



JIM C'S QUIZ OF THE WEEK

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Wow, the 133rd Kentucky Derby and Cinco de Mayo on the same day – My Old Kentucky Casa.

HOW DID THE TERM “*KENTUCKY DERBY*” ORIGINATE?

Definition (MSN Encarta): “The derby is held at Churchill Downs racetrack in Louisville, Kentucky, on the first Saturday in May.

Perhaps the most prestigious single event in horse racing, the race brings together the top three-year-old horses in the world.”

Origin: The track and race were founded in 1875 by 25-year old Meriwether Lewis Clark, grandson of explorer William Clark. The first reference to “Churchill Downs” came in an 1883 Kentucky Derby article reported by the former Louisville Commercial.

Alias: "The Most Exciting Two Minutes in Sports" or "The Run for the Roses" for the blanket of roses draped over the winner.

Social Event: As its fame and stature grew, the Kentucky Derby became the focal point of a weeklong celebration of Southern culture and the renewal of spring. The Kentucky Derby now draws annual crowds well over 130,000 and is one of the top sporting events (Indianapolis 500, World Series and Super Bowl) in the US.

Conventional Wisdom: Kentucky Derby = A Famous Call to the Post

M of Z: The Kentucky Derby is a true thoroughbred & profitable