

First Lady Stakes (G1)

19th Running • Fall • 1 mile (turf) • 3-year-olds and up • fillies and mares

This stakes race was inaugurated in the fall of 1998 as the First Lady and was renamed the Galaxy Stakes in 2000. The First Lady is a steppingstone to the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf (G1).

Milestones – First Lady Stakes

2015 Purse: \$400,000

Fastest Time at Current Distance (1 mile, turf): 1:34.08 (Haggin Course), Never Retreat, 2011

Largest Straight Payoff: \$18.00, Stay Forever, 2004

Smallest Straight Payoff: \$3.60, Intercontinental (GB), 2005; Gorella (FR), 2006

Largest Field: 12, 2011

Smallest Field: 6, 1998; 2002; 2003; 2007; 2012

Largest Value to Winner: \$349,370, Spook Express (SAF), 2001



In two consecutive races at Keeneland, Tepin won the First Lady (G1) and defeated males in the Breeders' Cup Mile (G1).



Winning Trainer
Mark E. Casse



Winning Jockey
Julien Leparoux

Owners – First Lady Stakes

Amerman Racing Stables (Mr. and Mrs. John Amerman) – Happyanunoi (NZ), 1999

Aron, Robert and Janice – Spook Express (SAF), 2001

Augustin Stable (George Strawbridge Jr.) – Forever Together, 2008

Frankel, Jerry, Ronald Frankel, Steve Laymon and Bradley Thoroughbreds – Dayatthespa, 2014

Godolphin Racing LLC – Better Lucky, 2013

Grimm, Leslie R. – Witchful Thinking, 1998

Hancock III, Arthur B. – Owsley, 2002

IEAH Stables (Michael A. Iavarone) – Diamondrella (GB), 2009

Jones Jr., Frank L. – Tapitsfly, 2012

Juddmonte Farms (Khalid Abdullah) – Intercontinental (GB), 2005; Proviso (GB), 2010

Kelly, Sarah and Jon – Vacare, 2007

Masterson, Robert E. – Tepin, 2015

Richter, Kristine and John – Bien Nicole, 2003

Santa Cruz Ranch Inc. (Juan Rizo) – Stay Forever, 2004

Schwartz, Martin S. – Gorella (FR), 2006

Stonerside Stable (Robert and Janice McNair) – Tout Charmant, 2000

Team Block (David, Patricia and Ryan Block) – Never Retreat, 2011

Trainers – First Lady Stakes

Albertrani, Thomas – Better Lucky, 2013

Biancone, Patrick – Gorella (FR), 2006

Block, Chris M. – Never Retreat, 2011

Brown, Chad C. – Dayatthespa, 2014

Casse, Mark E. – Tepin, 2015

Clement, Christophe – Vacare, 2007

Frankel, Robert J. – Happyanunoi (NZ), 1999; Intercontinental (GB), 2005

McAnally, Ronald – Tout Charmant, 2000

Mott, William I. – Proviso (GB), 2010

O'Callaghan, Niall M. – Witchful Thinking, 1998

Penna Jr., Angel J. – Diamondrella (GB), 2009

Romans, Dale L. – Tapitsfly, 2012

Schulhofer, Randy – Owsley, 2002

Sheppard, Jonathan E. – Forever Together, 2008

Skiffington, Thomas J. – Spook Express (SAF), 2001

Von Hemel, Donnie K. – Bien Nicole, 2003

Wolfson, Martin D. – Stay Forever, 2004

Jockeys – First Lady Stakes

Bailey, Jerry – Intercontinental (GB), 2005

Blanc, Brice – Happyanunoi (NZ), 1999

Castro, Eddie – Stay Forever, 2004

Leparoux, Julien – Gorella (FR), 2006; Forever Together, 2008; Never Retreat, 2011; Better Lucky, 2013; Tepin, 2015

