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SOVEREIGNTY, WHITE ABARRIO, BAEZA SETTLE IN AT CHURCHILL DOWNS FOR \$2 MILLION STEPHEN FOSTER

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Wednesday, June 24, 2026) – The stars of Saturday’s \$2 million Stephen Foster (Grade I) have assembled beneath the Twin Spires as reigning Horse of the Year and Kentucky Derby (GI) winner **Sovereignty**, Grade I winner **Baeza** and Breeders’ Cup Classic (GI) and Pegasus World Cup (GI) winner **White Abarrio** all took to the track Wednesday morning for their final preparations ahead of the summer’s biggest dirt showdown.

Godolphin’s Sovereignty and **C R K Stable and Grandview Equine’s** Baeza, both trained by Hall of Famer **Bill Mott**, arrived at Churchill Downs early Tuesday morning from Saratoga Race Course and trained for the first time over the Louisville oval Wednesday.

C2 Racing Stable, Gary Barber and La Milagrosa Stable’s White Abarrio arrived Monday from Gulfstream Park and jogged Tuesday before galloping Wednesday morning. Trainer **Saffie Joseph Jr.** was on hand alongside family members and several members of the ownership group.

“It’s really exciting to be back here and we’re really looking forward to Saturday,” Joseph said. “The horse has settled in well and everything has gone according to plan.”

BloodHorse first reported Wednesday that Joseph’s other entrants, **Forged Steel** and **Navajo Warrior**, would not ship in for the race.

Winchell Thoroughbreds’ Dubai World Cup (GI) winner **Magnitude**, who has been based at Churchill Downs since returning from Dubai in late March, continued his preparations for the race and galloped at approximately 7:30 a.m. for Hall of Fame trainer **Steve Asmussen**.

“It’s an awesome race,” Asmussen said. “The stars of racing have assembled. Magnitude still has more to prove but I know he has a lot of confidence in himself by the way he’s prepared going into the race.”

Willy D’s, who’s based at Churchill Downs, is cross-entered in Saturday’s \$250,000 Texas Turf Classic Stakes at Lone Star Park. Trainer **Mike Maker** said a decision is pending which spot he’ll run.

The 45th running of the Stephen Foster is led by 6-5 morning-line favorite Sovereignty. White Abarrio was installed as the 3-1 second choice, followed by Magnitude at 7-2 and Baeza at 6-1.

The complete field for the Stephen Foster from the rail out (with jockey, trainer and morning-line odds):

- **Willy D’s** (Luis Saez, Mike Maker, 20-1)
- White Abarrio (Irad Ortiz Jr., Joseph, 3-1)
- Sovereignty (Junior Alvarado, Mott, 6-5)
- Baeza (Flavien Prat, Mott, 6-1)
- Magnitude (Jose Ortiz, Asmussen, 7-2)
- Forged Steel (John Velazquez, Joseph, 12-1)
- Navajo Warrior (Tyler Gaffalione, Joseph, 15-1)

First post for Saturday’s 12-race program is 12:45 p.m. (all times Eastern). The Stephen Foster is scheduled as Race 11 at 6:14 p.m.

WORLD-CLASS FOSTER FIELD ASSEMBLED – Three of the top five-ranked dirt horses in the world have entered the Stephen Foster. Reigning Horse of the Year and 2025 Kentucky Derby (GI) winner **Sovereignty** returns to the scene of his memorable crowning achievement in last year’s “Run for the Roses” to face \$12 million Dubai World Cup (GI) winner **Magnitude**, \$1.25 million Oaklawn Handicap (GII) winner **White Abarrio**. The trio are ranked in both the top five of the **Longines’ World’s Best Racehorse** (Dirt) rankings and **NTRA Top Thoroughbred Poll**.

Also entered in the Foster is Grade I Pennsylvania Derby winner **Baeza** and Grade III Kentucky Cup Classic winner **Willy D’s**.

As of Wednesday morning, Grade II Gold Cup winner **Forged Steel** and Grade III Pimlico Special winner **Navajo Warrior** were not expected to ship from their base at trainer **Saffie Joseph Jr.’s** Saratoga barn.

Cumulatively, the expected field of five graded stakes winners have a record of 86-33-18-9—\$25,659,793 with 22 stakes wins, 16 graded stakes victories and nine Grade I triumphs.

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FOSTER PURSE DOUBLED TO \$2 MILLION – On May 20, Churchill Downs officials announced the purse for its marquee race for older horses, the Grade I Stephen Foster, was doubled from \$1 million to \$2 million and billed as the “Summer Showdown.”

“Stephen Foster Day has grown tremendously over the last several years attracting some of the world’s best horses, and this purse boost helps solidify our closing weekend as a must-see premier racing event,” said **Mike Anderson**, President of Churchill Downs Racetrack. “Firmly positioned in late June with lucrative prize money on the line, the Stephen Foster is an ideal summertime race for the best Thoroughbreds to compete at historic Churchill Downs. We truly believe horsemen and women, as well as horse racing fans around the world, will enthusiastically respond to this Summer Showdown.”

FOSTER IS A FEATHER IN ONE’S CAP – Four horses have used victories in the Stephen Foster as part of their resumés in Horse of the Year campaigns: **Black Tie Affair** (1991), **Saint Liam** (2005), **Curlin** (2008) and **Gun Runner** (2017). In addition, two Foster runners-up were crowned Horse of the Year: **Mineshaft** (2003) and **Wise Dan** (2012).

FOSTER STAKES RECORD IS 26 YEARS OLD – **Victory Gallop** owns the Stephen Foster stakes record for 1 1/8 miles of 1:47.28 established in 1999 when he cruised to a five-length victory over **Nite Dreamer**, **Littlebitlively** and 1997 Kentucky Derby winner **Silver Charm**. Victory Gallop’s time was a track record until last year when **Gould’s Gold** clocked 1:47.26 on May 17. The fastest 1 1/8 miles during this year’s Spring Meet is 1:48.80 by 4-year-old **Tiztastic** on May 9.

REMEMBERING LAST YEAR’S FOSTER – Last year’s Stephen Foster was one of the best races of 2025 when **Mindframe**, winner of the \$1 million Churchill Downs (GI) on the Kentucky Derby undercard, defeated Breeders’ Cup Classic (GI) winner and Champion 3-Year-Old Male **Sierra Leone** by one length. Oaklawn Handicap (GII) winner **First Mission** was third, Kentucky Derby 150 (GI) winner **Mystik Dan** was fourth and Dubai World Cup (GI) winner **Hit Show** was fifth.

FOSTER TELEVISION COVERAGE – The Stephen Foster will be part of a two-hour broadcast on **NBCSN** and **Peacock** in conjunction with **FanDuel TV** from 4:30-6:30 p.m. (all times Eastern). **Christina Blacker**, **Anthony Pascale** and **Joe Talamo** will anchor the FanDuel TV-produced broadcast on the desk at Churchill Downs while **Scott Hazelton**, **Caton Bredar**, **Andie Biancone** and **Dave Weaver** will be on-site with exclusive interviews, handicapping insights and behind-the-scenes footage throughout the card. Coverage of the entire 12-race card will be available on FanDuel TV with a first post of 12:45 p.m. The 4:30-6:30 p.m. coverage also will be streamed on NBC Sports NOW, a free FAST channel on NBCSports.com and the NBC Sports app.

FOSTER DAY IS BIG BUSINESS – All-sources wagering for last year’s Stephen Foster Day was an event record \$20.7 million, up \$1.9 million or 10% from the 2024 Stephen Foster card that handled \$18.8 million.

SATURDAY’S LINEUP – Sporting owners, breeders, trainers and jockeys will compete for \$4,721,000 in prize money during Saturday’s blockbuster 12-race Stephen Foster Day card at Churchill Downs. A total of 115 horses were entered – 111 horses in the body of the races and four also-eligible horses – for an average of 9.25 horses per race.

The \$2 million Stephen Foster, billed as the “Summer Showdown,” is the centerpiece of the penultimate program of Churchill Downs’ 44-day Spring Meet and goes as Race 11 at 6:14 p.m. Gates open at 11:30 a.m. and the first race is 12:45 p.m.

Along with the Stephen Foster, the afternoon’s seven-race stakes lineup includes the \$500,000 Fasig-Tipton Fleur de Lis (GII); \$500,000 Wise Dan (GII); \$275,000 Bango (GIII); \$275,000 American Derby (Listed); \$275,000 Anchorage (Listed); and \$275,000 Tepin (Listed).

