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CHURCHILL DOWNS STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF ROBBY ALBARADO

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2026) – The following is a statement from Churchill Downs Racetrack President Mike Anderson on the passing of former jockey Robby Albarado.

“Saying goodbye to someone who left us too soon is extremely difficult. The Churchill Downs family is saddened by this devastating loss and we extend our deepest condolences to his family and numerous friends.”

– Mike Anderson, Churchill Downs Racetrack President.

Background:

1,192 Churchill Downs wins between Fall 1996 and Fall 2021 (ranks fourth all-time behind Pat Day, Corey Lanerie and Calvin Borel)

87 Churchill Downs stakes wins (ranks second all-time behind Pat Day)

Two-time leading rider at Churchill Downs: 2008 Spring Meet (73 wins) and 2016 September Meet (15 wins).

40 career Grade I victories:

- Alcibiades (Kee): Dream Empress (2008)
- Ashland (Kee): Elloluv (2003)
- BC Classic: Curlin (2007)
- BC Mile: Court Vision (2011)
- Beholder Mile (SA): Swiss Skydiver (2021)
- Breeders' Futurity (Kee): Wicked Style (2007) & Free Drop Billy (2017)
- Derby City Distaff (CD): Sassy Image (2011)
- Dubai World Cup (Mey/Nad): Curlin (2008)
- Gazelle (Bel): Stellar Jayne (2004)
- Gulfstream Park Turf (GP): Court Vision (2010)
- Haskell (Mth): Girvin (2017)
- Joe Hirsch Turf Classic (Bel): Interpatation (2009)
- Jockey Club Gold Cup (Bel): Mineshaft (2003) & Curlin (2007-08)
- Los Alamitos Futurity (Lrc/Hol): Captain Steve (1999)
- Mother Goose (Bel): Dreams Gallore (1999) & Stellar Jayne (2004)
- Mr. D./Arlington Million (AP): Jambalaya (2007)
- Old Forester Bourbon Turf Classic (CD): Joyeux Danseur (1998), American Alive (2005) & Einstein-BRZ (2008)
- Personal Ensign (Sar): Shadow Cast (2005)
- Pimlico Special (Pim): Mineshaft (2003)
- Preakness (Pim): Curlin (2007) & Swiss Skydiver (2020)
- Shadwell Turf Mile (Kee): Nothing to Lose (2004), Thorn Song (2008), Court Vision (2009) & Silver Max (2013)
- Spinaway (Sar): Hot Dixie Chick (2009)
- Spinster (Kee): Banshee Breeze (1998)
- Stephen Foster (CD): Flashy Bull (2007), Curlin (2008) & Macho Again (2009)
- Suburban (Bel): Mineshaft (2003)
- Woodbine Mile (WO): Court Vision (2010)
- Woodward (Sar): Mineshaft (2003) & Curlin (2008)

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ABOUT CHURCHILL DOWNS RACETRACK

Churchill Downs Racetrack ("CDRT"), the world's most legendary racetrack, has been the home of The Kentucky Derby, the longest continually held annual sporting event in the United States, since 1875. Located in Louisville, CDRT features a series of themed race days during Derby Week, including the Kentucky Oaks, and conducts Thoroughbred horse racing during three race meets in the Spring, September, and the Fall. CDRT is located on 175 acres and has a one-mile dirt track, a 7/8-mile turf track, a stabling area, and provides seating for approximately 60,000 guests. The stable area has barns sufficient to accommodate 1,400 horses and a 114-room dormitory for backstretch personnel. CDRT also has a year-round simulcast wagering facility. www.ChurchillDowns.com.

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