constitution Maryland (Dk B or Br.)	\$940,000-Gr. I \$552,420—44
2024-June 29 (11th) 1 1/8 Miles (8)	Kingsbarns (4c) Spendthrift Farm LLC	Luis Saez (124) Todd Pletcher	Pyrenees Skippylongstocking	1:48.09 (fast) 9.95-1 (2 ½ lengths)	Uncle Mo Kentucky (B.)	\$1,000,000-Gr. I \$601,260—43
2023-July 1 (Elp 10th) 1 1/8 Miles (8)	West Will Power (6h)* Gary & Mary West	Flavien Prat (124) Brad Cox	Rattle N Roll Happy American	1:47.93 (fast) 2.07-1 (1/2 length)	Bernardini Kentucky (B.)	\$1,000,000-Gr. I \$599,260—42
2022-July 2 (10th) 1 1/8 Miles (7)	Olympiad (4c)* Grandview Equine, Cheyenne Stable LLC & LNJ Forewoods	Junior Alvarado (124) Bill Mott	Americanrevolution Proxy	1:47.66 (fast) 1.50-1 (2 ¼ lengths)	Speightstown Kentucky (B.)	\$740,000-Gr. II \$455,320—41
2021-June 26 (11th) 1 1/8 Miles (9)	Maxfield (4c)* Godolphin LLC	Jose Ortiz (121) Brendan Walsh	Warrior's Charge Sprawl	1:48.53 (fast) 0.40-1 (3 ¼ lengths)	Street Sense Kentucky (Dk B or Br.)	\$600,000-Gr. II \$357,120—40
2020-June 27 (10th) 1 1/8 Miles (8)	Tom's d'Etat (7h)* G M B Racing	Miguel Mena (124) Al Stall Jr.	By My Standards Silver Dust	1:47.30 (fast) 1.30-1 (4 ¼ lengths)	Smart Strike Kentucky (B.)	\$500,000-Gr. II \$300,700—39
2019-June 15 (8th) 1 1/8 Miles (12)	Seeking the Soul (6h) Charles E. Fipke	John Velazquez (121) Dallas Stewart	Quip Tom's d'Etat	1:49.27 (fast) 4.60-1 (neck)	Perfect Soul-IRE Kentucky (B.)	\$600,000-Gr. II \$345,960—38
2018-June 16 (8th) 1 1/8 Miles (9)	Pavel (4c) Reddam Racing LLC	Mario Gutierrez (117) Doug O'Neill	Honorable Duty Matrooh	1:49.21 (fast) 6.80-1 (3 ¾ lengths)	Creative Cause Kentucky (Gr or Ro.)	\$500,000-Gr. I \$297,600—37
2017-June 17 (8th) 1 1/8 Miles (8)	HM-Gun Runner (4c)* Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC & Three Chimneys Farm	Florent Geroux (124) Steve Asmussen	Honorable Duty Breaking Lucky	1:47.56 (fast) 0.50-1 (7 lengths)	Candy Ride-ARG Kentucky (Ch.)	\$500,000-Gr. I \$300,700—36
2016-June 18 (8th) 1 1/8 Miles (7)	Bradester (6h) Joseph W. Sutton	Joe Bravo (116) Eddie Kenneally	Eagle Majestic Harbor	1:48.85 (fast) 9.20-1 (1/2 length)	Lion Heart Kentucky (B.)	\$500,000-Gr. I \$303,800—35
2015-June 13 (8th) 1 1/8 Miles (7)	Noble Bird (4c) John C. Oxley	Shaun Bridgmohan (116) Mark Casse	Lea* Hoppertunity	1:47.94 (fast) 4.70-1 (neck)	Birdstone Kentucky (Ch.)	\$500,000-Gr. I \$303,800—34
2014-June 14 (8th) 1 1/8 Miles (9)	Moonshine Mullin (6h) Randy Patterson	Calvin Borel (118) Randy Morse	Will Take Charge* Departing	1:49.66 (fast) 10.00-1 (1 ¾ lengths)	Albert the Great Kentucky (B.)	\$552,500-Gr. I \$328,848—33
2013-June 15 (8th) 1 1/8 Miles (6)	Fort Larned (5h) Janis R. Whitham	Brian Hernandez Jr. (121) Ian Wilkes	Golden Ticket Ron the Greek	1:47.45 (fast) 3.30-1 (6 ¼ lengths)	E Dubai Kentucky (B.)	\$536,300-Gr. I \$329,181—32
2012-June 16 (8th) 1 1/8 Miles (8)	Ron the Greek (5h) Brouss Stable, Wachtel Stable & Jack Hammer	Jose Lezcano (119) Bill Mott	HMTM-Wise Dan* Nates Mineshaft	1:50.51 (fast) 9.40-1 (head)	Full Mandate Florida (B.)	\$437,200-Gr. I \$262,932—31