Saturday’s schedule of races:

- Race 1 (12:45 p.m.): Mdn 120k, 2yo, 6 F (16 entries, 12 to run)
- Race 2 (1:17 p.m.): Mdn 120k, 3&cup, 1 1/16 M (10 entries)
- Race 3 (1:49 p.m.): Mdn 120k, 3&cup, 6 ½ F (11 entries)
- Race 4 (2:21 p.m.): OC 125000n1x, 3yo, 1 1/16 M (8 entries)
- Race 5 (2:55 p.m.): \$275,000 Anchorage (Listed), f&m, 1 1/8 M (I) (10 entries)
- Race 6 (3:29 p.m.): OC 80000n2x, 3&cup, 7 F (12 entries)
- Race 7 (4:04 p.m.): \$500,000 Fasig-Tipton Fleur de Lis (GII), f&m, 1 1/8 M (five entries)
- Race 8 (4:36 p.m.): \$275,000 American Derby (Listed), 3yo, 1 1/16 M (I) (nine entries)
- Race 9 (5:08 p.m.): \$275,000 Bango (GIII), 3&cup, 6 ½ F (seven entries)
- Race 10 (5:43 p.m.): \$500,000 Wise Dan (GII), 4&cup, 1 1/16 M (I) (nine entries)
- Race 11 (6:14 p.m.): \$2 million Stephen Foster (GI), 4&cup, 1 1/8 M (seven entries)
- Race 12 (6:44 p.m.): \$275,000 Tepin (Listed), 3yo f, 1 M (I) (11 entries)

SPECIAL FOSTER DAY WAGERS – Saturday’s 12-race Stephen Foster Day program will include a trio of special wagers – all with a low 15% takeout.

The **\$3 All-Stakes Turf Pick 3**, which handled \$142,769 last year, returns and will link the American Derby (Race 8 at 4:36 p.m.), Wise Dan (Race 10 at 5:43 p.m.) and Tepin (Race 12 at 6:44 p.m.). New this year is a **\$1 All-Stakes Turf Pick 4** that includes the Anchorage (Race 5 at 2:55 p.m.), American Derby, Wise Dan and Tepin as well as a special **\$5 Double** encompassing the Fasig-Tipton Fleur de Lis (Race 7 at 4:04 p.m.) and Stephen Foster (Race 11 at 6:14 p.m.).

All told, Stephen Foster Day features 12 races, including seven stakes contests, with a betting menu that also features four Pick 5s (Races 1-5, 3-7, 5-9 and 8-12); four Pick 4s (Races 2-5, 4-7, 6-9 and 9-12); the 20-cent All-Stakes Derby City 6 Jackpot (Races 7-12 with a \$126,361 carryover as of Wednesday); the lottery-style \$1 Jackpot 8 (Race 12 with a \$205,217 carryover as of Wednesday); and Odd vs. Even wagering (all eligible races).

Foster Day produces large betting pools and the chance at huge payday.

Last year’s six-horse Foster race Win, Place and Show pool totaled \$1,445,610, while the Exacta pool reached \$659,815, the 50-cent Trifecta pool handled \$277,300 and the 10-cent Superfecta pool totaled \$161,600. The late 50-cent All-Stakes Pick 5 pool was \$993,774 and the late 50-cent All-Stakes Pick 4 handled \$522,422. Additionally, the Derby City 6 Jackpot, which had a \$1,314,893 carryover, took \$1,165,274 in new bets.

FOSTER PURSE STRUCTURE – Owners paid \$20,000 to enter their horses into the Stephen Foster and will pay another \$20,000 to start, which equates to 2% of the total purse. If all seven entrants start, first prize is expected to be \$1 million with \$450,000 to second, \$250,000 to third, \$140,000 to fourth, \$100,000 to fifth and \$30,000 each to the sixth and seventh place finishers.

TICKETS – To purchase tickets to Stephen Foster Day at Churchill Downs, please visit: <https://www.churchilldowns.com/visit/spring-meet/stephen-foster-day/>.

FOSTER DAY ADVANCE WAGERING AVAILABLE THURSDAY – For the first time, advance wagering on Saturday’s 12-race Stephen Foster Day card will be available starting Thursday at on-track at Churchill Downs betting windows, simulcast and online advance deposit wagering outlets across North America, including www.TwinSpires.com, the official wagering provider of Churchill Downs Incorporated.

BREEDERS’ CUP ‘WIN AND YOU’RE IN’ – Both the Stephen Foster and Fleur de Lis are Breeders’ Cup “Win and You’re In” races, which means the winners are guaranteed a spot in the starting gate for the \$7 million Longines Classic (GI) and \$2 million Longines Distaff (GI), respectively, on Oct. 31 at Keeneland. Also, the connections of both winners will have all Breeders’ Cup pre-entry and entry fees covered and could receive a travel award of up to \$10,000.

ENGRAVED KENTUCKY DERBY 152 TROPHIES TO BE PRESENTED SATURDAY – The connections from Team Golden Tempo – owners and breeders **Phipps Stable (Daisy Phipps Pulito) & St. Elias Stable (Vincent Viola)**, trainer **Cherie DeVaux** and jockey **Jose Ortiz** – will be on hand to accept their newly-engraved Kentucky Derby 152 trophies for the Curlin colt’s triumph in America’s greatest race on May 2.

Additionally, there will be a trophy presented to the winning groom **José Hernández** for the first time.

The ceremony in the Woodford Reserve Winner’s Circle is scheduled around 4:45 p.m. just after the conclusion of Race 8.

The connection of Longines Kentucky Oaks winner **Always a Runner** will be presented their engraved trophies, as well, in a ceremony after Race 7 at approximately 4:15 p.m.

INAUGURAL ‘GALLOP FOR GOOD’ TO SUPPORT THOROUGHBRED AFTERCARE IS SATURDAY – Saturday’s Stephen Foster Day doubles as Churchill Downs Incorporated’s inaugural **“Gallop for Good: From Race to Retirement”** – a national one-day online giving campaign that will support Thoroughbred aftercare nonprofits.

Gallop for Good supports Thoroughbred aftercare, which includes programs and services that help retired racehorses transition into second careers, adoption, rehabilitation, sanctuary and lifelong care after racing.

The public can support Gallop for Good by donating to participating organizations through <https://churchilldowns.com/gallopforgood>. Donations may be matched or boosted through additional fundraising incentives.

Supporters can also purchase dining and reserved seating tickets for Stephen Foster Day at Churchill Downs with \$5 from every ticket directly benefiting the organizations participating in Gallop for Good through the **Churchill Downs Foundation**. Eligible tickets may be purchased at <https://www.gofevo.com/group/GallopforGood>.

“Thoroughbred aftercare reflects our industry’s ongoing commitment to the welfare of horses during and after their racing careers,” said **Claire Simms**, CDI’s Senior Director of Corporate Social Responsibility. “Through Gallop for Good, we are proud to help amplify the work of aftercare organizations across the country and provide an easy way for donors and industry partners to support safe, dignified futures for retired racehorses.”

For more information or to donate, visit <https://churchilldowns.com/gallopforgood>.

WEATHER FORECAST – According to the **National Weather Service** as of Wednesday afternoon, Saturday’s forecast for Louisville calls for mostly cloudy skies with a high near 86 and a 70-percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

STARS LITTERED THROUGHOUT FOSTER UNDERCARD – Fasig-Tipton La Troienne (Grade I) winner **Shred the Gnar** and Breeders’ Cup Filly & Mare Sprint (GI) and recent 2 ¾-length Shawnee (GIII) winner **Splendor** will clash in the \$500,000 Fasig-Tipton Fleur de Lis (GII), one of the highlights on the Stephen Foster undercard. The race also attracted **Immersive**, the Champion 2-Year-Old Filly of 2024 and Shawnee runner-up.

Multi-millionaire and multiple graded stakes winner **Lagynos** will attempt to land his fifth straight stakes victory in the \$500,000 Wise Dan (GII). The field of nine also includes **Fort Washington**, last month’s winner of the \$250,000 Dinner Party (GIII) on the Preakness undercard, and defending champ **Brilliant Berti**, the five-time local grass winner who hopes to snap a five-race skid.

Breeders’ Cup Sprint (GI) third-place finisher **Dr. Venkman** is set to make his 6-year-old debut against recent Aristides Stakes (GIII) winner **Cornucopian** in the \$275,000 Bango (GIII). Fast allowance winners **Built** and **Harrodsburg** are also in the field.

Four-length Penn Mile (GIII) winner **Alpyland** tops the \$275,000 American Derby (Listed) against runner-up **Immortalised (Fr)** and Southern California invader **Bust Out**, winner of the \$100,000 Cinema.

Pin Up Betty will defend her title in the \$275,000 Anchorage Stakes (Listed) against Gallorette (GIII) winner **Warming** and The Very One (GIII) winner **Just Basking**.

Miss Grillo (Grade II) winner and Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf (GI) third **Ground Support** will make her first start as a 3-year-old in the \$275,000 Tepin (Listed) against Edgewood (GII) runner-up and Regret (GIII) third **Tam Tam**, Penn Oaks runner-up **Final Accord** and Horseshoe Indianapolis’ Cleopatra Handicap winner **How About Now**.