Lezcano, Jose – Tapitsfly, 2012

Maragh, Rajiv – Diamondrella (GB), 2009

McCarron, Chris – Witchful Thinking, 1998; Tout Charmant, 2000

Nakatani, Corey – Vacare, 2007

Pettinger, Donald – Bien Nicole, 2003

Prado, Edgar – Owsley, 2002

Smith, Mike – Spook Express (SAF), 2001; Proviso (GB), 2010

Velazquez, John – Dayatthespa, 2014

First Lady Stakes History

Year	Winner/Age/Owner	Jockey/Wgt./Trainer	2nd/Age/Jockey/Wgt.	3rd/Age/Jockey/Wgt.	Time	Margin
2015	Tepin (4)* Robert E. Masterson	Julien Leparoux (124) Mark E. Casse	Crowley's Law (GB) (4) Victor Espinoza (124)	My Miss Sophia (4) Jose Lezcano (124)	1:37.04 sf Haggin Course	7
2014	Dayatthespa (5) Jerry Frankel, Ronald Frankel, Steve Laymon and Bradley Thoroughbreds	John Velazquez (124) Chad C. Brown	Better Lucky (5) Mike Smith (124)	Filimbi (4) Joel Rosario (124)	1:35.21 gd Haggin Course	1 1/4
2013	Better Lucky (4) Godolphin Racing LLC	Julien Leparoux (124) Thomas Albertrani	Dayatthespa (4) John Velazquez (124)	Daisy Devine (5) James Graham (124)	1:39.78 yl Haggin Course	hd
2012	Tapitsfly (5) Frank L. Jones Jr.	Jose Lezcano (124) Dale L. Romans	Daisy Devine (4) James Graham (124)	Hungry Island (4) Julien Leparoux (124)	1:35.44 fm Haggin Course	1/2
2011	Never Retreat (6) Team Block (David, Patricia and Ryan Block)	Julien Leparoux (124) Chris M. Block	Together (IRE) (3) Colm O'Donoghue (121)	Daveron (GER) (6) Eddie Castro (124)	1:34.08 fm Haggin Course	1 1/2
2010	Proviso (GB) (5)* Juddmonte Farms (Khalid Abdullah)	Mike Smith (124) William I. Mott	C.S. Silk (4) Kent Desormeaux (124)	Gotta Have Her (6) Garrett Gomez (124)	1:34.81 fm Haggin Course	1/2
2009	Diamondrella (GB) (5) IEAH Stables (Michael A. Iavarone)	Rajiv Maragh (123) Angel J. Penna Jr.	Tizaqueena (4) Jamie Theriot (123)	Forever Together (5) Julien Leparoux (123)	1:38.66 sf Haggin Course	3/4
2008	Forever Together (4) Augustin Stable (George Strawbridge Jr.)	Julien Leparoux (123) Jonathan E. Sheppard	Precious Kitten (5) Rafael Bejarano (123)	Ruthienne (4) Garrett Gomez (123)	1:35.00 fm Haggin Course	1 1/2
2007	Vacare (4) Sarah and Jon Kelly	Corey Nakatani (121) Christophe Clement	Precious Kitten (4) Rafael Bejarano (125)	Quite a Bride (4) Robby Albarado (121)	1:35.85 fm Haggin Course	1/2
2006	Gorella (FR)* (4) Martin S. Schwartz	Julien Leparoux (125) Patrick Biancone	Karen's Caper (4) Edgar Prado (121)	My Typhoon (IRE) (4) Garrett Gomez (123)	1:34.14 fm Haggin Course	no
<i>Run as the Galaxy 2000-2005.</i>						
2005	Intercontinental (GB)* (5) Juddmonte Farms (Khalid Abdullah)	Jerry Bailey (123) Robert J. Frankel	Wend (4) John Velazquez (123)	Katdogawn (GB) (5) Robby Albarado (121)	1:37.40 fm Haggin Course	3/4
2004	Stay Forever (7) Santa Cruz Ranch Inc. (Juan Rizo)	Eddie Castro (121) Martin D. Wolfson	Super Brand (SAF) (5) Pat Day (119)	Shaconage (4) Rafael Bejarano (121)	1:57.08 fm Haggin Course	1/2
2003	Bien Nicole* (5) Kristine and John Richter	Donald Pettinger (121) Donnie K. Von Hemel	Approach (GB) (3) Jerry Bailey (116)	New Economy (5) Rene Douglas (121)	1:55.87 fm Haggin Course	7 1/4
2002	Owsley (4) Arthur B. Hancock III	Edgar Prado (122) Randy Schulhofer	Snow Dance (4) Craig Perret (120)	Surya (4) Jerry Bailey (118)	1:56.72 yl Haggin Course	1 1/4
2001	Spook Express (SAF) (7) Robert and Janice Aron	Mike Smith (120) Thomas J. Skiffington	Solvig (4) Pat Day (118)	Veil of Avalon (4) Edgar Prado (118)	1:54.24 fm Haggin Course	1 1/4
2000	Tout Charmant (4) Stonerside Stable (Robert and Janice McNair)	Chris McCarron (117) Ronald McAnally	Perfect Sting (4) Jerry Bailey (121)	License Fee (5) Pat Day (119)	1:54 3/5 fm Haggin Course	1 1/4
1999	Happyanunoit (NZ) (4) Amerman Racing Stables (Mr. and Mrs. John Amerman)	Brice Blanc (119) Robert J. Frankel	Pleasant Temper (5) Pat Day (119)	Fiji (GB) (5) Jerry Bailey (117)	1:53 4/5 fm Haggin Course (NCR)	4
1998	Witchful Thinking (4) Leslie R. Grimm	Chris McCarron (115) Niall M. O'Callaghan	Memories of Silver (5) Jerry Bailey (120)	Starry Dreamer (4) Shane Sellers (115)	1:54 1/5 fm Haggin Course	1

**Winning favorite.*

Listed, 1998-1999; Grade 3, 2000; Grade 2, 2001-2007; Grade 1, 2008-present.