2011-June 18 (12th) 1 1/8 Miles (11)	Pool Play (6h) William S. Farish Jr.	Miguel Mena (116) Mark Casse	Mission Impazible Apart	1:50.52 (fast) 36.60-1 (neck)	Silver Deputy Canada (Dk. b. or br.)	\$561,300-Gr. I \$327,127—30
2010-June 12 (10th) 1 1/8 Miles (11)	M-Blame (4c) Adele Dilschneider & Claiborne Farm	Garrett Gomez (120) Al Stall Jr.	Battle Plan* General Quarters	1:49.37 (fast) 3.90-1 (3/4 length)	Arch Kentucky (B.)	\$671,700-Gr. I \$391,467—29
2009-June 13 (10th) 1 1/8 Miles (8)	Macho Again (4c) West Point Thoroughbreds	Robby Albarado (117) Dallas Stewart	Asiatic Boy-ARG Einstein-BRZ*	1:49.75 (fast) 7.70-1 (1 length)	Macho Uno Kentucky (Gr./Ro.)	\$660,000-Gr. I \$396,924—28
2008-June 14 (10th) 1 1/8 Miles (10)	HM-Curlin (4c)* Stonestreet Stables LLC & Midnight Cry Stables	Robby Albarado (128) Steve Asmussen	Einstein-BRZ Barcola	1:49.68 (fast) 0.40-1 (4 ¼ lengths)	Smart Strike Kentucky (Ch.)	\$1,000,000-Gr. I \$589,000—27
2007-June 16 (10th) 1 1/8 Miles (8)	Flashy Bull (4c) West Point Thoroughbreds	Robby Albarado (117) Kiaran McLaughlin	Magna Graduate Diamond Stripes	1:48.63 (fast) 6.10-1 (head)	Holy Bull Kentucky (Gr./Ro.)	\$829,500-Gr. I \$498,863—26
2006-June 17 (10th) 1 1/8 Miles (9)	Seek Gold (6g) Bowman Couch Racing LLC	Calvin Borel (116) Ron Moquett	Perfect Drift West Virginia	1:49.24 (fast) 91.70-1 (nose)	Touch Gold Kentucky (B.)	\$844,500-Gr. I \$502,647—25
2005-June 18 (10th) 1 1/8 Miles (8)	HM-Saint Liam (5h)* Mr. & Mrs. William K. Warren Jr.	Edgar Prado (121) Bobby Frankel	Eurosilver Perfect Drift	1:47.52 (fast) 0.90-1 (2 ¾ lengths)	Saint Ballado Kentucky (B.)	\$828,000-Gr. I \$513,360—24
2004-June 12 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles (6)	Colonial Colony (6h) Lakeside Farms LLC	Rafael Bejarano (111) Walter Bindner Jr.	Southern Image* Perfect Drift	1:50.40 (sloppy) 62.60-1 (nose)	Pleasant Colony Kentucky (Dk. b. or br.)	\$810,750-Gr. I \$502,665—23
2003-June 14 (10th) 1 1/8 Miles (10)	Perfect Drift (4g) Stonecrest Farm	Pat Day (115) Murray Johnson	HM-Mineshaft* Aldebaran	1:47.55 (fast) 6.80-1 (head)	Dynaformer Kentucky (B.)	\$856,500-Gr. I \$531,030—22
2002-June 15 (10th) 1 1/8 Miles (8)	Street Cry-IRE (4c) Godolphin Racing LLC	Jerry Bailey (120) Saeed bin Suroor	Dollar Bill Tenpins	1:47.84 (fast) 2.10-1 (6 ½ lengths)	Machiavellian Ireland (Dk. b. or br.)	\$833,250-Gr. I \$516,615—21
2001-June 16 (11th) 1 1/8 Miles (8)	Guided Tour (5g) Mort Fink	Larry Melancon (113) Niall O'Callaghan	Captain Steve* Brahms	1:47.74 (fast) 15.70-1 (1/2 length)	Hansel Kentucky (B.)	\$831,000-Gr. II \$515,220—20
2000-June 17 (8th) 1 1/8 Miles (6)	Golden Missile (5h) Stronach Stables	Kent Desormeaux (118) Joe Orseno	Ecton Park* Cat Thief	1:49.56 (sloppy) 2.50-1 (2 ¾ lengths)	A.P. Indy Kentucky (Ch.)	\$810,000-Gr. II \$502,200—19