Meanwhile, the first race of the day could produce future stars. It’s the first six-furlong maiden race of the year in Kentucky for 2-year-olds.

RACE 5: ANCHORAGE – The field for the Anchorage Stakes, which will go as Race 5 at 2:55 p.m., from the rail out (with jockey, trainer and morning-line odds):

- **Warming** (John Velazquez, Graham Motion, 6-1)
- **Unmerited Favor** (Florent Geroux, Kenny McPeck, 15-1)
- **Way to Be Marie** (Luis Saez, Eddie Kenneally, 8-1)
- **Settling Storm** (Martin Garcia, Pavel Matejka, 30-1)
- **Tirupati** (Tyler Gaffalione, Jonathan Thomas, 12-1)
- **Just Basking** (Cristian Torres, Ian Wilkes, 6-1)
- **Footnote** (Alexander Crispin, Marcelino Torres, 50-1)
- Pin Up Betty (Flavien Prat, Mike Maker, 7-2)
- Vive Veuve (Irad Ortiz Jr., Joe Sharp, 5-2)
- **Stylish Sue** (Jose Ortiz, Joe Sharp, 9-2)

RACE 7: FLEUR DE LIS – One of the featured races on the undercard is the \$500,000 Fasig-Tipton Fleur de Lis (GII), a Breeders’ Cup “Win and You’re In” qualifier for the Longines Distaff. **Boyd Racing and By Talla Racing’s Splendor**, winner of last year’s Breeders’ Cup Filly & Mare Sprint (GI) and this year’s Beholder Mile (GI), was tabbed as the 4-5 morning-line favorite.

The field for the Fasig-Tipton Fleur de Lis, which will go as Race 7 at 4:04 p.m., from the rail out (with jockey, trainer and morning-line odds):

- Splendor (Flavien Prat, Baffert, 4-5)
- **Regaled** (Tyler Gaffalione, Whit Beckman, 10-1)
- **Immersive** (Irad Ortiz Jr., Brad Cox, 8-1)
- **In Just My Heels** (Keith Asmussen, Ron Moquett, 20-1)
- **Shred the Gnar** (Luis Saez, Brian Lynch, 6-5)

RACE 8: AMERICAN DERBY – The field for the American Derby, which will go as Race 8 at 4:36 p.m., from the rail out (with jockey, trainer and morning-line odds):

- **Immortalised (FR)** (John Velazquez, Brendan Walsh, 4-1)
- **Prepped** (Jose Ortiz, Cherie DeVaux, 6-1)
- **Fulmine** (Cristian Torres, Norm Casse, 15-1)
- **Thousandsticks** (Luis Saez, Brian Lynch, 5-1)
- **Serac** (Jaime Torres, Nicholas Palmer, 30-1)
- Alpyland (Javier Castellano, Mark Casse, 8-5)
- **Comport** (Ben Curtis, Eddie Kenneally, 15-1)
- **Bust Out** (Flavien Prat, Michael McCarthy, 6-1)
- **Brave Force** (Tyler Gaffalione, Jack Sisterson, 12-1)

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RACE 9: BANGO – The field for the Bango Stakes, which will go as Race 9 at 5:08 p.m., from the rail out (with jockey, trainer and morning-line odds):

- **U Devil You** (Axel Concepcion, Riley Mott, 10-1)
- Cornucopian (Flavien Prat, Bob Baffert, 1-1)
- **Harrodsburg** (Luis Saez, Mike Tomlinson, 12-1)
- **Gold Sweep** (Amir Mendoza, John Haran, 20-1)
- **Extra Anejo** (Jose Ortiz, Steve Asmussen, 6-1)
- **Dr. Venkman** (Joel Rosario, Mark Glatt, 7-2)
- **Built** (Irada Ortiz Jr., Wayne Catalano, 9-2)

RACE 10: WISE DAN – The field for the Wise Dan, which will go as Race 10 at 5:43 p.m., from the rail out (with jockey, trainer and morning-line odds):

- **Silent Heart** (Luis Saez, Mike Maker, 10-1)
- Lagynos (Jose Ortiz, Steve Asmussen, 5-2)
- **Mercante** (Florent Geroux, Brian Knippenberg, 8-1)
- **Chasing the Crown** (Flavien Prat, Mike Maker, 9-2)
- **Flying Mohawk** (Tyler Gaffalione, Whit Beckman, 15-1)
- **Dresden Row** (Irada Ortiz Jr., Anthony Sciametta Jr., 7-2)
- **Fort Washington** (Junior Alvarado, Shug McGaughey III, 5-1)
- **Brilliant Berti** (Brian Hernandez Jr., Cherie DeVaux, 8-1)
- **Beach Gold** (Keith Asmussen, Patrick Biancone, 20-1)

RACE 12: TEPIN – The field for the Tepin Stakes, which will go as Race 12 at 6:44 p.m., from the rail out (with jockey, trainer and morning-line odds):

- **Mecat** (Alexander Crispin, Marcelino Torres, 50-1)
- **Woodstock** (Danny Sheehy, Joe Sharp, 30-1)
- **East Jabip (IRE)** (Irada Ortiz Jr., Brian Lynch, 4-1)
- **Final Accord** (Flavien Prat, Mark Casse, 6-1)
- **Faye's Gold** (Luis Saez, Grant Forster, 15-1)
- **Bohemian** (Jose Ortiz, Joe Sharp, 10-1)
- **How About Now** (Axel Concepcion, Rusty Arnold II, 8-1)
- Ground Support (Adam Beschizza, Kelsey Danner, 3-1)
- **Tam Tam** (Junior Alvarado, Phil Bauer, 5-1)
- **Use Me (IRE)** (Tyler Gaffalione, Brendan Walsh, 8-1)
- **Turner's Charm** (Ben Curtis, Brendan Walsh, 10-1)

For more information and to purchase tickets for Stephen Foster Day, please visit churchilldowns.com.

FUTURE STARS OFTEN EMERGE FROM CHURCHILL DOWNS' CLOSING WEEKEND 2-YEAR-OLD MAIDEN –

The first six-furlong \$120,000 maiden special weight for 2-year-olds on the year at Churchill Downs is Saturday's first race. The winner of the race has gone on to win a graded stakes event eight times in the last 20 years, including 2005 Hopeful (GI) winner **First Samurai**; 2009 Forego (GI) winner **Pyro**; 2009 Iroquois (GIII) winner **Theskyhasnolimit**; 2010 Sanford (GII) winner **Maybesomaybenot**; 2014 Dominion Day (GIII) winner **Sky Captain**; 2016 Sanford (GIII) winner **Bitumen**; 2021 Hopeful (GI) winner **Gunite**; and 2022 Saratoga Special (GII) winner **Damon's Mound**.

Last year's winner was favored **Dazzle d'Oro** (\$5.88) and the runner-up was Saturday's fourth race first-level allowance entrant **Blackout Time**, who'd run second in last fall's Breeders' Futurity (GI). The sixth-place finisher was American Derby entrant **Alpyland**, who'd win the \$175,000 Dania Beach, \$125,000 Columbia and \$400,000 Penn Mile (GIII) on turf.

Two years ago, **Keep It Easy** (\$48.58), entered in a second-level allowance Saturday (Race 6), was the winner and he'd finish last of eight after a bad stumble in the Saratoga Special (GII) at 5-2. He'd go on to win the \$225,000 Ed Brown Stakes by 5 ¼ lengths. The favored fifth-place finisher was **Sandman**, who later won the \$1.5 million Arkansas Derby (GI) before finishing seventh in the Kentucky Derby and third in the Preakness (GI).

FOUR STAKES, FORCE-OUTS HIGHLIGHT SUNDAY'S CLOSING DAY CARD – Four stakes races led by the \$300,000 Hanshin presented by JRA (Grade III) highlight closing day of the 2026 Spring Meet. It shares the spotlight with the \$250,000 Maxfield (GIII), \$225,000 Bashford Manor (Listed) and \$225,000 Debutante (Listed).

Tour Player, Moonlight and Dragoon Guard – the top three finishers in the \$200,000 Knicks Go on the May 2 Kentucky Derby undercard – return to face \$2 million Riyadh Dirt Sprint (GII) winner **Imagination** in a high-caliber field of 10 milers in the Hanshin.

Grade I Del Mar Futurity winner and Breeders' Cup Juvenile (GI) third **Brant** cuts back to seven furlongs for his comeback in the \$250,000 Maxfield (GIII) after finishing a disappointing sixth as the 4-5 favorite in March's \$250,000 San Felipe (GII) at Santa Anita. The field also includes Gotham (GIII) runner up, Pat Day Mile (GII) fifth and top Ohio-bred **Crown the Buckeye**.

