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I'll Have Another

Wins the 138th Kentucky Derby

Here's a Glimpse Into Kentucky Derby History, Facts You May or May Not Know and A Photo Journey of the Experience



Saturday, May 5th, 2012 marked the 138th running of “The Greatest Two Minutes in Sports,” The Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (Gr. 1). No matter if you are an avid Thoroughbred Racing fan, a lover of horses and horse sports or just about anybody else for that matter, the Kentucky Derby is and remains an event that many wish to experience at least once in their lifetime. For those that have yet to have their Derby opportunity, here is your all-access pass to get you one step closer to the world’s most famous horse race.

Wednesday, May 2, 2012



9:47am - Trainer Michael Matz talks with the media about his horse, Union Rags, in the Kentucky Derby. Matz won the Kentucky Derby in 2006 with Barbaro. (Left)

11:02am - The statue of 2006 Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro is adorned with a bouquet of roses in honor and remembrance of the great champion. (Right)



10:51am - The iconic twin spires overlook another morning at Churchill Downs.

What is the Kentucky Derby?

- Grade 1 Thoroughbred Stakes Race
- For Three-Year-Olds carrying 126 lbs.
- 1 ¼ miles on dirt
- \$2,000,000 Guaranteed Purse

Also Known As:

- “The Greatest Two Minutes in Sports”
- “The Run for the Roses”
- “The first Saturday in May”
- “The first leg of the Triple Crown”



10:52am - Although empty and calm now, the winner's circle awaits the excitement to come during the weekend. This winner's circle is specifically reserved for the Kentucky Oaks and Derby only. A different winner's circle is used for all other races.

What makes it so special?

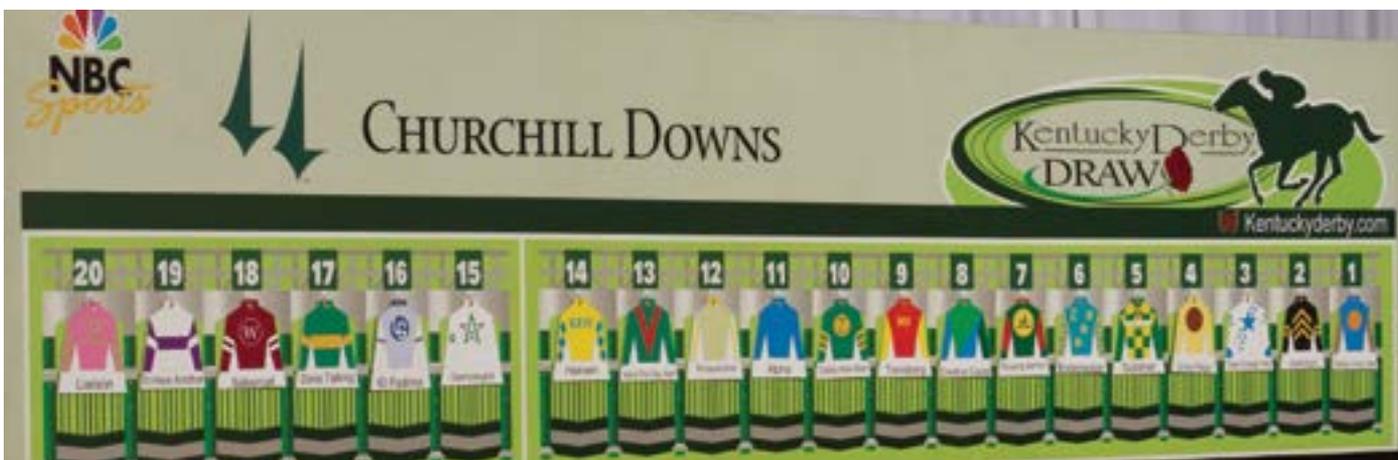
The Kentucky Derby is often regarded as America's greatest horse race and the one owners, trainers and jockeys want to win more than any other. So why is the Derby so special? Once the field is set and the gates open, only one horse will be ready and able to demonstrate the rarest combination of speed and stamina that will carry them to be the fastest through 1 ¼ miles on the first Saturday in May. While it is a difficult enough task to win any race, the odds of winning the Derby are astronomical as every one of the 30,000 Thoroughbred foals born in the United States each year have only one chance to wear the roses in their lifetime. As the Derby is an age restricted race, only three-year-old Thoroughbreds are eligible. However, just because a horse turns three does not mean they are allowed to run in the race. In fact, only the 20 three-year-olds with the greatest amount of accumulated earnings in Graded Stakes races (the highest level of racing) will be permitted to enter the Derby starting gate. In the end, the one horse out of every 30,000 to win the Derby joins an exclusive club in which there are currently only 138 members. Every year the number of members in that club will grow by one and the remaining 29,999 horses that didn't win the Derby... will turn four.