1999-June 12 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles (7)	M-Victory Gallop (4c)* Prestonwood Farm LLC	Jerry Bailey (120) Elliott Walden	Nite Dreamer Littlebitlively	CR-1:47.28 (fast) 1.30-1 (5 lengths)	Cryptoclearance Canada (B.)	\$827,250-Gr. II \$512,895—18
1998-June 13 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles (7)	Awesome Again (4c) Stronach Stables	Pat Day (113) Pat Byrne	D-Silver Charm Semoran	1:48.61 (fast) 5.90-1 (1 length)	Deputy Minister Canada (B.)	\$799,500-Gr. II \$495,690—17
1997-June 14 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles (6)	City by Night (4c) Nancy & Richard Kaster	Shane Sellers (113) Pat Byrne	Victor Cooley* Semoran	1:50.52 (sloppy) 4.00-1 (3 ½ lengths)	Slew City Slew Florida (B.)	\$163,950-Gr. II \$101,649—16
1996-June 15 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles (8)	Tenants Harbor (4c) Michael Sheehan	Francisco Torres (112) Robert Desensi	Pleasant Tango Mt. Sassafras	1:49.94 (fast) 5.80-1 (nose)	Badger Land Kentucky (Ch.)	\$166,050-Gr. II \$107,933—15
1995-June 17 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles (9)	Recoup the Cash (5g) Richard Trebat	Aaron Gryder (119) Jere Smith Sr.	Tyus Powerful Punch	1:49.39 (fast) 21.50-1 (1 ½ lengths)	Copelan Kentucky (B.)	\$168,150-Gr. II \$109,298—14
1994-June 18 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles (7)	Recoup the Cash (4g) Richard Trebat	Juvenal Diaz (112) Jere Smith Sr.	Taking Risks Dignitas	1:49.46 (fast) 10.20-1 (2 ½ lengths)	Copelan Kentucky (B.)	\$163,500-Gr. III \$106,275—13
1993-June 19 (10th) 1 1/8 Miles (11)	Root Boy (5h)* Richard Blue Jr.	Tommy Turner (113) Louis Bernier Jr.	Discover Flying Continental	1:50.80 (fast) 4.60-1 (2 lengths)	Baederwood Maryland (B.)	\$114,000-Gr. III \$74,100—12
1992-June 20 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles (13)	Discover (4c) Claiborne Farm	Brent Bartram (116) Steve Penrod	Barkerville Classic Seven	1:50.14 (fast) 8.10-1 (2 ½ lengths)	Cox's Ridge Kentucky (B.)	\$115,900-Gr. III \$75,335—11
1991-June 22 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles (5)	HM-Black Tie Affair-IRE (5h)* Jeff Sullivan	Juvenal Diaz (119) Emie Poulos	Private School Greydar	1:49.81 (fast) 1.20-1 (2 ¾ lengths)	Miswaki Ireland (Gr./Ro.)	\$109,100-Gr. III \$70,915—10
1990-June 23 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles (10)	No Marker (6h) Billy Ray Gowdy	Aaron Gryder (115) Patricia Johnson	Western Playboy Lucky Peach	1:49.80 (fast) 6.10-1 (3 lengths)	Grey Dawn II Kentucky (Ro.)	\$112,200-Gr. III 9

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1989-June 24 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles (9)	Air Worthy (4g) John Carlesimo	D.J. Soto (115) William "Blackie" Huffman	J.T.'s Pet Present Value	1:49.60 (fast) 16.50-1 (1/2 length)	Air Forbes Won Kentucky (Dk. b. or br.)	\$112,700-Gr.III 8
1988-June 25 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles (10)	Honor Medal (7h) Lettuce Farm	Luis Ortega (123) Neil Drysdale	Outlaws Sham Momsfurrari	1:50.60 (fast) 2.90-1 (head)	Avatar Kentucky (Ch.)	\$129,700-Gr.III 7