Babies will also be in the spotlight with a pair of juvenile stakes to be run for the 125th time and a six-furlong maiden special weight for fillies. A trio of dominant debut-winning colts – **Hey Tuff Guy, Captain Luke** and Southern California invader **He Is No Lie** – head the \$225,000 Bashford Manor (Listed). In the \$225,000 Debutante (Listed), trainer **Steve Asmussen** will attempt to win the fillies race for a sixth time with **Epic Reign**, who won at first asking by 4 ¼ lengths.

The card also has a third-level allowance race for 3-year-olds and up at 1 1/16 miles that features a pair of Kentucky Derby 151 alum: **Chunk of Gold**, the West Virginia Derby (GIII) winner and Clark (GII) third who makes his 4-year-old debut, and **Publisher**, who recently finished fifth in the \$400,000 Steve Sexton Mile (GIII) at Lone Star Park after finishing fourth behind **White Abarrio, Sovereignty** and **Journalism** in the \$1.25 million Oaklawn Handicap (GII).

Sunday's closing day card will feature mandatory payouts in the 20-cent Derby City 6 Jackpot (\$126,361 carryover for Wednesday), all Pick 5s and all Super Hi 5s.

19-TIME CHURCHILL DOWNS LEADING RIDER LANERIE TO RIDE IN FINAL RACE SUNDAY – The final ride of jockey **Corey Lanerie's** 35-year riding career will come Sunday aboard **Coal Battle** in \$300,000 Hanshin Stakes presented by JRA (Grade III). The Hanshin goes as Race 10 of 11 with a post time of 5:28 p.m. (all times Eastern). Lanerie will be feted in the winner's circle after the race.

Two weeks ago, Lanerie, 51, announced he would retire at the conclusion of the Spring Meet. He will leave the sport with more than 5,100 victories. His more than 35,000 mounts earned in excess of \$172 million in prize money. At Churchill Downs, Lanerie won 19 riding titles between 2012-19, including 71 wins during the 38-day Spring Meet in 2012, which was a record average of 1.87 wins per day during a Spring Meet of 30 or more days. His 1,245 Churchill Downs wins is second only to legendary Hall of Famer **Pat Day's** 2,482 local victories.

The first of his 5,152 victories – which ranks 34th all-time in horse racing history – was aboard **High Hopes Banquet** on April 19, 1991 at Evangeline Downs. The first Churchill Downs win for the Lafayette, La. occurred Nov. 21, 2000 with **Embraceable**. His first full season at Churchill Downs was the 2003 Fall Meet, and he has ridden locally every year since 2005.

Lanerie, who rode in the Kentucky Derby on six occasions including a runner-up effort on **Lookin At Lee** in 2017, won 54 stakes races at Churchill Downs and seven Grade I races around the country:

- Ashland (Kee): **Hooh Why** (2009), **Weep No More** (2016) and **Sailor's Valentine** (2017)
- Breeders' Futurity (Kee): **Brody's Cause** (2015)
- Derby City Distaff (CD): **Bell's the One** (2020)
- La Troienne (CD): **Molly Morgan** (2015)
- Woody Stephens (Sar): **Hog Creek Hustle** (2019)

SPRING MEET FINALE OF 'INSIDE CHURCHILL DOWNS' IS FRIDAY NIGHT ON ESPN LOUISVILLE – The season finale of "**Inside Churchill Downs**" airs Friday at 6 p.m. on **ESPN 680/105.7**. The one-hour horse racing program hosted by Churchill Downs' Kevin Kertstein and Darren Rogers will preview the big Stephen Foster Day and closing day action.

SEPTEMBER, FALL MEET TICKETS ON SALE – Sunday may be closing day of the 44-day Spring Meet but it's never too early to make plans for racing events at Churchill Downs later this year. Tickets for the September and Fall racing meets are on sale at <https://www.churchilldowns.com/tickets>. The 14-date **September Meet** is scheduled for Sept. 10-27 and the 24-day **Fall Meet**, which includes the popular Thanksgiving holiday weekend, will cover Oct. 25-Nov. 29. Group packages for 12 or more, private dining room buyouts and luxury suite rentals are available through the Group Sales department at (502) 636-4450 or groupsales@kyderby.com.

DOWN THE STRETCH – Closing week of the 2026 Spring Meet began Wednesday with a nine-race card and first post of 12:45 p.m. There was a \$126,361 carryover in the 20-cent Derby City 6 Jackpot that spanned Races 4-9. The \$1 Super Hi-5 had a \$12,627 carryover in Race 1 and the \$1 Jackpot 8 had a \$205,217 carryover in Race 9. ... Thursday is the final Twilight Thursday of the meet with an eight-race card beginning at 5 p.m. Fans can enjoy \$2 beer, live music from the **Piper Madison Band** and local food trucks **All Thai'd Up, Drake's, Ramiro's Cantina, Red Top Hotdogs** and **Spinelli's Pizza**. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.churchilldowns.com.

STEPHEN FOSTER HORSES AT A GLANCE

3. Sovereignty (6-5)

(10-6-3-0—\$6,079,050)

Barn 19

Jockey: Junior Alvarado (Foster: 1-1-0-0)

2022 Olympiad* 1st

Trainer: Bill Mott (Foster: 12-2-2-2)

2022 Olympiad* 1st

2021 South Bend 3rd

2019 Yoshida (Jpn) 6th

2015 Lea* 2nd

2013 Ron the Greek 3rd

2012 Ron the Greek 1st

2003 Unbridled Vision 6th

2002 Proper Man 8th

1998 Robb 7th

1993 Richman 9th

1986 Dramatic Desire 2nd

1983 Seaville 7th

- Typical Run Style: Mid-pack (BRIS: E/P 6)
- BRIS Prime Power: 157.5
- Earnings rank 59th all-time
- 6x graded stakes winner, 3x Grade I winner
- Last race: Fresh off a 238-day layoff in his 4-year-old debut, the reigning Horse of the Year unusually took command early around the first turn and dictated the pace up the backstretch in the \$1.25 million Oaklawn Handicap (GII) on April 18 (70 days ago). He came under a ride when challenged at the three-eighths pole and dug in gamely down the stretch but was overtaken by White Abarrio just after the eighth pole to lose by two lengths.
- Horse of the Year in the Foster:
 - 2017 Foster winner Gun Runner (2017 Horse of the Year)
 - 2012 Foster runner-up Wise Dan (2012 Horse of the Year, 2013 Horse of the Year)
 - 2008 Foster winner Curlin (2007 Horse of the Year, 2008 Horse of the Year)
 - 2005 Foster winner Saint Liam (2005 Horse of the Year)
 - 2003 Foster runner-up Mineshaft (2003 Horse of the Year)
 - 1991 Foster winner Black Tie Affair (1991 Horse of the Year)
- Champions in the Foster:
 - 2025 Foster runner-up Sierra Leone (2024 Champion 3-Year-Old Male)
 - 2017 Foster winner Gun Runner (2017 Horse of the Year & Champion Older Male)
 - 2014 Foster runner-up Will Take Charge (2013 Champion 3-Year-Old Male)
 - 2012 Foster runner-up Wise Dan (2012 Horse of the Year, Champion Older Male & Champion Male Turf Horse; 2013 Horse of the Year, Champion Older Male & Champion Male Turf Horse)
 - 2010 Foster winner Blame (2010 Champion Older Male)
 - 2008 Foster winner Curlin (2007 Horse of the Year & Champion 3-Year-Old Male); 2008 Horse of the Year & Champion Older Male)
 - 2005 Foster winner Saint Liam (2005 Horse of the Year & Champion Older Male)
 - 2003 Foster runner-up Mineshaft (2003 Horse of the Year & Champion Older Male)
 - 2003 Foster third Aldebaran (2003 Champion Sprinter)
 - 1999 Foster winner Victory Gallop (1999 Champion Older Male)
 - 1998 Foster runner-up and 1999 Foster fourth Silver Charm (1997 Champion 3-Year-Old Male)
 - 1991 Foster winner Black Tie Affair (1991 Horse of the Year & Champion Older Male)
 - 1985 Foster winner Vanlandingham (1985 Champion Older Male)
- Eight Kentucky Derby alumni have won the Foster but no Kentucky Derby winners have doubled in the race. Silver Charm finished second in 1998 and fourth in 1999. Mandaloun was fourth in 2022 and Mystik Dan was fourth in 2025. Derby alumni winners are Mythical Ruler (1984), Vanlandingham (1985), Victory Gallop (1999), Perfect Drift (2003), Flashy Bull (2007), Curlin (2008), Gun Runner (2017) and Kingsbarns (2024).

