

# News Release



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## **ELLIS PARK STAKES SCHEDULE FEATURES RECORD \$4 MILLION ACROSS 18 RACES**

**HENDERSON, Ky. (Monday, June 2, 2025)** – Record stakes purses await this summer at Ellis Park, where an impressive \$4 million is available across 18 races during the 25-day season that starts Thursday, July 3.

Ellis Park's stakes lineup is led by the \$400,000 Pucker Up (Grade III), one of seven races across Kentucky Downs Preview Weekend, Aug. 2-3. This stakes-filled weekend of racing also includes the \$300,000 Kentucky Downs Preview Turf Cup (Listed), \$250,000 Kentucky Downs Preview Mint Millions Turf Mile (Listed), \$250,000 Kentucky Downs Preview Turf Sprint (Listed), \$250,000 Kentucky Downs Preview Ladies Turf Mile, \$250,000 Kentucky Downs Preview Nashville Derby and \$250,000 Kentucky Downs Preview Ladies Turf Sprint.

Two other featured stakes events scheduled are the \$300,000 Ellis Park Derby (Listed) and \$200,000 Groupie Doll (Listed), taking place Sunday, Aug. 10. The Ellis Park Derby and Groupie Doll are part of a six-stakes lineup that day, which also includes the \$200,000 Ellis Park Juvenile, \$200,000 Ellis Park Debutante, \$200,000 Audubon Oaks and \$200,000 R. A. "Cowboy" Jones Memorial.

The meet will start with racing on a Thursday -Sunday schedule, then shift to a Saturday-Monday format from July 13 to Aug. 18 before concluding with a Friday-Sunday schedule, Aug. 22-24.

The full stakes calendar (all purses include funds from the Kentucky Thoroughbred Development Fund):

Date	Race	Grade	Distance	Conditions	KTDF
Friday, July 4	\$150,000 Dade Park Dash		5 ½ furlongs (turf)	3yo	\$50,000
Sunday, July 6	\$150,000 Pea Patch		5 ½ furlongs (turf)	3yo fillies	\$50,000
Sunday, July 20	\$150,000 Jeff Hall Memorial		6 ½ furlongs	3yo and up	\$50,000
Monday, July 21	\$150,000 Twin Bridges		6 furlongs	3yo and up fillies & mares	\$50,000
Saturday, Aug. 2	\$250,000 Ky Downs Preview Mint Millions Turf Mile		1 mile (turf)	3yo and up	\$125,000
Saturday, Aug. 2	\$250,000 Ky Downs Preview Ladies Turf Sprint		5 ½ furlongs (turf)	3yo and up fillies & mares	\$125,000
Saturday, Aug. 2	\$250,000 Ky Downs Preview Nashville Derby		1 1/8 miles (turf)	3yo	\$125,000
Sunday, Aug. 3	\$400,000 Pucker Up	Grade III	1 1/8 miles (turf)	3yo fillies	\$150,000
Sunday, Aug. 3	\$300,000 Ky Downs Preview Turf Cup	Listed	1 ¼ miles (turf)	3yo and up	\$150,000
Sunday, Aug. 3	\$250,000 Ky Downs Preview Turf Sprint	Listed	5 ½ furlongs (turf)	3yo and up	\$125,000
Sunday, Aug. 3	\$250,000 Ky Downs Preview Ladies Turf Mile	Listed	1 mile (turf)	3yo and up fillies & mares	\$125,000
Sunday, Aug. 10	\$300,000 Ellis Park Derby	Listed	1 mile	3yo	\$150,000
Sunday, Aug. 10	\$200,000 Groupie Doll	Listed	1 mile	3yo and up fillies & mares	\$100,000
Sunday, Aug. 10	\$200,000 Ellis Park Juvenile		7 furlongs	2yo	\$100,000
Sunday, Aug. 10	\$200,000 Ellis Park Debutante		7 furlongs	2yo fillies	\$100,000
Sunday, Aug. 10	\$200,000 Audubon Oaks		7 furlongs	3yo fillies	\$100,000
Sunday, Aug. 10	\$200,000 R. A. "Cowboy" Jones Memorial		1 mile	3yo and up	\$100,000
Sunday, Aug. 24	\$150,000 Ellis Park Turf Stakes		1 1/16 miles (turf)	3yo and up fillies & mares	\$50,000

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