Run for the Roses



1:01pm - Creative Cause schools in the paddock in preparation for the Derby. Creative cause was so ready to run for the roses it took two people to control and guide him within the paddock. (Left)

4:52pm - The Kentucky Derby trophy on display at the Derby Post Position Draw. Since the trophy's inception in 1924 the horseshoe pointed downward until it was reversed to commemorate Derby 125. Superstition says that all the luck will run out if a horseshoe is pointed downward. (Right)



5:28pm - The field is set for the 138th Kentucky Derby and Bodemeister in post position 6 is listed as the 4-1 morning line favorite.

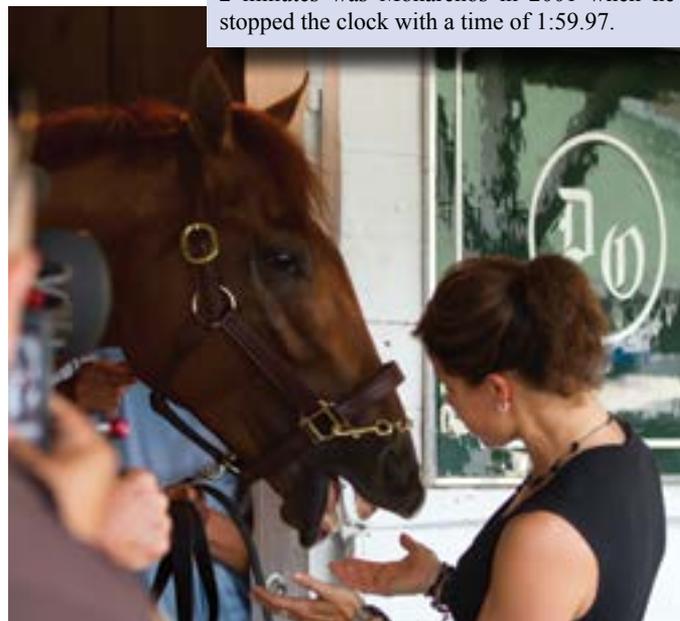
Thursday, May 3, 2012



8:32am - I'll Have Another blazes around the track. The week of the Derby no other horse galloped as fast and hard as the eventual Derby winner.

Secretariat and the Kentucky Derby Record

On May 5th, 1973 Secretariat set the track and Kentucky Derby record when he completed the 1 ¼ miles in 1:59.40. In victory, Secretariat became the first horse to run the race in under 2 minutes while astonishingly running each subsequent quarter mile faster than the preceding one. Whereas most horses tire near the end of a race, Secretariat was actually running faster as the race went on! 2 ½ lengths behind Secretariat a horse named Sham finished second in the Derby. Although there was no official time kept for Sham, many believe that he may have also completed the race in less than 2 minutes. Unfortunately for Sham, he was born the wrong year as in any other edition of the Derby he likely would have been wearing the garland of roses. Aside from Secretariat and Sham, the only other horse to finish the race in less than 2 minutes was Monarchos in 2001 when he stopped the clock with a time of 1:59.97.



9:01am - Creative Cause strikes a pose while getting a bath after his morning gallop. (Left); 9:15 am - Eventual Kentucky Derby favorite, Union Rags, taking in the scene backside at Churchill Downs. Union Rags occupied the same stall that Barbaro did in 2006 when he won the Derby. (Center); 10:32am - I'll Have Another interacts with the "Today Show's" Jenna Wolfe as they film a bit that will eventually be aired during the Derby telecast on NBC. (Right)

Bodemeister, The Morning Line Favorite

1:31pm - Morning line favorite, Bodemeister, is focused and ready as he schools in the paddock. (Below Left); 1:33pm - Hall of Famer and three time Kentucky Derby winning trainer, Bob Baffert, overlooks his horse, Bodemeister, as he schools in the paddock. (Below Right)



2:38pm - Undefeated in five starts heading into the Derby, Gemologist struts his stuff as fans watch him school in the paddock.