- Note: Oaklawn Handicap participants have a record of 38-2-4-4 in the Foster. Oaklawn Handicap runner-up Ron the Greek won the 2012 Foster while fifth-place finisher Fort Larned prevailed in 2013.
 - At 4 2nd Grade II, \$1.25 million Oaklawn H. (OP)
 - At 3 Horse of the Year and Champion 3-Year-Old Male
 - 1st Grade I, \$5 million Kentucky Derby (CD)
 - 1st Grade I, \$2 million Belmont (Sar)
 - 1st Grade I, \$1.25 million Travers (Sar)
 - 1st Grade II, \$500,000 Jim Dandy (Sar)
 - 1st Grade II, \$415,000 Fountain of Youth (GP)
 - At 2 1st Grade III, \$200,000 Street Sense (CD)

2. White Abarrio (3-1)

(26-11-3-3—\$8,445,170)

Barn 21

Jockey: Irad Ortiz Jr. (Foster: 4-1-0-0)

2025	Mindframe*	1 st
2024	Dreamlike	8 th
2018	Backyard Heaven*	6 th
2014	Long River	7 th

Trainer: Saffie Joseph Jr. (Foster: 1-0-0-1)

2024	Skippylongstocking	3 rd
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- Typical Run Style: Mid-pack (BRIS: E/P 4)
- BRIS Prime Power: 151.2
- Earnings rank 28th all-time
- 7x graded stakes winner, 4x Grade I winner
- Last races: Made a bold bid while swinging five-wide into the stretch, kicked on to take command just after the eighth pole and forged clear in the final sixteenth to defeat reigning Horse of the Year Sovereignty by two lengths in the \$1.25 million Oaklawn Handicap (GII) on April 18 (70 days ago). Before that, he finished second to stablemate Skippylongstocking in the \$3 million Pegasus World Cup (GI) at Gulfstream Park in late January. Will race at Churchill Downs for the first time since Kentucky Derby 148.
- Note: No Oaklawn Handicap winner has won the Stephen Foster. They have a record of 14-0-3-2 in the Foster with runner-up finishes by Will Take Charge (2014), Quip (2019) and By My Standards (2020).
 - At 7 1st Grade II, \$1.25 million Oaklawn H. (OP)
2nd Grade I, \$3 million Pegasus World Cup (GP)
 - At 6 1st Grade I, \$3 million Pegasus World Cup (GP)
1st Grade III, \$165,000 Ghostzapper (GP)
 - At 5 2nd Grade III, \$165,000 Mr. Prospector (GP)
 - At 4 1st Grade I, \$6 million Breeders' Cup Classic (SA)
1st Grade I, \$1 million Whitney (Sar)
3rd Grade I, \$1 million Metropolitan H. (Bel)
 - At 3 1st Grade I, \$1 million Florida Derby (GP)
1st Grade III, \$250,000 Holy Bull (OP)
2nd Grade III, \$500,000 Ohio Derby (Tdn)
3rd Grade I, \$750,000 Cigar Mile (Aqu)
 - At 2 3rd Grade II, \$400,000 Kentucky Jockey Club (CD)

5. Magnitude (7-2)

(13-7-2-1—\$8,544,365)

Barn 38

Jockey: Jose Ortiz (Foster: 4-1-0-1)

2024	Skippylongstocking	3 rd
2021	Maxfield*	1st
2019	Yoshida (Jpn)	6 th
2018	Irish War Cry	DNF

Trainer: Steve Asmussen (Foster: 8-2-0-0)

2024	Disarm	6 th
2019	Tenfold	9 th
2018	Lookin At Lee	8 th
2017	Gun Runner*	1st
2012	Nehro	6 th
2008	Curlin*	1st
2008	Red Rock Creek	10 th
2003	Full Mandate	9 th

- Typical Run Style: Tracker (BRIS: E/P 6)
- BRIS Prime Power: 147.7
- Earnings rank 26th all-time
- 5x stakes winner, 4x graded stakes winner, 1x Grade I winner
- Last race: Defeated record \$31.7 million-earner and global superstar Forever Young (JPN) – the highest-rated dirt horse in the world –in a determined, gate-to-wire performance from the rail in the \$12 million Dubai World Cup at Meydan Racecourse on March 28 (91 days ago). He made all the running in the field of nine and kicked on with a furlong to run for the one-length victory despite wandering in the late stages.
- Note: Five Dubai World Cup (GI) winners have competed in the Stephen Foster, including winners Street Cry (Ire) in 2002 and Curlin in 2008. Silver Charm (1998) and Captain Steve (2001) finished second in the Foster and Hit Show was fifth in 2025. Overall, Dubai World Cup participants are 16-6-5-0 in the Foster. The other Foster winners were Dubai World Cup runner-up Gun Runner (2017), third-place finisher Victory Gallop (1999), fourth-place finisher Pavel (2018) and eight-place finisher Seeking the Soul (2019).

- At 4 1st Group 1, \$12 million Dubai World Cup (Mey)
1st Grade III, \$500,000 Razorback H. (OP)
- At 3 1st Grade II, \$600,000 Clark (CD)
1st Grade II, \$500,000 Risen Star (FG)
1st \$250,000 Iowa Derby (Prm)
2nd Grade I, \$1 million Pennsylvania Derby (Prx)
3rd Grade I, \$1.25 million Travers (Sar)
- At 2 2nd \$100,000 Gun Runner (FG)

4. Baeza (6-1)

(10-2-3-3—\$1,717,200)

Barn 19

Jockey: Flavien Prat (Foster: 2-1-1-0)

2024	Sierra Leone	2 nd
2023	West Will Power*	1 st

Trainer: Bill Mott (Foster: 12-2-2-2)

2022	Olympiad*	1 st
2021	South Bend	3 rd
2019	Yoshida (Jpn)	6 th
2015	Lea*	2 nd
2013	Ron the Greek	3 rd
2012	Ron the Greek	1 st
2003	Unbridled Vision	6 th
2002	Proper Man	8 th
1998	Robb	7 th
1993	Richman	9 th
1986	Dramatic Desire	2 nd
1983	Seaville	7 th

- Typical Run Style: Closer (BRIS: P 0)
- BRIS Prime Power: 149.5
- 1x Grade I winner
- Last race: In his first race since a sixth-place finish in the Breeders' Cup Classic (GI) and first under the care of the Bill Mott after the passing of his previous trainer John Shirreffs, Baeza was restless in the starting gate, hesitated and lunged at the start to get away well behind the field in the \$750,000 Alysheba (GII) at Churchill Downs on the Kentucky Oaks undercard on May 1 (71 days ago). He came under a ride inside the half-mile marker and began to work his way into contention with a six-wide move into the stretch and finished valiantly despite the compromised start, beaten three-quarters of a length by Corporate Power and Skippylongstocking.
- Note: Horses who competed in the Alysheba at Churchill Downs, which debuted in 2004, have a record of 41-8-4-6 in the Stephen Foster. Moonshine Mullins (2014), Maxfield (2021) and Olympiad (2022) won both races. Alysheba runner-up Noble Bird (2015) and Alysheba thirds Seeking the Soul (2019) and West Will Power (2023) prevailed in the Foster as did Alysheba fifth Seek Gold (2006) and sixth Macho Again (2009).
 - At 4 3rd Grade II, \$750,000 Alysheba (CD)
 - At 3 1st Grade I, \$1 million Pennsylvania Derby (Prx)
 - 2nd Grade I, \$500,000 Santa Anita Derby (SA)
 - 2nd Grade II, \$500,000 Jim Dandy (Sar)
 - 3rd Grade I, \$5 million Kentucky Derby (CD)
 - 3rd Grade I, \$2 million Belmont (Sar)

1. Willy D's (20-1)

(27-7-7-2—\$874,008)

Barn 44

Jockey: Luis Saez (Foster: 5-1-1-1)

2025	First Mission	3 rd
2024	Kingsbarns	1st
2023	Speed Bias	7 th
2022	Americanrevolution	2 nd
2018	Patch	7 th

Trainer: Mike Maker (Foster: 3-0-0-0)

2021	Empty Tomb	5 th
2019	Exulting	7 th
2016	International Star	7 th

- Typical Run Style: Leader (BRIS: E 8)
- BRIS Prime Power: 141.1
- 3x stakes winner
- 1x Grade III winner
- Last races: Enters the Foster off back-to-back stakes wins. In March, he won the \$300,000 TwinSpires.com Kentucky Cup Classic (GIII) over the all-weather surface at Turfway Park and followed that with a head victory over Sunday's Hanshin entrant Coal Battle in the \$200,000 Lake Ouachita at Oaklawn Park on May 2 (56 days ago). In the Lake Ouachita, Willy D's went to the front from the start, dueled up the backstretch with American Promise and slipped away from him in the final turn. He responded when headed by Coal Battle one furlong out, but found more and battled back in a gutsy effort.
- Note: Willy D's is cross-entered in Saturday's \$250,000 Texas Turf Classic at 1 1/8 miles on grass at Lone Star Park. He is the 8-5 favorite with Ricardo Santana Jr. named to ride. A decision to run or ship is pending, according to trainer Mike Maker.
 - At 5 1st Grade III, \$300,000 Kentucky Cup Classic (TP)
1st \$200,000 Lake Ouachita (OP)
 - At 4 1st \$102,400 Michael G. Schaefer Memorial (Ind)
2nd Grade II, \$1 million Charles Town Classic (CT)
2nd \$150,000 Tinsel (OP)
 - At 3 2nd \$100,000 Concern (Lrl)
 - At 2 2nd \$150,000 Advent (OP)

