

Forever Young flips the script in the Breeders' Cup Classic

The top three finishers in last year's Classic just can't help themselves. The same three met again in this year's renewal and once again it came down to those same three that would decide who's the 2025 Breeders' Cup Classic champion.

The betting public nailed it in making Fierceness, Sierra Leone, last year's winner, and Forever Young (JPN) all 3-1 with the slightest edge to Fierceness as the favorite according to dollars wagered to win. It shaped up once again at the head of the stretch to be the same as it ever was. Only this time, the horse from Japan got the jump on Fierceness with Sierra Leone putting in his usual late charge to grab second. Forever Young (JPN) avenged a two-race US losing streak and stamped himself as the best dirt horse in the world.

There weren't any excuses for any of the runners except for Baeza who

hopped and brushed the gate at the start. The best horse clearly won the race with the same stalking trip as last year with one very important change which was to lay second and then pounce. And pounce he and jockey Sakai did. Fierceness seemed to have some minor traffic trouble on the turn for home but made his bid, it just wasn't good enough. Journalism threatened for a brief moment but ran a credible fourth. Mindframe, the other Todd Pletcher runner made a bid to take second but was no match for Forever Young (JPN) and settled for fifth. The poor break took its toll on Baeza and he finished sixth. Nevada Beach was a well-beaten seventh with Antiquarian eighth and Sierra Leone's rabbit Contrary Thinking ninth and last.

The pace of the race was moderate to begin with an opening quarter in :23 but they picked it up consider-

ably after that with finishing fractions of :45.4, 1:10.2 for six furlongs, 1:35.3 for a mile and an excellent final time of 2:00 flat. It was a satisfying result for top Japanese trainer Yoshito Yahagi and owner Susumu Fujita. They always knew that their horse had what it took to compete with top dirt horses all over the world.

In April, Forever Young (JPN) was defeated again by another US horse, Hit Show in the Dubai World Cup. He then put in his Breeders' Cup prep by easily winning a race in Japan. He takes the winner's share of \$3.6 million with him back to Hong Kong. His job was made much easier after the unfortunate scratch of morning line favorite Sovereignty who spiked a fever earlier in the week. It will be very interesting to see what owner Godolphin decides is next for the 2025 Kentucky Derby, Belmont and Travers champion.

The undercard races both Friday and Saturday had some very interesting story lines. On Friday, own-

ers Medallion Racing had a big day winning both the BC Juvenile Turf Sprint with the filly Cy Fair and the BC Juvenile Fillies Turf with Balantina (IRE) who is trained by Donnacha O'Brien, Aiden's son. Daddy O'Brien's only win of the weekend was with Gstaad in the BC Juvenile Turf. That win broke Wayne Lukas's Breeders' Cup record of 21 wins.

Super Corredora (8-1) took the BC Juvenile Fillies (Dirt). Our pick, Iron Orchard was last after stumbling badly at the start.

Our pick, Ted Noffey (4-5) took the BC Juvenile and stamped himself as the early favorite for the 2026 Kentucky Derby. Everyone is having fun with his name. He was named after one of the principals of Spendthrift Farm, Ned Toffey. He was a very impressive winner for Todd Pletcher.

Slendora, trained by Bob Baffert, got Saturday started. Our pick Sweet Azteca was scratched. Baffert had two wins on the day.

Shisospicy won the BC

Turf Sprint with Irad Ortiz. Ortiz led all jockeys with three wins for the two days. Our pick, Motorious was fifth.

The story of the Breeders' Cup was trainer Jose D'Angelo who won his first BC race and then followed it up with a win in the Breeders' Cup Sprint with a dominating win by Bentornado. He was our backup pick in the event Banishing (12th) opted for another race. At least we had a better BC than Aidan O'Brien.

Scylla, trained by Bill Mott was an upset winner of the BC Distaff. Only in the BC can a \$2 million race serve as a consolation prize. We'll never know if Sovereignty was up to the task. Our pick Clicquot finished fourth.

Ethical Diamond (IRE) won the \$5 million BC Turf with a huge stretch run defeating Rebel's Romance and favorite Minnie Hauk (our pick) who actually took the lead but flattened out to finish a puzzling sixth.

Our pick Notable Speech (GB) rolled home first in

the BC Turf Mile, the only win for renowned trainer Charles Appleby and Godolphin.

Our pick and best bet Nysos was all out to win the BC Dirt Mile running down Citizen Bull who set blazing fractions.

Gezora (FR) won the BC filly and mare Turf with our pick Cinderella's Dream finishing eighth.

For the most part, everything was as it normally is in the Breeders' Cup. The Euro's took care of the turf races, and the state side horses ruled the dirt. We now turn our attention to the juveniles who will turn three and set a course for Roses on the first Saturday in May of 2026, just 181 days away. We have to also tip our hats to the Japanese and Forever Young (JPN) for their persistency in pursuing America's greatest prize in racing, the Breeders' Cup Classic.

