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ELLIS PARK STAKES SCHEDULE FEATURES RECORD \$3.7 MILLION ACROSS 18 RACES

HENDERSON, Ky. (Thursday, May 9, 2024) – Record stakes purses await this summer at Ellis Park, where an impressive \$3.7 million is available across 18 races beginning Thursday, July 4 for the 25-day season.

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. 3-4. This stellar 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 \$275,000 Ellis Park Derby (Listed) and \$175,000 Groupie Doll (Listed), taking place Sunday, Aug. 11. The Ellis Park Derby and Groupie Doll are one of six stakes contests held that day. The others are the \$175,000 Ellis Park Juvenile, \$175,000 Ellis Park Debutante, \$175,000 Audubon Oaks and \$150,000 R. A. "Cowboy" Jones Memorial.

The Ellis Park season will begin on a Thursday-Sunday schedule but will shift to Saturday-Monday from July 13-Aug. 26.

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

Date	Race	Grade	Distance	Conditions	KTDF
Thursday, July 4	\$125,000 Dade Park Dash		5 ½ furlongs (turf)	3yo	\$25,000
Saturday, July 6	\$125,000 Pea Patch		5 ½ furlongs (turf)	3yo fillies	\$25,000
Sunday, July 21	\$125,000 Jeff Hall Memorial		6 ½ furlongs	3yo and up	\$25,000
Monday, July 22	\$125,000 Twin Bridges		6 furlongs	3yo and up fillies & mares	
Saturday, Aug. 3	\$250,000 Ky Downs Preview Mint Millions Turf Mile		1 mile (turf)	3yo and up	\$125,000
Saturday, Aug. 3	\$250,000 Ky Downs Preview Ladies Turf Sprint		5 ½ furlongs (turf)	3yo and up fillies & mares	\$125,000
Saturday, Aug. 3	\$250,000 Ky Downs Preview Nashville Derby		1 1/8 miles (turf)	3yo	\$125,000
Sunday, Aug. 4	\$400,000 Pucker Up	Grade III	1 1/8 miles (turf)	3yo fillies	\$150,000
Sunday, Aug. 4	\$300,000 Ky Downs Preview Turf Cup	Listed	1 ¼ miles (turf)	3yo and up	\$150,000
Sunday, Aug. 4	\$250,000 Ky Downs Preview Turf Sprint	Listed	5 ½ furlongs (turf)	3yo and up	\$125,000
Sunday, Aug. 4	\$250,000 Ky Downs Preview Ladies Turf Mile	Listed	1 mile (turf)	3yo and up fillies & mares	\$125,000
Sunday, Aug. 11	\$275,000 Ellis Park Derby	Listed	1 mile	3yo	\$125,000
Sunday, Aug. 11	\$175,000 Groupie Doll	Listed	1 mile	3yo and up fillies & mares	\$75,000
Sunday, Aug. 11	\$175,000 Ellis Park Juvenile		7 furlongs	2yo	\$75,000
Sunday, Aug. 11	\$175,000 Ellis Park Debutante		7 furlongs	2yo fillies	\$75,000
Sunday, Aug. 11	\$175,000 Audubon Oaks		7 furlongs	3yo fillies	\$75,000
Sunday, Aug. 11	\$150,000 R. A. "Cowboy" Jones Memorial		1 mile	3yo and up	\$50,000
Monday, Aug. 26	\$150,000 Ellis Park Turf Stakes		1 1/16 miles (turf)	3yo and up fillies & mares	\$50,000

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