Friday, May 4, 2012

The Triple Crown

The Triple Crown is a series of three American dirt races held during the span of five weeks each spring beginning with the Kentucky Derby on the first Saturday in May. The second jewel of the Triple Crown, the Preakness Stakes, is run at Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore, Maryland two weeks after the Derby. Three weeks after the Preakness, the Belmont Stakes (aka, the "Test of the Champion") is held at Belmont Park in Elmont, New York. Along with the differences in location each race is also run at a different distance with the Derby being 1 ¼ miles, the Preakness at 1 3/16 miles and the Belmont the longest of all at 1 ½ miles. In the vast history of Thoroughbred Racing only 11 horses have won the Triple Crown. The 1970's alone saw three winners: Secretariat (1973), Seattle Slew (1977) and Affirmed (1978). In the 34 years since Affirmed accomplished the feat, no other horse has been able to win the Triple Crown. During that time eleven different horses have won the Derby and Preakness only to lose in the Belmont, continuing to make the Triple Crown one of the most daunting and elusive accomplishments in all of sports.



7:28am - Done Talking goes to the track for a morning gallop to help ready him for the big day. (Above Left); 12:04pm - Fans in the infield are excited to see their horse win on the Oaks Day undercard. (Above Right)



Above, Left to Right: 12:50pm - Waiting to catch a glimpse of a horse on Oaks Day; 1:29pm - A fan celebrates as she picked the winning horse (#5) in the race; 3:45pm - It's not the full Derby experience without a Mint Julep in hand; Right: 5:54pm - Prior to the Kentucky Oaks, breast cancer survivors are honored in what has become an annual parade.



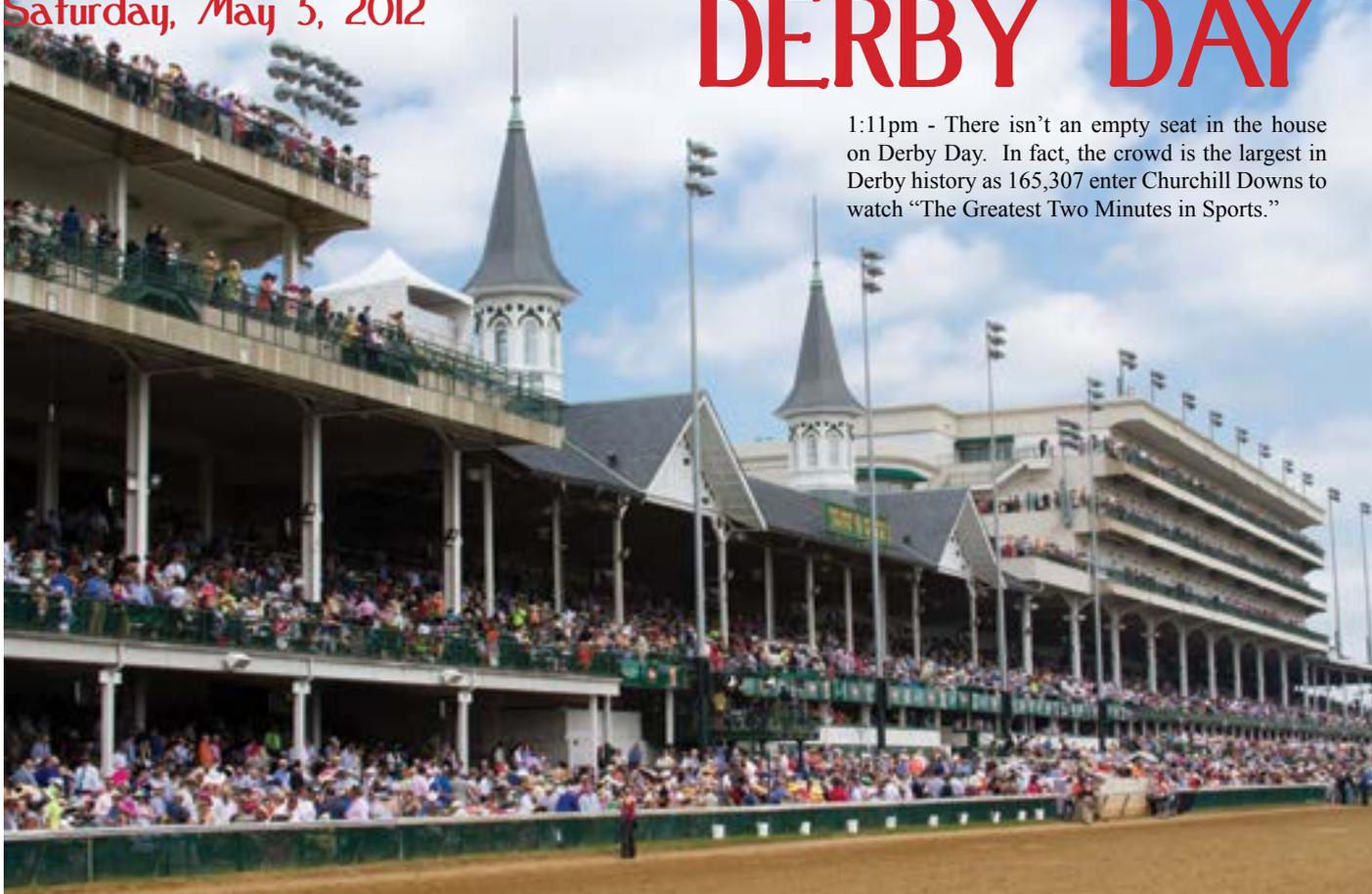
Believe You Can Wins the 138th Running of the Kentucky Oaks

