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TRAINER QUOTES FROM THE 140TH RUNNING OF THE GRADE I KENTUCKY DERBY PRESENTED BY YUM BRANDS

Art Sherman, trainer of California Chrome, first – “Just awesome. I’m breathless. This is so cool. I think I rode the horse with Victor (Espinoza) the last 70 yards. It was a picture-perfect ride. He was right where he should have been all the way around. Coming down the stretch I was thinking: ‘Keep rollin’ big boy. Keep rollin’.’ This has to be the sweetest moment of my life. To be my age and have something like this happen, what can you say? For all my friends in California, this is for you. We did it!”

Dallas Stewart, trainer of Commanding Curve, second – “I wish I was out there (in the infield winner’s circle), but you know, hey, I thank God for everything, the way it is, and that’s what keeps us going for next year. Hopefully, we’ll be back here next year. *On training the second-place finisher two years in a row:* “I would never get frustrated over that. There’s a lot of things to be frustrated about. Getting beat in a horse race isn’t one of them.” *On whether the Preakness is a possibility:* “You know, who knows? Maybe. Yeah, probably. We’ll see. He’s a big, strong horse. You can see he handled the paddock real good. He handles a lot of things good. So, I doubt the race would knock him out. I was just hoping California Chrome would kind of give in a little bit, but he didn’t. We were running at him. I mean, Shaun (Bridgmohan) said, ‘He was running, Dallas.’ So I’m very proud of him.”

Todd Pletcher, trainer of Danza, third, We Miss Artie, 10th, Intense Holiday, 12th and Vincermos, 17th, – On Danza: “I thought he ran well. Coming by the wire first time, he got bumped by Vincermos. But he got back in position and started to respond. Joe (Bravo) had to move him a little earlier than he wanted to. Considering that this was only the fifth race of his life, you’ve got to say it was a very good effort.” **On Intense Holiday:** “He was hung outside all the way around. He just never seemed to get with it.” **On Vincermos (17th):** “He got into trouble in two different spots. He was involved in two bumping incidents. It was just a tough race for him to run.” **On We Miss Artie (10th):** “We took him back and tried to make a late run with him. He’ll go in the Queen’s Plate next.”

Jimmy Jerkens, trainer of Wicked Strong, fourth – “I thought he ran decent. He didn’t accelerate fast enough to go through the holes that were opening and those closed up on him quickly. He was making nice forward motion at the end though and that was encouraging.”

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2014 Spring Meet

Racing Dates: Saturday, April 26 – Sunday, June 29 for a total of 38 dates. No racing Monday-Wednesday and Sunday, May 4 and Thursday, May 29 except for special racing dates on Tuesday, April 29; Wednesday, April 30; and Monday, May 26.

Derby Week Post Times

Saturday, April 26: 6 p.m. ET

Tuesday, April 29-Thursday, May 1: 12:45 p.m. ET

Friday, May 2 (Kentucky Oaks Day) & Saturday,

May 3 (Kentucky Derby Day): 10:30 a.m. ET

Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands

The 140th running of the \$2 million Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands will be held at historic Churchill Downs on Saturday, May 3, 2014. The 1 ¼-mile race for 3-year-old Thoroughbreds is the first leg of horse racing’s Triple Crown. Post time is scheduled for 6:32 p.m. EDT. It will be carded as Race 11 on a 13-race program that begins at 10:30 a.m. EDT. The final race of the day is scheduled for 7:50 p.m. EDT. “Kentucky Derby 140” will be televised nationally by NBC from 4-7 p.m. EDT. “Kentucky Derby Saturday” will air on NBC Sports Network from 12-4 p.m. EDT.

Longines Kentucky Oaks

The 140th running of the \$1 million Longines Kentucky Oaks – the Derby’s sister race – will be held at Churchill Downs on Friday, May 2, 2014. The 1 1/8-mile race is the nation’s most lucrative race for 3-year-old fillies. Post time is scheduled for 5:51 p.m. EDT. It will be carded as Race 11 on a 12-race program that begins at 10:30 a.m. EDT. The final race of the day is scheduled for 6:21 p.m. EDT. “Kentucky Oaks 140” will be televised nationally on NBC Sports Network from 4-6 p.m. EDT.