STEPHEN FOSTER FAVORITES

Year	Favorite	Odds	Finish	Winner	Odds	Payoff
2025	Mindframe	1.88	1 st	Mindframe	1.88	\$5.76
2024	First Mission	0.93	4 th	Kingsbarns	9.95	\$21.90
2023	West Will Power	2.07	1 st	West Will Power	2.07	\$6.14
2022	Olympiad	1.50	1 st	Olympiad	1.50	\$5.00
2021	Maxfield	0.40	1 st	Maxfield	0.40	\$2.80
2020	Tom's d'Etat	1.30	1 st	Tom's d'Etat	1.30	\$4.60
2019	Gift Box	2.10	4 th	Seeking the Soul	4.60	\$11.20
2018	Backyard Heaven	0.80	6 th	Pavel	6.80	\$15.60
2017	Gun Runner	0.50	1 st	Gun Runner	0.50	\$3.00
2016	Effinex	0.60	6 th	Bradester	9.20	\$20.40
2015	Lea	1.80	2 nd	Noble Bird	4.70	\$11.40
2014	Will Take Charge	2.60	2 nd	Moonshine Mullin	10.00	\$22.00
2013	Take Charge Indy	1.90	6 th	Fort Larned	3.30	\$8.60
2012	Wise Dan	0.90	2 nd	Ron the Greek	9.40	\$20.80
2011	Regal Ransom	4.70	11 th	Pool Play	36.60	\$75.20
2010	Battle Plan	1.90	2 nd	Blame	3.90	\$9.80
2009	Einstein (Brz)	1.20	3 rd	Macho Again	7.70	\$17.40
2008	Curlin	0.40	1 st	Curlin	0.40	\$2.80
2007	Master Command	1.60	6 th	Flashy Bull	6.10	\$14.20
2006	Buzzards Bay	1.40	4 th	Seek Gold	91.70	\$185.40
2005	Saint Liam	0.90	1 st	Saint Liam	0.90	\$3.80
2004	Southern Image	1.50	2 nd	Colonial Colony	62.60	\$127.20
2003	Mineshaft	0.70	2 nd	Perfect Drift	6.80	\$15.60
2002	Congaree	1.30	6 th	Street Cry (Ire)	2.10	\$6.20
2001	Captain Steve	0.70	2 nd	Guided Tour	15.70	\$33.40
2000	Ecton Park	1.50	2 nd	Golden Missile	2.50	\$7.00
1999	Victory Gallop	1.30	1 st	Victory Gallop	1.30	\$4.60
1998	Silver Charm	0.40	2 nd	Awesome Again	5.90	\$13.80
1997	Victor Cooley	2.00	2 nd	City by Night	4.00	\$10.00
1996	Knockadoon	1.10	6 th	Tenants Harbor	5.80	\$13.60
1995	Meadow Flight	3.00	8 th	Recoup the Cash	21.50	\$45.00
1994	Taking Risks	1.10	2 nd	Recoup the Cash	10.20	\$22.40
1993	Root Boy	4.60	1 st	Root Boy	4.60	\$11.20
1992	Alydavid	1.30	6 th	Discover	8.10	\$18.20
1991	Black Tie Affair (Ire)	1.20	1 st	Black Tie Affair (Ire)	1.20	\$4.40
1990	Din's Dancer	2.30	4 th	No Marker	6.10	\$14.20
1989	Honor Medal	2.40	7 th	Air Worthy	16.50	\$35.00
1988	Magna Plus	1.50	7 th	Honor Medal	2.90	\$7.80
1987	Bolshoi Boy	2.20	5 th	Red Attack	2.30	\$6.60
1986	Hopeful Word	0.70	1 st	Hopeful Word	0.70	\$3.40
1985	Vanlandingham	0.10	1 st	Vanlandingham	0.10	\$2.20
1984	Le Cou Cou	1.00	3 rd	Mythical Ruler	2.30	\$6.60
1983	Mythical Ruler	1.70	2 nd	Vodika Collins	2.30	\$6.60
1982	Two's a Plenty	1.70	3 rd	Vodika Collins	3.90	\$9.80

