



SATURDAY, MAY 3, 6:04 P.M.
CHURCHILL DOWNS

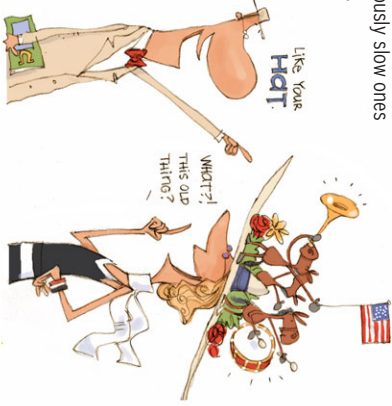


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★ KENTUCKY DERBY POCKET GUIDE ★

★ ★ ★ WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: DERBY ETIQUETTE ★ ★ ★

- This is, more or less, your only really useful etiquette guide to the 134th Kentucky Derby. However your experience the race, some mingling/behavior/getting along tips are in order for all. Apply at will, sort of like sunscreen.
- Remember that you are a Kentuckian. Try to work on the lyrics to *My Old Kentucky Home* before you get there. NBC loves this stuff. Heck, Kentuckians love this stuff. Do your part.
- Stumped for conversation starters, you can always compliment a woman on her hat. If she is not wearing a hat, she is at the wrong horse race.
- Similarly stumped with men, ask if he needs another drink. Men at the Derby always need another drink.
- Do not speak ill of any horse while at the Downs. Even the notoriously slow ones command more respect here than a lot of people and all politicians.
- Remember to dress for the Derby party you wish to be invited to next year. Even if you have no expectation of ever rising above the \$40 infield general admission party, dress as if you do.
- No one cares if you have to pee. No need to announce it loudly, not even if you're in the infield. Just go.
- Do not try to touch a horse. Do not try to pick a rose from the landmark rosebushes. Do not insult the jockey in any language. (Horses have bodyguards. Churchill has bouncers.; jockeys have whips.)
- Take heart that it's a day when all of America envies you. And take aspirin.



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★ ★ ★ SING IT LOUD — AND CORRECTLY ★ ★ ★

For the record, Stephen Foster's *My Old Kentucky Home* does not go like this:
Mmmm, mmm, mmmm, My Old Kentucky Home, la da, la da de, la da de, la day ... mmmm.
Here are the words:

The sun shines bright in my old Kentucky home,

*'Tis summer, the people are gay,
The corn-top's ripe and the meadows*

in the bloom

*While the birds make music all the day,
The young folks roll on the little cabin floor*

*All merry, all happy and bright;
By 'n' by hard times comes a-knocking*

at the door
Then my old Kentucky home, good-night!

Weep no more my lady, Oh!

Weep no more today!

*For my old Kentucky home, far away,
Kentucky home*

SOURCE: COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

★ ★ ★ THE FIELD ★ ★ ★

Post time: 6:04 p.m. Saturday

PP	Horse	Jockey	Odds
1	Cool Coal Man	J. Leparoux	20-1
2	Tale of Ekati	E. Coa	15-1
3	Anak Nakal	R. Bejarano	30-1
4	Court Vision	G. Gomez	20-1
5	Eight Belles	G. Saez	20-1
6	Z Fortune	R. Albarado	15-1
7	Big Truck	J. Castellano	50-1
8	Visionaire	J. Lezcano	20-1
9	Pyro	S. Bridgmohan	9-1
10	Colonel John	C. Nakatani	4-1
11	Z Humor	R. Douglas	30-1
12	Smooth Air	Mr. Cruz	20-1
13	Bob Black Jack	R. Migliore	20-1
14	Monba	R. Dominguez	15-1
15	Adriano	E. Prado	30-1
16	Denis of Cork	C. Borel	20-1
17	Cowboy Gal	J. Velazquez	20-1
18	Recapturethegory	E.T. Baird	20-1
19	Gayego	M. Smith	15-1
20	Big Brown	K. Desormeaux	3-1

★ ★ ★ IMPROVING YOUR SDDO ★ ★ ★

Some tips to consider:

Favorites aren't a sure thing: Only three have won since Spectacular Bid in 1979: Fusaichi Pegasus, 2000; Smarty Jones, 2004; and Street Sense, 2007.

Bet on the bay: A bay horse has won 48 times, more than any other color. Roan/gray horses or dark bay have won only three times each.

A good jockey matters: Top jockeys like John Velazquez or Edgar Prado get first dibs within some of the most powerful stables. Jockeys who've already won can have an edge.

Experience counts: Horses should have at least three spring prep races before the Derby.

A familiar surface: Give extra consideration to horses previously successful on Churchill's track.

Undeclared starters: In the modern era, 21 starters were undeclared entering the Derby. Six won, the last being Barbaro (2006).

Big Brown is undeclared in this year's field.
SOURCE: CHURCHILL DOWNS

★ ★ ★ FACTS AND FIGURES ★ ★ ★

NUMBERS TO KNOW

General admission: \$40.
Gates open: 8 a.m. **First post time:** 11 a.m.
Derby post time: 6:04 p.m.

GETTING TO THE DOWNS

From Lexington: Take Interstate 64 west to the Watterson Expressway (I-264, Exit 12A). Go west on the Watterson, then exit at Southern Parkway or Taylor Boulevard (Exits 10 or 9).

■ The drive takes 75 minutes in moderate traffic. Expect delays after noon on Derby Day
Shuttle info: www.ridelarc.org (502) 585-1234

WEATHER REPORT

■ Scattered thunderstorms are predicted Saturday in Louisville. A high of 74 degrees is expected.

■ Remember that umbrellas are not allowed in Churchill Downs. Take a poncho instead.

■ Just because it's cloudy doesn't mean you can't get sunburned. You are allowed to bring sunscreen into the Downs as long as it is stored in a non-glass container.

SOURCE: WEATHER.COM, CHURCHILL DOWNS