Derby Week Stakes Schedule

April 26	\$150,000 Derby Trial (GIII)
May 2	\$1,000,000 Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI)
May 2	\$300,000 La Troienne (GI)
May 2	\$300,000 Alysheba Presented by Besilu Stables (GII)
May 2	\$175,000 Eight Belles (GIII)
May 2	\$150,000 Twin Spires Turf Sprint (GIII)
May 2	\$150,000 Edgewood Presented by Forcht Bank
May 3	\$2,000,000 Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (GI)
May 3	\$500,000 Woodford Reserve Turf Classic (GI)
May 3	\$300,000 Humana Distaff (GI)
May 3	\$400,000 Churchill Downs (GII)
May 3	\$300,000 Churchill Distaff Turf Mile Presented by Longines (GII)
May 3	\$250,000 American Turf Presented by Ram Trucks (GII)

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Rick Violette, trainer of Samraat, fifth – “I thought he his ran eyeballs out. He laid it out on the line. The kid (Jose Ortiz) rode a terrific race. No second guessing, my horse ran a great race. The winner was just better. We looked him in the eye and he just pulled away. My horse came out of the race good. So far so good. I feel bad for a horse that ran so well and so hard and only got fifth place.”

Peter Eurton, trainer of Dance With Fate, sixth – "After talking with [jockey Corey Nakatani], it sounds like he handled the dirt OK. He just didn't have that necessary kick to continue. If he continues his run he's right there. Unfortunately he didn't. Whether it was getting hold of the dirt or not, whether it was the mile and a quarter, or going a little further because he was a little wide--I don't know. He had a clean trip, though. No excuses."

Billy Gowan, trainer of Ride On Curlin, seventh – Not available for comment.

Dale Romans, trainer of Medal Count, eighth – “I felt good about where we were the whole race, even up the backside. About the half-mile pole I thought we were ranging up exactly where we needed to be and he could quicken from there. I wish there had been a lot more pace in the race. It looked on paper like there would be a lot more. We got shut off pretty badly down the lane but, I don't know, that's the Derby. I think we could've moved up a couple positions but I don't think it kept us from winning. I do want to say one thing on the record. I didn't think that California Chrome had any chance going into this race and I was very, very wrong. Whether the crop's a good crop or not, that's a special horse. I was wrong. I was a very big skeptic; I threw him out of all my tickets in every spot. I didn't think he fit the profile to win the Derby. I'm very impressed the way he came into it, the way he looked, the way he was prepared and the way he ran. Now he has a new fan.”

Bob Baffert, trainer of Chitu, ninth – “He ran well for a while. I was watching California Chrome stalking. You could tell he was comfortable the whole way. He's for real. It's going to be a great Triple Crown series.”

Mike Maker, trainer of General a Rod, 11th, Harry's Holiday, 16th and Vicar's in Trouble 19th, – On Vicar's in Trouble: "It looked like he got bounced off the rail early." **On Harry's Holiday and General a Rod:** "It just looked like they weren't good enough. That's about it."

John Sadler, trainer of Candy Boy, 13th – “It was a nightmare trip. He was never in a good position at any point and almost went down in the first turn. He just didn't get any kind of trip. The track was speed favoring all day and that didn't help us. But he looks good back at the barn and as long as he came back in one piece we are happy.”

Gary Contessa, trainer of Uncle Sigh, 14th – “He got the lead and the pace wasn't fast. But he just got beat.”

Steve Asmussen, trainer of Tapiture, 15th – “He just flattened out. He put himself in a good spot, had every chance, made a little run around the turn and then just got tired.”

Jose Garoffalo, trainer of Wildcat Red, 18th – “I'd have to say the track was a factor. He couldn't handle the track. I think I'll give him a break now and look for a race.”

Churchill Downs, the world's most legendary racetrack, has conducted Thoroughbred racing and presented America's greatest race, the Kentucky Derby, continuously since 1875. Located in Louisville, the flagship racetrack of Churchill Downs Incorporated (NASDAQ: CHDN) also operates Trackside at Churchill Downs, which offers year-round simulcast wagering at the historic track. Churchill Downs will conduct the 140th running of the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands on May 3, 2014. The 2014 Spring Meet at Churchill Downs is scheduled for April 26-June 29. The track has hosted the Breeders' Cup World Championships a record eight times. Information about Churchill Downs can be found on the Internet at www.ChurchillDowns.com.

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