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ELLIS PARK CONCLUDES SUMMER MEET WITH RECORD ALL-SOURCES HANDLE

HENDERSON, Ky. (Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2026) – Ellis Park Racing & Gaming concluded its 2026 summer season Sunday with another record-setting performance as all-sources handle reached more than \$80.6 million, a 4.7% increase from last year's previous record of \$77 million.

"We are incredibly thankful for the support Ellis Park received from our fans, racing participants and the Tri-State community throughout the summer," said **Steve Roof**, general manager of Ellis Park Racing & Gaming and Owensboro Racing & Gaming. "Their continued enthusiasm plays an important role in our success and strengthens Ellis Park's standing as a premier summer racing destination."

Along with the record handle, Ellis Park awarded more than \$19.1 million in purses during the 25-day season while averaging 8.34 starters per race.

The race for leading jockey came down to the final day with **Francisco Arrieta** securing the title with 21 victories and more than \$1.4 million in purse earnings. **Axel Concepcion** finished second with 20 wins, followed by **Ben Curtis** with 17, **Jaime Torres** with 16 and **Florent Geroux** with 15.

"It was a really good meet and I'm very thankful for all of the support I received this summer," Arrieta said. "I have to thank all of the owners and trainers who gave me opportunities and everyone on the backside who supported me."

Trainer **Brendan Walsh** earned his second Ellis Park training title after sharing the 2024 crown with **Steve Asmussen**. Walsh's barn recorded 17 victories and nearly \$1.4 million in purse earnings. **Bob Baffert** finished second with eight wins, followed by **Rusty Arnold II**, Asmussen, **Brad Cox** and **Joe Sharp**, who each had seven.

Asmussen captured the leading owner title with five victories from 49 starters. **Godolphin** and **Jacobson Racing** tied for second with four wins apiece.

Live racing will resume at Ellis Park in July, 2027.

For the latest information on racing and gaming from Ellis Park, visit www.ellisparkowensborogaming.com.

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