STEPHEN FOSTER SPLITS, RUNNING STYLE AND MARGINS

Year	Winner	¼ M	½ M	¾ M	1 M	Finish
2025	Mindframe	:23.94 (2, ½)	:47.94 (2, 1)	1:11.46 (2, ½)	1:34.93 (1, 2)	1:47.48 (1)
2024	Kingsbarns	:24.13 (4, 1 ¾)	:48.38 (4, 2)	1:11.86 (3, 1)	1:35.67 (1, 1 ½)	1:48.09 (2 ½)
2023	West Will Power	:23.74 (2, ½)	:46.97 (2, 1 ½)	1:10.83 (2, head)	1:35.20 (1, 2 ½)	1:47.93 (½)
2022	Olympiad	:23.05 (2, ½)	:46.45 (2, 1)	1:10.64 (2, ½)	1:35.13 (1, 2 ½)	1:47.66 (2 ¼)
2021	Maxfield	:23.33 (6, 3 ½)	:46.88 (6, 5)	1:10.70 (5, 3)	1:35.44 (1, 2 ½)	1:48.53 (3 ¼)
2020	Tom's d'Etat	:23.89 (2, 1)	:48.13 (2, 1)	1:11.67 (1, head)	1:35.30 (1, 2)	1:47.30 (4 ¼)
2019	Seeking the Soul	:24.60 (6, 3 ½)	:49.43 (6, 2)	1:13.44 (4, ¾)	1:37.23 (3, 1 ½)	1:49.27 (neck)
2018	Pavel	:23.58 (4, 2)	:47.25 (4, 2 ½)	1:11.95 (3, 2)	1:36.25 (1, 3)	1:49.21 (3 ¾)
2017	Gun Runner	:23.59 (1, 1)	:47.23 (1, 2)	1:10.69 (1, 1)	1:34.86 (1, 5)	1:47.56 (7)
2016	Bradester	:23.64 (1, 1)	:47.58 (1, ½)	1:11.69 (1, 1 ½)	1:36.17 (1, 1 ½)	1:48.85 (½)
2015	Noble Bird	:23.39 (2, 2)	:46.81 (2, 2)	1:10.93 (2, head)	1:35.04 (1, 1 ½)	1:47.94 (neck)
2014	Moonshine Mullin	:23.98 (2, ½)	:47.91 (2, ½)	1:12.42 (1, ½)	1:36.93 (1, ½)	1:49.66 (1 ¾)
2013	Fort Larned	:23.69 (1, 1 ½)	:46.96 (1, 2 ½)	1:10.48 (1, 2 ½)	1:34.53 (1, 6 ½)	1:47.45 (6 ¼)
2012	Ron the Greek	:23.66 (6, 8 ½)	:47.27 (6, 9 ½)	1:10.95 (7, 9 ½)	1:36.33 (3, 5)	1:50.51 (head)
2011	Pool Play	:23.96 (10, 10 ½)	:48.74 (11, 9 ½)	1:13.37 (11, 7 ½)	1:37.88 (4, 2 ¼)	1:50.52 (neck)
2010	Blame	:24.50 (6, 4 ¼)	:48.72 (5, 3)	1:12.63 (6, 2 ¾)	1:36.67 (2, 4)	1:49.37 (¾)
2009	Macho Again	:24.13 (8, 7 ¾)	:48.13 (8, 8 ½)	1:12.71 (7, 4)	1:37.22 (1, ½)	1:49.75 (1)
2008	Curlin	:25.01 (4, 3)	:49.28 (4, 2)	1:13.41 (4, 2)	1:37.39 (1, 1 ½)	1:49.68 (4 ¼)
2007	Flashy Bull	:23.39 (4, 5 ½)	:46.45 (4, 5)	1:11.09 (3, 1)	1:35.76 (1, 4)	1:48.63 (head)
2006	Seek Gold	:23.61 (8, 12 ½)	:47.08 (8, 12 ½)	1:11.16 (9, 12 ½)	1:36.03 (7, 4 ¾)	1:49.24 (nose)
2005	Saint Liam	:23.58 (3, 3)	:46.82 (2, 2 ½)	1:10.84 (2, 1 ½)	1:35.19 (1, 2 ½)	1:47.52 (2 ¾)
2004	Colonial Colony	:23.89 (6, 8)	:47.77 (6, 5 ¾)	1:12.40 (2, 1 ½)	1:37.44 (2, head)	1:50.40 (nose)
2003	Perfect Drift	:23.48 (4, 1 ½)	:46.80 (4, 2 ½)	1:10.45 (5, 2 ½)	1:35.10 (2, 1)	1:47.55 (head)
2002	Street Cry (Ire)	:23.90 (3, 1 ½)	:47.50 (4, 2 ½)	1:10.88 (2, ½)	1:35.65 (1, 3)	1:47.84 (6 ½)
2001	Guided Tour	:23.58 (4, 4 ½)	:46.92 (5, 7 ½)	1:10.70 (5, 3)	1:35.39 (2, 1)	1:47.74 (½)
2000	Golden Missile	:23.49 (1, 1)	:47.70 (1, 2)	1:12.42 (1, 1 ½)	1:37.06 (1 2 ½)	1:49.56 (2 ¾)
1999	Victory Gallop	:23.48 (7, 10 ½)	:46.92 (7, 11 ¾)	1:11.06 (7, 6 ¼)	1:35.40 (1, 1 ½)	1:47.28-TR (5)
1998	Awesome Again	:23.30 (4, 6)	:46.90 (3, 4)	1:11.18 (4, 2)	1:36.18 (3, 1 ½)	1:48.61-SR (1)
1997	City by Night	:22.63 (5, 6 ½)	:47.07 (4, 4)	1:12.14 (3, 1)	1:37.56 (1, 4)	1:50.52 (3 ½)
1996	Tenants Harbor	:23.41 (8, 9)	:46.40 (8, 14 ½)	1:10.51 (7, 8 ¾)	1:36.74 (2, head)	1:49.94 (nose)
1995	Recoup the Cash	:23.44 (1, ½)	:46.80 (1, 1)	1:11.16 (1, 2)	1:36.46 (1, 1 ½)	1:49.39 (1 ½)
1994	Recoup the Cash	:23.31 (1, ½)	:47.47 (1, 1 ½)	1:11.59 (1, ½)	1:36.67 (1, 2 ½)	1:49.46 (2 ½)
1993	Root Boy	:23.42 (7, 4 ¾)	:47.14 (4, 2 ½)	1:11.77 (2, head)	1:37.31 (1, 3)	1:50.80 (2)
1992	Discover	:23.18 (10, 10 ¼)	:46.63 (9, 9 ¾)	1:11.46 (8, 8 ¼)	1:37.48 (5, 3)	1:50.14 (2 ½)
1991	Black Tie Affair (Ire)	:24.19 (1, ½)	:47.98 (1, 1)	1:11.82 (1, 1)	1:36.59 (1, 3)	1:49.81 (2 ¾)
1990	No Marker	:23.40 (2)	:47.00 (2)	1:11.40 (2)	1:37.00 (1)	1:49.80
1989	Air Worthy	:23.40 (6)	:47.40 (7)	1:12.00 (4)	1:36.80 (2)	1:49.60
1988	Honor Medal	:23.80 (9)	:47.20 (8)	1:11.20 (6)	1:37.60 (2)	1:50.60
1987	Red Attack	:24.20 (3)	:48.40 (3)	1:12.40 (1)	1:38.20 (1)	1:51.20
1986	Hopeful Word	:23.60 (4)	:46.80 (4)	1:11.00 (4)	1:36.40 (1)	1:49.40
1985	Vanlandingham	:24.00 (1)	:47.60 (1)	1:11.40 (1)	1:36.00 (1)	1:48.80-SR
1984	Mythical Ruler	:24.40 (1)	:48.60 (1)	1:13.00 (1)	1:37.00 (1)	1:49.60
1983	Vodika Collins	:24.00 (4)	:47.20 (5)	1:11.40 (3)	1:36.40 (1)	1:49.20-SR
1982	Vodika Collins	:23.40 (7)	:47.00 (6)	1:12.20 (5)	1:38.60 (2)	1:51.80-SR

KENTUCKY DERBY ALUMNI IN THE STEPHEN FOSTER (60-8-12-7)

Year	Derby	Horse	Trainer	Year	Foster	Odds
2024	1 st	Mystik Dan	Kenny McPeck	2025	4 th	5.30-1
2024	2 nd	Sierra Leone	Chad Brown	2025	2 nd	2.06-1
2023	4 th	Disarm	Steve Asmussen	2024	6 th	4.07-1
2023	5 th	Hit Show	Brad Cox	2025	5 th	11.27-1
2023	14th	Kingsbarns	Todd Pletcher	2024	1st	9.95-1
2022	8 th	Smile Happy	Kenny McPeck	2023	5 th	3.16-1
2022	11 th	Classic Causeway	Brian Lynch/Kenny McPeck	2024	7 th	42.51-1
2021	Pl 2 nd to 1 st	Mandaloun	Brad Cox	2022	4 th	2.30-1
2020	9 th	Necker Island	Chris Hartman	2021	7 th	35.00-1
2020	15 th	South Bend	Stan Hough/Bill Mott	2021	4 th	13.10-1
2019	Pl 12 th to 11 th	By My Standards	Bret Calhoun	2020	2 nd	1.90-1
2017	2 nd	Lookin At Lee	Steve Asmussen	2018	8 th	14.00-1
2017	10 th	Irish War Cry	Graham Motion	2018	DNF	3.80-1
2017	14 th	Patch	Todd Pletcher	2018	7 th	19.60-1
2016	3rd	Gun Runner	Steve Asmussen	2017	1st	0.50-1*
2016	8 th	Mo Tom	Tom Amoss	2017	7 th	28.60-1
2013	3 rd	Revolutionary	Todd Pletcher	2014	6 th	3.60-1
2013	5 th	Mylute	Tom Amoss	2014	4 th	28.90-1
2013	8 th	Will Take Charge	Wayne Lukas	2014	2 nd	2.60-1*
2012	19 th	Take Charge Indy	Pat Byrne	2013	6 th	1.90-1*
2011	2 nd	Nehro	Steve Asmussen	2012	6 th	6.00-1
2010	9 th	Mission Impazible	Todd Pletcher	2012	7 th	9.90-1
				2011	2 nd	7.40-1
2009	8 th	Regal Ransom	Saeed bin Suroor	2011	11 th	4.70-1*
2009	10 th	General Quarters	Tom McCarthy	2010	3 rd	7.50-1
2007	3rd	Curlin	Steve Asmussen	2008	1st	0.40-1*
2007	9 th	Sam P.	Todd Pletcher	2008	8 th	26.60-1
2006	14th	Flashy Bull	Kieran McLaughlin	2007	1st	6.10-1
2005	5 th	Buzzards Bay	Jeff Mullins/Ron Ellis	2006	4 th	1.40-1*
2003	3 rd	Peace Rules	Bobby Frankel	2004	4 th	2.80-1
2002	2 nd	Proud Citizen	Wayne Lukas	2003	8 th	11.50-1
2002	3rd	Perfect Drift	Murray Johnson	2006	2 nd	10.90-1
				2005	3 rd	3.70-1
				2004	3 rd	4.20-1
				2003	1st	6.80-1
2001	3 rd	Congaree	Bob Baffert	2002	6 th	1.30-1*
2001	15 th	Dollar Bill	Dallas Stewart	2002	2 nd	6.20-1
2000	8 th	Captain Steve	Bob Baffert	2001	2 nd	0.70-1*
2000	DNF	Graeme Hall	Todd Pletcher	2001	8 th	10.60-1
1999	3 rd	Cat Thief	Wayne Lukas	2000	3 rd	6.10-1
1999	8 th	K One King	Akiko Gothard	2000	6 th	4.30-1
1999	12 th	Ecton Park	Elliott Walden	2000	2 nd	1.50-1*
1998	2nd	Victory Gallop	Elliott Walden	1999	1st	1.30-1*
1997	1 st	Silver Charm	Bob Baffert	1999	4 th	1.40-1
				1998	2 nd	0.40-1*
1996	10 th	Victory Speech	Wayne Lukas	1997	4 th	3.90-1
1996	14 th	Semoran	Bob Baffert	1998	3 rd	7.80-1
				1997	3 rd	4.50-1
1995	7 th	Knockadoon	Tony Reinstedler	1996	6 th	1.10-1*
1994	11 th	Meadow Flight	Jim Ryerson	1995	8 th	3.00-1*
1991	14 th	Alydavid	Phil Hauswald	1992	6 th	1.30-1*
1989	10 th	Shy Tom	Wayne Lukas	1990	6 th	14.00-1
1989	12 th	Flying Continental	Jay Robbins/Jesse Wigginton	1993	3 rd	18.40-1
1989	15 th	Western Playboy	Harvey Vanier	1992	12 th	79.70-1
				1990	2 nd	4.80-1
1988	13 th	Din's Dancer	Joseph Bollero	1990	5 th	2.30-1*
1984	16th	Vanlandingham	Shug McGaughey III	1985	1st	0.10-1*
1981	17th	Mythical Ruler	Fred Wirth	1984	1st	2.30-1
				1983	2 nd	1.70-1*
				1982	2 nd	12.70-1

