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RECORD \$26 MILLION IN STAKES PURSES SCHEDULED FOR SPRING MEET; DERBY DAY'S AMERICAN TURF NOW GRADE I, WORTH \$1 MILLION

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Friday, March 7, 2025) – The American Turf for 3-year-olds, annually staged on the Kentucky Derby undercard, had its purse raised to \$1 million after the American Graded Stakes Committee elevated the 1 1/16-mile grass race to Grade I status.

All told, 50 stakes races cumulatively worth a record \$26,175,000 – a \$525,000 increase – are scheduled to be run during Churchill Downs' 2025 Spring Meet, which covers 43 race dates between April 26-June 29.

The highlights, as always, are the \$5 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (GI) for 3-year-olds at 1 ¼ miles on Saturday, May 3 and the \$1.5 million Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI) for 3-year-old fillies at 1 1/8 miles held one day prior.

The American Turf is one of four Spring Meet stakes that received purse hikes for 2025 and one of seven races that warranted upgrades by the American Graded Stakes Committee of the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association.

Here are the changes for 2025:

American Turf

- Upgraded status from Grade II in 2024 to Grade I in 2025
- Purse increased from \$600,000 in 2024 to \$1 million in 2025

Aristides

- Upgraded from Listed to Grade III status in 2025

Chicago

- Upgraded status from Grade III in 2024 to Grade II in 2025
- Purse increased from \$250,000 in 2024 to \$300,000 in 2025

Chorleywood

- Received Listed status in 2025
- Purse increased from \$175,000 in 2024 to \$200,000 in 2025

Issac Murphy Marathon presented by Resolute Racing

- Received Listed status in 2025

Mamzelle

- Upgraded from Listed to Grade III status in 2025

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Maxfield

- Purse increased from \$175,000 in 2024 to \$250,000 in 2025

Roxelana presented by LG&E

- Received Listed status in 2025

During Kentucky Derby Week (April 26-May 3), there will be 22 stakes races cumulatively worth a record \$17.9 million, including nine stakes totaling \$11,150,000 on Derby Day and seven totaling \$5.25 million on Oaks Day.

As was the case last year, Churchill Downs has partnered with Ascot Racecourse and Great Britain's The Jockey Club to extend a "wild card" entry initiative that ties together Kentucky Derby Week with the Betfred Derby Festival and Royal Ascot.

The winner of the American Turf on Kentucky Derby Day will receive an entry and travel stipend to compete in the Group 1 Betfred Derby at Epsom on June 7 and Group 1 St. James's Palace at Royal Ascot on June 17, while the winner of the Edgewood on Kentucky Oaks Day will receive the same benefits for the Group 1 Betfred Oaks at Epsom on June 6 and Group 1 Coronation Stakes at Royal Ascot on June 20.

The winner of the Old Forester Bourbon Turf Classic (GI) will receive a berth to either the Queen Anne Stakes (GI) or the Prince of Wales' Stakes (GI) at Royal Ascot, and the Twin Spires Turf Sprint winner will receive an entry to the King's Charles III Stakes (GI), also staged at Royal Ascot.

In return, a runner from both the Queen Anne and Prince of Wales's will receive an entry and travel incentive to run in the Grade I Arlington Million at Colonial Downs in mid-August. Also, a runner from the Tattersales Falmouth Stakes (GI) will receive an entry and travel stipend for the Grade II Beverly D Stakes on the Arlington Million undercard.

Other Spring Meet highlights include Stephen Foster Preview Day on Saturday, May 31; Stephen Foster Day on Saturday, June 28; and five closing day stakes on Sunday, June 29.

Following its annual closure for wintertime renovations, the Churchill Downs stable area will reopen Tuesday, March 18. The first day of training on the main dirt track will be Wednesday, March 19.

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.

