KENTUCKY DERBY 101

THE MOST EXCITING TWO MINUTES IN SPORTS
The Kentucky Derby's nickname, referring to the approximate time it takes for the winning horse to get from the starting gate to the finish line

HALF A TON
Amount of fresh mint used in mint juleps sold at the Kentucky Derby every year

SOLID GOLD
What the trophy that goes to the winning horse's owner is made of half-size silver replicas go to the jockey, the breeder and the trainer

WHAT TO KNOW: RACE DAY BASICS
- The Horses: 20 three-year-old thoroughbred horses compete
- The Track: 1 1/4 miles of dirt racetrack
- The Location: Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky
- The Date: First Saturday in May
- The Purse: $2 million
- The Betting: Win: horse comes in 1st. Place: horse comes in 1st or 2nd. Show: horse comes in 1st, 2nd or 3rd

WHAT TO PURE: BEST DRESSED

THE LADY
- The Dress: The founder of the Derby modeled the event after European races, where attendees were typically high class and dressed to the nines. Today, ladies don classic spring dresses in pretty solids or prints.
- The Hat: A showstopping hat or fascinator (headwear often featuring nettling, flowers and/or feathers) is Derby de rigueur.
- The Bag: Cute little purses finish your look and feel spring-fresh in straw or fabric.

THE GENTLEMAN
- The Bow Tie: If ever there was an occasion for a bow tie, the Derby is it. But necktie or bow, Derby-themed prints are a sure bet.
- The Hat: A straw boater or other old-school hat (think fedora or bowler) caps off any capper Derby look.
- The Jacket: A navy sport coat with gold buttons is a classic, while blue-and-white seersucker ups the fun factor. Want to really make heads turn? Get decked out in a bright pastel print for the win.

WHAT TO TALK ABOUT: DERBY PARTY TRIVIA

DRESS UP IN COLORFUL PASTELS TOPPED WITH EYE-CATCHING HATS AND YOU'RE OFF TO THE RACES!