

TRACK CONDITIONS

The first year it rained on Derby Day was 1890 and the track was listed “muddy.”

Despite at least a trace of precipitation for 72 of the 151 Kentucky Derby Days (47.7%), there has been a “fast” track on 105 occasions (69.5%).

| <u>Track Condition</u> | <u>Number</u> |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Fast | 105 |
| Good | 11 |
| Muddy | 7 |
| Sloppy | 10 |
| West Fast | 1 |
| Dusty | 3 |
| Slow | 6 |
| Heavy | 8 |

The following is a listing of off-track conditions for the Kentucky Derby:

“Good” Track Conditions (11)

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Derby Winner</u> |
|--------------|---------------------|
| May 5, 1990 | Unbridled |
| May 2, 1970 | Dust Commander |
| May 6, 1961 | Carry Back |
| May 17, 1960 | Venetian Way |
| May 6, 1944 | Pensive |
| May 4, 1935 | Omaha |
| May 6, 1933 | Brokers Tip |
| May 17, 1930 | Gallant Fox |
| May 4, 1898 | Plaudit |
| May 14, 1885 | Joe Cotton |
| May 16, 1884 | Buchanan |

“Muddy” Track Conditions (7)

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Derby Winner</u> |
|--------------|---------------------|
| May 6, 1989 | Sunday Silence |
| May 3, 1958 | Tim Tam |
| June 9, 1945 | Hoop Jr. |
| May 18, 1929 | Clyde Van Dusen |
| May 11, 1918 | Exterminator |
| May 11, 1912 | Worth |
| May 14, 1890 | Riley |

“Sloppy” Track Conditions (10)

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Derby Winner</u> |
|--------------|---------------------|
| May 3, 2025 | Sovereignty |
| May 4, 2019 | Country House |
| May 5, 2018 | Justify |
| May 4, 2013 | Orb |
| May 1, 2010 | Super Saver |
| May 2, 2009 | Mine That Bird |
| May 1, 2004 | Smarty Jones |
| May 7, 1994 | Go for Gin |
| May 1, 1948 | Citation |
| May 16, 1925 | Flying Ebony |

“Wet Fast” Track Condition (1)

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Derby Winner</u> |
|-------------|---------------------|
| May 6, 2017 | Always Dreaming |

Off-track condition terms no longer used:

“Dusty” Track Conditions (3)

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Derby Winner</u> |
|--------------|---------------------|
| May 6, 1896 | Ben Brush |
| May 18, 1880 | Fonso |
| May 21, 1878 | Day Star |

“Slow” Track Conditions (6)

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Derby Winner</u> |
|--------------|---------------------|
| May 3, 1947 | Jet Pilot |
| May 4, 1946 | Assault |
| May 14, 1927 | Whiskery |
| May 8, 1920 | Paul Jones |
| May 3, 1909 | Wintergreen |

“Heavy” Track Conditions (8)

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Derby Winner</u> |
|--------------|---------------------|
| May 19, 1928 | Reigh Count |
| May 5, 1908 | Stone Street |
| May 6, 1907 | Pink Star |
| May 10, 1905 | Agile |
| May 12, 1897 | Typhoon II |
| May 11, 1892 | Azra |
| May 23, 1883 | Leonatus |