I'm looking forward to attending the Breeder's Cup next year at Keeneland. See you there.

BOYS

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senior Ryder Roberson's rebound shot just rolled left for a goal kick. Gifford made another save off a header by Anderson a few minutes later.

"Having a lot of seniors, I thought we started the game off pretty well and kind of settled down and kind of went off their leadership," Cantrell said. "We had a few really good chances in the game, and unfortunately, they didn't go in. I thought we had a little bit better play and better opportunities, but that's just soccer."

The Colonels started to find their rhythm offensively in the final 15 minutes of the first half. The Dragon defense cleared a throw into the box before Dragon senior Ethan Spurlock cleared a free kick a few minutes later. Colonel senior Cole Bishop took a shot that barely missed with 10:45 left in the first half.

Covington Catholic earned a free kick, and South sophomore goalie Ethan Briscoe caught a deflection to prevent a goal. Cavnor deflected an attempted cross in the box to end a Colonel attack. Hinkle had a shot just missed with three minutes left before Briscoe made a save at the other end of the field. Both teams entered halftime scoreless.

"It can be difficult, especially the conditions [Tuesday], with it being a little wet and skippy," Cantrell said. "It kind of played into their hands where we were having trouble getting the ball down and keeping great possession. It's tough, but they played well. They were winning a lot of first and second balls."

Hayden earned a corner for South a minute and half into the second half. Gifford made a save off a header before senior Tanner Robertson cleared the South attack after the ball was inches away from scoring.

Covington Catholic started to control the tempo and pace after the early push from South Oldham. Dragon senior Justin Farmer ended a counter by the Colonels before Briscoe caught a cross to end another Colonel attack a few minutes later. Spurlock ended the Covington Catholic counter before Briscoe made a save with 30 minutes left in regulation.

The Colonels kept attacking, earning a free kick. Dragon senior Corbin Whitley cleared the free kick before the Colonels earned another. Off the second free kick, South senior Quin Brice made a sliding save with his feet to push the ball back outside the box to clear the chance.

Hayden forced a South corner, but Covington Catholic's defense held

strong to stop the attack. Roberson took a shot that was deflected by Colonel senior Matthew Witte. Covington Catholic sophomore Charlie Bakker had a shot bounce off the crossbar at the other end of the field.

The Dragons started to get back into an offensive attack with 22 minutes left in regulation. South sophomore Liam Hayden had a pass from a header go to Anderson inside the box, but Anderson's shot just went left of the goal. The Dragons stopped a corner and free kick over the next few minutes of play before they started to control the ball and pace of play again.

Hayden gave South another corner, but Gifford punched the ball out of the box. The Dragons immediately put a cross back into the box, but Anderson's header just went left of the goal. Spurlock made a tackle before dribbling the ball inside the box to take a shot. Gifford made another save to keep the game scoreless.

Over the next few minutes, Gifford kept Covington Catholic tied with a save and punching the ball out of the box on a South corner. In the final 10 minutes of regulation, both teams had chances to put the game away but couldn't convert on the opportunities. Briscoe made a save before Gifford cleared another South corner to bring the game into overtime scoreless.

"We were just trying to settle down and play the ball and possession and not just going big but settling down and finding spots in our attacking third," Cantrell said. "I thought we created some chances, and, unfortunately, we just didn't finish them."

The Dragons dominated possession in both overtime periods. The first overtime saw them get inside the box to no avail. In the second overtime, a shot by Anderson earned a corner that the Colonels cleared. South had two more shots that just missed to bring the game into a shootout.

Both teams made their first attempts of the shootout on points from Covington Catholic junior Cole Spaulding and Spurlock. Briscoe made a save on the Colonels' second attempt before Liam gave the Dragons a 2-1 lead. Both teams made their third attempts on shots by Copeland and Hinkle.

Covington Catholic sophomore Leo Dyas scored on the fourth attempt before Gifford tied the shootout at three apiece with a save. Robertson gave the Colonels the lead on the fifth attempt, and the Dragons missed their last attempt to give Covington Catholic a 4-3 win in a shootout in the state semifinals.

Cantrell knows it's valuable



PHOTO BY John Michaud

South Oldham senior Keegan Anderson heads the ball in a 4-3 shootout loss to Covington Catholic in the state semifinals.



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South Oldham senior Ryder Roberson dribbles the ball in a 4-3 shootout loss to Covington Catholic in the state semifinals.

experience for the underclassmen to see the state semifinals and learn from the seniors what it takes to get there.

"It's a valuable experience, getting a taste of big time high school soccer late in the postseason," Cantrell said. "Hopefully, they'll want to get back, and we can kind of regroup and get the next group in and build off what we've already done and figure out how we're going to get back here."