1987-June 13 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles (9)	Red Attack (5h) Pillar Stud Inc.	Jack Kaenel (119) D. Wayne Lukas	Sir Naskra Blue Buckaroo	1:51.20 (fast) 2.30-1 (3/4 length)	Alydar Kentucky (Ch.)	\$103,775 6
1986-June 14 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles (7)	Hopeful Word (5h)* Morris, Clifton & Doll	Keith Allen (123) Carl Bowman	Dramatic Desire Ten Gold Pots	1:49.40 (fast) 0.70-1 (2 1/4 lengths)	Verbatim Kentucky (B.)	\$102,050 5
1985-June 16 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles (7)	M-Vanlandingham (4c)* Loblolly Stable	Pat Day (121) Shug McGaughey III	Manantial Sovereign Exchange	1:48.80 (fast) 0.10-1 (1/2 length)	Cox's Ridge Kentucky (B.)	\$79,250 4
1984-Aug. 25 (8th) 1 1/8 Miles (5)	Mythical Ruler (6h) Albert Risen	Jim McKnight (117) Fred Wirth	Fairly Straight Le Cou Cou*	1:49.60 (fast) 2.30-1 (2 lengths)	Ruritania Kentucky (Ro.)	\$73,550 3
1983-June 25 (9th) 1 1/8 Miles (7)	Vodika Collins (5h) M.B. Collins	Leroy Moyers (118) Forrest Kaelin	Mythical Ruler* Northern Majesty	1:49.20 (fast) 2.30-1 (2 lengths)	Vodika Kentucky (Ch.)	\$54,750 2
1982-June 19 (8th) 1 1/8 Miles (7)	Vodika Collins (4c) M.B. Collins	Tommy Barrow (116) Forrest Kaelin	Mythical Ruler Two's a Plenty*	1:51.80 (sloppy) 3.90-1 (neck)	Vodika Kentucky (Ch.)	\$57,900 1

*-Favorite . . . H-Horse of the Year . . . M-Champion Older Male . . . TM-Champion Turf Male . . . D-Kentucky Derby winner . . . Breeders' Cup Challenge "Win and You're In" Classic Division race since 2013. . . Race known as Stephen Foster Handicap Presented by Abu Dhabi from 2011, 2013-14. . . Race known as Stephen Foster Presented by GE Appliances in 2015-19. . . Handicap race 1982-2018 . . . Four horses used victories in the Stephen Foster as part of their résumés in Horse of the Year campaigns. The four are **Black Tie Affair** (1991), **Saint Liam** (2005), **Curlin** (2008) and **Gun Runner** (2017). In addition, two runner-ups were crowned Horse of the Year: **Mineshaft** (2003) and **Wise Dan** (2012). . . Four horses have won the Stephen Foster and the Breeders' Cup Classic in the same year. **Black Tie Affair** (1991) and **Awesome Again** (1998) won both races at Churchill Downs. **Saint Liam** (2005) won his running of the Classic at Belmont Park. Gun Runner (2017) won his Classic at Del Mar. Additionally, Fort Larned won the 2012 Classic at Santa Anita and returned to win the 2013 Stephen Foster. . . The 2025 renewal featured a star-studded cast: Breeders' Cup Classic (GI) winner **Sierra Leone**; Kentucky Derby 150 (GI) winner **Mystik Dan**; Dubai World Cup (GI) winner **Hit Show**; Churchill Downs (GI) winner **Mindframe**; and Oaklawn Handicap (GI) winner **First Mission**. . . The 42nd renewal of the \$7 million Longines Breeders' Cup Classic is scheduled for Nov. 1, 2025 at Del Mar.