2025 CHURCHILL DOWNS SPRING MEET STAKES SCHEDULE

Date	Running	Grade	Purse	+ vs. 2024	Race	Conditions	Distance	Surface
Saturday, April 26	15 th	Listed	\$200,000		Roxelana presented by LG&E	4&cup, f&m	6 F	Dirt
Wednesday, April 30	10 th	Listed	\$300,000		William Walker presented by Resolute Racing	3yo	5 ½ F	Turf
Wednesday, April 30	7 th	Listed	\$200,000		Isaac Murphy Marathon presented by Resolute Racing	4&cup	1 ½ M	Dirt
Thursday, May 1	20 th	Listed	\$350,000		Opening Verse	4&cup	1 M	Turf
Thursday, May 1	31 st		\$250,000		Kentucky Juvenile	2yo	5 F	Dirt
Thursday, May 1	4 th		\$200,000		St. Matthews Overnight Stakes	4&cup ®	6 F	Dirt
Friday, May 2	151 st	I	\$1,500,000		Longines Kentucky Oaks	3yo f	1 1/8 M	Dirt
Friday, May 2	40 th	I	\$1,000,000		Fasig-Tipton La Troienne	4&cup, f&m	1 1/16 M	Dirt
Friday, May 2	22 nd	II	\$750,000		Alysheba presented by Sentient Jet	4&cup	1 1/16 M	Dirt
Friday, May 2	70 th	II	\$600,000		Eight Belles presented by Sysco	3yo f	7 F	Dirt
Friday, May 2	41 st	II	\$600,000		Edgewood presented by Accenture	3yo f	1 1/16 M	Turf
Friday, May 2	68 th	III	\$400,000		Modesty presented by Veritas Prime	4&cup, f&m	1 1/8 M	Turf
Friday, May 2	15 th	III	\$400,000		Unbridled Sidney presented by Cygames	3&cup, f&m	5 ½ F	Turf
Saturday, May 3	151 st	I	\$5,000,000		Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve	3yo	1 ¼ M	Dirt
Saturday, May 3	39 th	I	\$1,000,000		Old Forester Bourbon Turf Classic	4&cup	1 1/8 M	Turf
Saturday, May 3	90 th	I	\$1,000,000		Churchill Downs presented by Ford	4&cup	7 F	Dirt
Saturday, May 3	39 th	I	\$1,000,000		Derby City Distaff presented by Kendall-Jackson Winery	4&cup, f&m	7 F	Dirt
Saturday, May 3	34 th	I	\$1,000,000	+\$400,000	American Turf	3yo	1 1/16 M	Turf
Saturday, May 3	40 th	II	\$750,000		Longines Churchill Distaff Turf Mile	4&cup, f&m	1 M	Turf
Saturday, May 3	31 st	II	\$600,000		Twin Spires Turf Sprint presented by Accenture	3&cup	5 ½ F	Turf
Saturday, May 3	101 st	II	\$600,000		Pat Day Mile presented by SAP	3yo	1 M	Dirt
Saturday, May 3	4 th	Listed ®	\$200,000		Knicks Go Overnight Stakes	4&cup ®	1 M	Dirt
Saturday, May 10	6 th	III	\$225,000		Mamzelle	3yo f	5 ½ F	Turf
Saturday, May 17	88 th	III	\$250,000		Louisville	4&cup	1 ½ M	Turf
Saturday, May 24	12 th	Listed	\$250,000		Keertana	4&cup, f&m	1 ½ M	Turf
Monday, May 26	22 nd	III	\$250,000		Winning Colors	4&cup, f&m	6 F	Dirt
Saturday, May 31	6 th	III	\$275,000		Blame	4&cup	1 1/8 M	Dirt
Saturday, May 31	6 th	III	\$275,000		Shawnee	4&cup, f&m	1 1/16 M	Dirt
Saturday, May 31	89 th	III	\$275,000		Arlington	4&cup	1 1/16 M	Turf
Saturday, May 31	56 th	III	\$275,000		Regret	3yo f	1 1/8 M	Turf
Saturday, May 31	37 th	III	\$275,000		Aristides	4&cup	6 F	Dirt
Saturday, May 31	6 th	Listed	\$275,000		Audubon	3yo	1 1/8 M	Turf
Sunday, June 1	49 th	III	\$250,000		Old Forester Mint Julep	4&cup, f&m	1 1/16 M	Turf
Saturday, June 7	9 th	Listed	\$225,000		Mighty Beau	3&cup	5 F	Turf
Sunday, June 8	28 th	III	\$400,000		Matt Winn	3yo	1 1/16 M	Dirt
Sunday, June 8	4 th		\$175,000		Leslie's Lady Overnight Stakes	3yo f	7 F	Dirt
Saturday, June 14	4 th		\$175,000		Monomoy Girl Overnight Stakes	3yo f	1 1/16 M	Dirt
Saturday, June 14	3 rd	Listed	\$200,000	+\$25,000	Chorleywood	4&cup	1 3/8 M	Turf
Saturday, June 21	35 th	II	\$300,000	+\$50,000	Chicago	4&cup, f&m	7 F	Dirt
Saturday, June 28	44 th	I	\$1,000,000		Stephen Foster	4&cup	1 1/8 M	Dirt
Saturday, June 28	50 th	II	\$500,000		Fasig-Tipton Fleur de Lis	4&cup, f&m	1 1/8 M	Dirt
Saturday, June 28	36 th	II	\$500,000		Wise Dan	4&cup	1 1/16 M	Turf
Saturday, June 28	110 th	Listed	\$250,000		American Derby	3yo	1 1/16 M	Turf
Saturday, June 28	6 th	Listed	\$250,000		Tepin	3yo f	1 M	Turf
Saturday, June 28	15 th	Listed	\$250,000		Kelly's Landing	3&cup	6 ½ F	Dirt
Sunday, June 29	4 th	Listed	\$250,000	+\$50,000	Maxfield	3yo	7 F	Dirt
Sunday, June 29	72 nd	Listed	\$300,000		Hanshin presented by JRA	4&cup	1 M	Dirt
Sunday, June 29	124 th	Listed	\$225,000		Bashford Manor	2yo	6 F	Dirt
Sunday, June 29	124 th	Listed	\$225,000		Debutante	2yo f	6 F	Dirt
Sunday, June 29	4 th		\$175,000		Anchorage Overnight Stakes	4&cup, f&m	1 1/8 M	Turf

Every stakes race, excluding the Kentucky Oaks and Kentucky Derby, includes Kentucky Thoroughbred Development Fund prize money.

All Kentucky Thoroughbred Development Fund purse allotments are subject to KHRC approval.

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