Cantrell hopes the seniors remember the bonds they were able to make with their time playing high school soccer.

"I just want to remember the group and the team and how close they've gotten and how close they were, not only off the field and on the field but just the success that we have," Cantrell said. "It's all credited to them and that group and know that they've set the standard for years to come that we'll kind of keep and uphold."



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South Oldham seniors Ethan Spurlock and Quin Brice earn All-State Tournament Team honors.

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NO.20-CI-00009 OLDHAM CIRCUIT COURT PLAINTIFF
WOODCREEK CROSSING HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION
VS
XAVIER C. COBB, ET AL. DEFENDANTS

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VALERIE L. SHANNON, MASTER COMMISSIONER

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Per Judgment in Oldham Circuit Court, Master Commissioner will sell at 10:00 am on NOVEMBER 18, 2025, at public auction to the highest bidder at the, temporary, Oldham County Courthouse, Oldham Co., Ky., the property described as: Property Address: 5921 Woodcreek Crossing Way, Unit E6, Crestwood, KY 40014; Deed Book 1179, Page 83; PARCEL ID: 24-09-91-E-E6. Terms are 10% & bond per KRS 426.705, balance due in 30 days; property is indivisible; sold free & clear of all liens encumbrances & interest of the parties except: **A)** All current real estate taxes and all taxes due thereafter, for which the purchaser shall not have a credit against the purchase price; **B)** Easements, restrictions, stipulations and agreements of record; **C)** Assessments for public improvements levied against the property; **D)** Any facts which an inspection and accurate survey of the property may disclose; **E)** Property is sold subject to a first mortgage lien held by Kentucky Housing Corporation with a balance of \$103,215.52 on the date of purchase and interest accruing at a rate of 4.25% per annum. Successful bidder shall carry fire and extended insurance coverage on improvements from the date of sale pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale. However, neither the Plaintiff, its Counsel, the Court, nor the Commissioner, shall be deemed to have warranted title to any purchaser. Amt to be raised-\$19,588.50. Hon. Robert W. DeWees, III, Plaintiff's Atty. Valerie L. Shannon, Master Commissioner, Post Office Box 54, LaGrange, Kentucky 40031; (502) 222-9898.

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ADMINISTRATION has been granted to the following:

Barbara P Smith 2004 Wingfield Circle LaGrange KY 40031 having been appointed Executrix on October 7, 2025, in the estate of Jeanne M Past 4608 Heritage Manor Crestwood KY 40014. Deceased. Attorney Brooks Alexander 8004 Lyndon Centre Way Suite 102 Louisville KY 40222.

Donna Lynn Harrod 209 Yager Avenue LaGrange KY 40031 having been appointed Executrix on October 7, 2025, in the estate of Carla Jean Wilson 2911 Borowick Circle LaGrange KY 40031. Deceased. Attorney James D Theiss 209 N First St LaGrange KY 40031.

Leslie Ellen Gaddis 3807 South Camden Lane Crestwood KY 40014 having been appointed Executrix on October 7, 2025, in the estate of Hazel Christine Chapman 3807 South Camden Lane Crestwood KY 40014. Deceased. Attorney Peyton Mathes 4010 Dupont Circle Suite 403 Louisville KY 40207.

Mary S Kolb 2717 Fort Pickens Road LaGrange KY 40031 having been appointed Administratrix on October 7, 2025, in the estate of Mallory Lynn Kolb 2717 Fort Pickens Road LaGrange KY 40031. Deceased.

Charlestina Ann Crockett 4417 Eagles Cove Ct Louisville KY 40241 having been appointed Executrix on October 14, 2025, in the estate of Charles Robert Crockett 404 Lakewood Dr #3 LaGrange KY 40031. Deceased. Attorney Valerie Shannon 401 W Jefferson Street LaGrange KY 40031.

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Howard W Griffin 13 Baywalk Drive Gulf Shores AL 36542, Gary Griffin 1473 W 40th Ave Eugene OR 97405, and Lori Byron 75 Hwy 308 Red Lodge MT 59068 having been appointed Co-Executors on October 21, 2025, in the estate of Howard Emourne Griffin 6209 Osage Road Crestwood KY 40014. Deceased. Attorney Linda Dixon Bullock 661 S Hurstbourne Pkwy Suite 200 Louisville KY 40222.

CLAIMS AGAINST ESTATES MUST BE FILED BY CREDITORS WITHIN SIX (6) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF APPOINTMENT OF FIDUCIARY.

Settlements in the following matters having been filed and approved are scheduled for hearing on November 20, 2025, Oldham District Court. Exception to the following settlements must be filed with Oldham County Temporary Courthouse, 6822 Central Avenue Crestwood KY 40014.

Estate of: William M Davis
Estate of: Stephanie Rene Thornton
Estate of: Jerome Riesenber
Estate of: Robert D Benim
Estate of: Kaden T Webb