6:22pm - Believe You Can wins the 138th running of the Kentucky Oaks with Rosie Napravnik up. Rosie became the first female ever to win the "Lilies for the Fillies."

Saturday, May 5, 2012

DERBY DAY

1:11pm - There isn't an empty seat in the house on Derby Day. In fact, the crowd is the largest in Derby history as 165,307 enter Churchill Downs to watch "The Greatest Two Minutes in Sports."



9:20am - The connections for Union Rags, including owner Phyllis Wyeth and trainer Michael Matz, discuss strategy the morning of the Derby.



1:51pm - Hats, hats everywhere! As much as the Derby is about racing, for many it is equally important to find the perfect Derby hat.



2:33pm - As the day draws on, the infield gets more and more packed with people ready to party at the Derby. (Left)

2:40pm - Fans do a little handicapping before they select and bet on their Derby horse. A record breaking total of \$133.1 million was bet on the Derby alone! (Right)

Derby Traditions:

- **The Kentucky Oaks** – On the Friday before the Derby, the Kentucky Oaks is run at Churchill Downs. As old as the Derby, this race is restricted for 3-year-old fillies with the winner presented with a garland of lilies. The Oaks is affectionately referred to as the “Lilies for the Fillies” and maintains its own list of traditions including the Oaks Lily drink, wearing pink and the breast cancer survivor’s parade.

- **Garland of Roses** – Every year the horse that wins the Kentucky Derby is blanketed in a garland of roses. The garland is made up of more than 400 red roses and is put together by The Kroger Company the night before the Derby.

- **Hats** - People dress to their best at the Derby including wearing a distinctive hat. Although many attempt to find the most fashionable hat possible, others instead aim for a more creative, interesting and/or unusual hat for Derby day.

- **Mint Juleps** – The Mint Julep is the beverage of choice for most patrons on Derby Day. Each Julep is made of whiskey, fresh mint, sugar and water and is served over crushed ice. Every year about 120,000 Mint Juleps are sold at the Derby.

- **“My Old Kentucky Home”** – After the call to the post inviting the Derby horses to enter the track, the crowd sings together this classic song by Stephen Foster. It is an emotional moment that has been known to bring a tear to the eye of spectators and even jockeys as they make their way to the track.

- **The Infield** – While many people have a reserved seat in the grandstand or clubhouse, many others purchase a general admission ticket that gives them access to the Churchill Downs infield. You just never know what might happen in the infield as it is often one giant party!

- **Attendance** – The Derby draws the largest crowd of any event in American Thoroughbred Racing. 165,307 fans entered Churchill Downs this year to watch the Derby, breaking the previous record that was set just last year.

- **Celebrities** – Every year Churchill Downs rolls out the red carpet as many celebrities attend the Derby. This year celebs such as Mary J. Blige, Miss America, Laura Kaeppler, Cindi Lauper, Ron White, Guy Fieri, Debra Messing, Andre Agassi and Steffi Graf were in attendance.

- **Gambling** – With 20 horses entered in the field, everyone at the Derby makes their best attempt at predicting who will win the roses. Even outside the track, people across the world weigh in and place a wager on the race. As little as \$2 will buy you a ticket to win on the horse of your choice. In total, \$133.1 million was wagered on the Derby alone this year, breaking the previous record by 12.1%.