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ALYSHEBA PARTICIPANTS IN THE STEPHEN FOSTER (41-8-4-6)

Year	Alysheba Horse	Trainer	Foster	Odds
2025	1 st First Mission	Brad Cox	3 rd	2.53-1
2024	1 st First Mission	Brad Cox	4 th	0.93-1*
2024	4 th Steal Sunshine	Bobby Dibona	5 th	35.82-1
2023	3rd West Will Power	Brad Cox	1st	2.07-1*
2023	4 th Last Samurai	Wayne Lukas	4 th	13.27-1
2023	1 st Smile Happy	Kenny McPeek	5 th	3.16-1
2022	1st Olympiad	Bill Mott	1st	1.50-1*
2022	3 rd Title Ready	Dallas Stewart	5 th	48.80-1
2021	1st Maxfield	Brendan Walsh	1st	0.40-1*
2021	3 rd Chess Chief	Dallas Stewart	5 th	14.20-1
2021	2 nd Visitant	Bill Morey	8 th	12.60-1
2019	3rd Seeking the Soul	Dallas Stewart	1st	4.60-1
2019	2 nd Tom's d'Etat	Al Stall Jr.	3 rd	4.50-1
2018	2 nd Hawaakom	Wes Hawley	4 th	26.00-1
2018	1 st Backyard Heaven	Chad Brown	6 th	0.80-1*
2017	2 nd Honorable Duty	Brendan Walsh	2 nd	5.50-1
2017	5 th Breaking Lucky	Reade Baker	3 rd	10.30-1
2017	1 st Bird Song	Ian Wilkes	8 th	5.80-1
2016	2 nd Eagle	Neil Howard	2 nd	4.70-1
2016	1 st Majestic Harbor	Paul McGee	3 rd	6.40-1
2015	2nd Noble Bird	Mark Casse	1st	4.70-1
2014	1st Moonshine Mullins	Randy Morse	1st	10.00-1
2014	6 th Will Take Charge	Wayne Lukas	2 nd	2.60-1*
2014	4 th Mylute	Tom Amoss	4 th	28.90-1
2014	2 nd Golden Ticket	Kenny McPeek	5 th	10.60-1
2013	1 st Take Charge Indy	Pat Byrne	6 th	1.90-1*
2012	6 th Nates Mineshaft	Austin Smith	3 rd	14.00-1
2012	2 nd Fort Larned	Ian Wilkes	8 th	7.40-1
2011	7 th Mission Impazible	Todd Pletcher	2 nd	7.40-1
2011	5 th Giant Oak	Chris Block	5 th	4.90-1
2011	3 rd Equestrio	Nick Zito	9 th	7.50-1
2011	2 nd Regal Ransom	Saced bin Surror	11 th	4.70-1*
2010	1 st Arson Squad	Rick Dutrow Jr.	6 th	5.70-1
2010	7 th Macho Again	Dallas Stewart	10 th	10.20-1
2009	6th Macho Again	Dallas Stewart	1st	7.70-1
2009	1 st Bullsbay	Graham Motion	4 th	8.70-1
2008	6 th Jonesboro	Randy Morse	6 th	91.10-1
2007	1 st Wanderin Boy	Nick Zito	5 th	5.90-1
2006	5th Seek Gold	Nick Zito/Ron Moquett	1st	91.70-1
2006	4 th M B Sea	Dale Romans	7 th	84.20-1
2004	2 nd Perfect Drift	Murray Johnson	3 rd	4.20-1

DUBAI WORLD CUP PARTICIPANTS IN THE STEPHEN FOSTER (16-6-5-0)

Year	DWC	Horse	Trainer	Foster	Odds
2025	1 st	Hit Show	Brad Cox	5 th	11.27-1
2019	6 th	Yoshida (JPN)	Bill Mott	6 th	4.80-1
2019	8th	Seeking the Soul	Dallas Stewart	1st	4.60-1
2018	4th	Pavel	Doug O'Neill	1st	6.80-1
2017	2nd	Gun Runner	Steve Asmussen	1st	0.50-1*
2015	3 rd	Lea	Bill Mott	2 nd	1.80-1*
2009	11 th	Arson Squad	Rick Dutrow Jr.	4 th	10.90-1
2009	12 th	Asiatic Boy (Arg)	Kiaran McLaughlin	2 nd	4.90-1
2008	1st	Curlin	Steve Asmussen	1st	0.40-1*
2006	DQ 2 nd to 11 th	Brass Hat	Buff Bradley	5 th	2.70-1
2002	1st	Street Cry (Ire)	Saaed bin Suroor	1st	2.10-1
2001	1 st	Captain Steve	Bob Baffert	2 nd	0.70-1*
2000	5 th	Ecton Park	Elliott Walden	2 nd	1.50-1*
1999	3rd	Victory Gallop	Elliott Walden	1st	1.30-1*
1999	6 th	Silver Charm	Bob Baffert	4 th	1.40-1
1998	1 st	Silver Charm	Bob Baffert	2 nd	0.40-1*

OAKLAWN HANDICAP PARTICIPANTS IN THE STEPHEN FOSTER SINCE 1991 (38-2-4-4)

Year	OP H.	Horse	Trainer	Foster	Odds
2025	1 st	First Mission	Brad Cox	3 rd	2.53-1
2024	1 st	Skippylongstocking	Saffie Joseph Jr.	3 rd	4.26-1
2023	2 nd	Last Samurai	Wayne Lukas	4 th	13.27-1
2023	3 rd	Stilieto Boy	Ed Moger Jr.	6 th	7.35-1
2023	1 st	Proxy	Mike Stidham	8 th	3.05-1
2023	1 st	Last Samurai	Wayne Lukas	7 th	24.00-1
2021	5 th	Warrior's Charge	Brad Cox	DQ 2 nd to 9 th	7.20-1
2020	1 st	By My Standards	Bret Calhoun	2 nd	1.90-1
2019	1 st	Quip	Rodolphe Brisset	2 nd	13.90-1
2019	7 th	Tenfold	Steve Asmussen	9 th	12.30-1
2019	6 th	Rated R Superstar	Cipriano Contreras	12 th	68.10-1
2018	7 th	Hawaakom	Wes Hawley	4 th	26.00-1
2018	5 th	Lookin At Lee	Steve Asmussen	8 th	14.00-1
2017	6 th	Texas Chrome	Allen Milligan	6 th	46.80-1
2016	1 st	Effinex	Jimmy Jerkens	6 th	0.60-1*
2014	1 st	Will Take Charge	Wayne Lukas	2 nd	2.60-1*
2014	2 nd	Revolutionary	Todd Pletcher	6 th	3.60-1
2014	4 th	Prayer for Relief	Dale Romans	8 th	8.80-1
2013	5th	Fort Larned	Ian Wilkes	1st	3.30-1
2012	2nd	Ron the Greek	Bill Mott	1st	3.10-1
2012	1 st	Alternation	Donnie K. Von Hemel	5 th	7.80-1
2012	6 th	Nehro	Steve Asmussen	6 th	6.00-1
2010	1 st	Duke of Mischief	David Fawkes	8 th	6.50-1
2007	4 th	Jonesboro	Randy Morse	4 th	63.80-1
2006	1 st	Buzzards Bay	Ron Ellis	4 th	1.40-1*
2004	1 st	Peace Rules	Bobby Frankel	4 th	2.80-1
2003	4 th	Crafty Shaw	Pete Vestal	4 th	30.70-1
2002	3 rd	Dollar Bill	Dallas Stewart	2 nd	6.20-1
2001	4 th	Graeme Hall	Todd Pletcher	8 th	10.60-1
2000	3 rd	Cat Thief	Wayne Lukas	3 rd	6.10-1
2000	1 st	K One King	Akiko Gothard	6 th	4.30-1
1999	2 nd	Littlebitlively	Bobby Barnett	3 rd	3.30-1
1999	3 rd	Precocity	Bobby Barnett	5 th	3.30-1
1998	1 st	Precocity	Bobby Barnett	4 th	4.00-1
1997	5 th	Victory Speech	Wayne Lukas	4 th	3.90-1
1994	4 th	Far Out Wadleigh	Raymond Frederick	7 th	4.90-1
1993	10 th	Senor Thomas	Pete Vestal	7 th	8.20-1
1992	4 th	Jarraar	Tom Amoss	5 th	27.00-1

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