Most Wins, Jockey:	3, Pat Day (1985, '97-98) and Robby Albarado (2007-09)
Most Wins, Trainer:	2, Forrest Kaelin (1982-83), Jere Smith Sr. (1994-95), Pat Byrne (1997-98), Mark Casse (2011, '15), Steve Asmussen (2008, '17), Dallas Stewart (2009, '19), Al Stall Jr. (2010, '20), Bill Mott (2012, '22) and Todd Pletcher (2024-25)
Most Wins, Owner:	2, M. B. Collins (1982-83), Claiborne Farm (1992, 2010), Richard Trebat (1994-95), Stronach Stables (1998, 2000) and West Point Thoroughbreds (2007, '09)
Most Wins, Horse:	2, Vodika Collins (1982-83) and Recoup the Cash (1994-95)
Most Starts:	4, Perfect Drift (2003-06)
High \$2 Win:	\$185.40, Seek Gold (2006)
Low \$2 Win:	\$2.20, Vanlandingham (1985)
Largest Win Margin:	7 lengths, Gun Runner (2017)
Smallest Win Margin:	nose, Tenants Harbor (1996), Colonial Colony (2004) and Seek Gold (2006)
Largest Field Size:	13 (1992)
Smallest Field Size:	5 (1984, '91)
Oldest Winner:	7-years-old, Honor Medal (1988) and Tom's d'Etat (2020)
Youngest Winner:	4-years-old
Favorites Record:	44-13-10-4 (Win=29.5%; ITM=61.4%)
Favorites who finished off-the-board:	First Mission (4 th in 2024 at 0.93-1); Gift Box (4 th in 2019 at 2.10-1); Backyard Heaven (6 th in 2018 at 0.80-1); Effinex (6 th in 2016 at 0.60-1); Take Charge Indy (6 th in 2013 at 1.90-1); Regal Ransom (11 th in 2011 at 4.70-1); Master Command (6 th in 2007 at 1.60-1); Buzzards Bay (4 th in 2006 at 1.40-1); Congaree (6 th in 2002 at 1.30-1); Knockadoon (6 th in 1996 at 1.10-1); Meadow Flight (8 th in 1995 at 3.00-1); Alydavid (6 th in 1992 at 1.30-1); Din's Dancer (5 th in 1990 at 2.30-1); Honor Medal (7 th in 1989 at 2.40-1); Homebuilder (6 th in 1988 at 1.50-1); Bolshoi Boy (5 th in 1987 at 2.20-1)
Fastest Splits – 1/4-mile:	:22.63, Connecting Terms (1997)
Fastest Splits – 1/2-mile:	:46.40, Takeawakatlove (1996)
Fastest Splits – 3/4-mile:	1:10.45, Mineshaft (2003)
Disqualifications:	none
Off-tracks:	Sloppy (1982, '97, 2000, '04)