Top Left to Right: 5:47pm - Sabercat (18), leads the massive walk-over to the paddock that has become another wonderful tradition prior to the start of the Kentucky Derby; 5:48pm - Union Rags has a presence about him as he embarks on the walk-over to be saddled; 5:50pm - Two-Year-Old Male Champion, Hansen,

is ready to race again under the Twin Spires. Churchill Downs was the site of Hansen’s biggest win, the 2011 Breeder’s Cup Juvenile; 6:18pm - “The sun shine’s bright on My Old Kentucky Home...” The crowd sings as Mario Gutierrez and I’ll Have Another enter the track during the post parade.



And They're Off!

6:29pm - And they're off in the Kentucky Derby! The field goes by for the first time as Bodemeister sets the pace. Bodemeister set the fifth fastest time in Derby history at each split during the race and still had the stamina to hang on for second.

6:29pm - The field goes around the club house turn as Bodemeister leads the way.



6:30pm - I'll Have Another hooks Bodemeister and in the last few yards of the race and wins the 138th Kentucky Derby! It's time to celebrate as I'll Have Another and jockey Mario Gutierrez etch their names into racing history!

Kentucky Derby 138 Entries, Post Positions and Morning Line Odds:

- (1) Daddy Long Legs 30-1
- (2) Optimizer 50-1
- (3) Take Charge Indy 15-1
- (4) Union Rags 9-2
- (5) Dullahan 8-1
- (6) Bodemeister 4-1
- (7) Rousing Sermon 50-1
- (8) Creative Cause 12-1
- (9) Trinniberg 50-1
- (10) Daddy Nose Best 15-1
- (11) Alpha 15-1
- (12) Prospective 30-1
- (13) Went The Day Well 20-1
- (14) Hansen 10-1
- (15) Gemologist 6-1
- (16) El Pardrino 20-1
- (17) Done Talking 50-1
- (18) Sabercat 30-1
- (19) I'll Have Another 12-1
- (20) Liaison 50-1

Kentucky Derby 138 Results:

- Weather: Cloudy Track: Fast
- 1st (1 ½) I'll Have Another
 - 2nd (Neck) Bodemeister
 - 3rd (3/4) Dullahan
 - 4th (1/2) Went the Day Well
 - 5th (4) Creative Cause
 - 6th (1/2) Liaison
 - 7th (3/4) Union Rags
 - 8th (2) Rousing Sermon
 - 9th (1 ¼) Hansen
 - 10th (1/2) Daddy Nose Best
 - 11th (7 ½) Optimizer
 - 12th (3/4) Alpha
 - 13th (3 ½) El Pardrino
 - 14th (1 ¼) Done Talking
 - 15th (5 ¼) Sabercat
 - 16th (1 ½) Gemologist
 - 17th (3) Trinniberg
 - 18th (15 ½) Prospective
 - 19th (---) Take Charge Indy
 - 20th (---) Daddy Long Legs



6:35pm - Returning as Derby champions, the crowd erupts!



6:36pm - Congratulations all around as “Team O’Neill” (as winning trainer Doug O’Neill refers to his training operation) pulls off the Derby upset;
 6:38pm - The Derby champion is lead to the winner’s circle by Dennis O’Neill (brother to winning trainer Doug O’Neill) as Mario Gutierrez is overcome with emotion.



6:42pm - I’ll Have Another gets the roses on the first Saturday in May; 6:42pm - The joy of winning the Kentucky Derby.



6:43pm - After the garland is removed, one last rose petal clings to I’ll Have Another...almost to serve as a reminder that when you accomplish something great, a little piece of it will stay with you wherever you may go...

Winning Horse & Connections:

Winning Horse: I’ll Have Another, Chestnut Colt,
 by Flower Alley out of Arch’s Gal Edith, by Arch
 Foaled April 1, 2009 in Kentucky
Winning Jockey: Mario Gutierrez
Winning Trainer: Doug O’Neill
Winning Owner: Reddam Racing LLC (J. Paul Reddam)
Breeder: Harvey Clarke

I’ll Have Another and Another

Not only did he win the Kentucky Derby, but on Saturday, May 19th, I’ll Have Another took the second jewel of racing’s Triple Crown when he won the Preakness Stakes by a neck after a second dramatic stretch duel with Bodemeister. I’ll Have Another moves on to New York for a bid at becoming the first Triple Crown winner since Affirmed in 1978. Will racing finally see its first Triple Crown in 34 years? The “Test of the Champion” awaits on Saturday, June 9th at Belmont Park.