

Ben Ali Stakes (G3)

88th Running • Spring • 1 1/8 miles • 4-year-olds and up

The Ben Ali Stakes, named for noted Thoroughbred breeder and financier James Ben Ali Haggin (1821-1914), had its inaugural running at the Kentucky Association track in Lexington in 1917. Last run there in 1922, the Ben Ali was revived at Keeneland in the spring of 1937. From 1943-1945, the Ben Ali was renewed as a part of the Keeneland-at-Churchill Downs meetings.

Milestones – Ben Ali Stakes

2017 Purse: \$200,000

Stakes Record: 1:46.63, Wise Dan, 2012

Largest Straight Payoff: \$64.20, Gallant Moment, 1970

Smallest Straight Payoff: \$2.40, Louis Quatorze, 1997

Largest Field: 12, 1973; 1975; 2007

Smallest Field: 3, 1953

Largest Value to Winner: \$120,000, Eagle, 2016; Watershed, 2017

Winning 3-Year-Old: Pot o' Luck, 1945

Winning Fillies or Mares: Wistful, 1951

Highest Weight Carried by Winner: 124, Honest Pleasure, 1977; Swift Ruler, 1966; Fervent, 1948

Highest Weight Carried by a Starter: 126, Mount Marcy, 1951; Bet Twice, 1988



Keeneland/Coady

Ben Ali (G3) winner Watershed was one of four winners on April 15, 2017, for owner Godolphin Racing and trainer Kiaran McLaughlin.

STAKES

Ben Ali Stakes History

Year	Winner/Age/Owner	Jockey/Wgt./Trainer	2nd/Age/Jockey/Wgt.	3rd/Age/Jockey/Wgt.	Time	Margin
2017	Watershed (5) Godolphin Racing LLC	Paco Lopez (118) Kiaran P. McLaughlin	Eagle (5) Robby Albarado (118)	Bird Song (4) Brian Hernandez Jr. (118)	1:50.92	ft 2 3/4
2016	Eagle* (4) William S. Farish	Brian Hernandez Jr. (118) Neil Howard	Noble Bird (5) Julien Lejaroux (118)	Breaking Lucky (4) Elvis Trujillo (118)	1:48.57	ft 1 1/4
2015	Protonico (4) Sumaya U.S. Stable (Oussama Aboughazale)	Javier Castellano (120) Todd A. Pletcher	Neck 'n Neck (6) Julien Lejaroux (118)	Ami's Holiday (4) Robby Albarado (118)	1:48.79 (NTR)	ft 5
2014	Frac Daddy (4) Magic City Thoroughbred Partners	Alan Garcia (118) Kenneth G. McPeck	Stealcase (5) Stewart Elliott (118)	Nikki's Sandcastle (7) Corey Lanerie (123)	1:49.61	ft 4 3/4
2013	Successful Dan* (7) Morton Fink	Julien Lejaroux (118) Charles LoPresti	Boisterous (6) Joel Rosario (123)	Richard's Kid (8) Rosie Napravnik (118)	1:51.14	ft 1
2012	Wise Dan* (5) Morton Fink	John Velazquez (123) Charles LoPresti	Big Blue Kitten (4) Javier Castellano (118)	Guys Reward (5) Corey Lanerie (118)	1:46.63 (NTR)	ft 10 1/2
2011	Exhi* (4) Wertheimer and Frere (Alain and Gerard Wertheimer)	Javier Castellano (117) Todd A. Pletcher	Dean's Kitten (4) Julien Lejaroux (117)	Mister Mardi Gras (4) Rosie Napravnik (117)	1:48.14	ft 1 3/4
2010	Dubious Miss* (6) David P. Holloway Racing Inc. (David P. Holloway)	Calvin Borel (117) Paul J. McGee	Kiss the Kid (7) Rajiv Maragh (117)	Giant Oak (4) Shaun Bridgmohan (117)	1:49.60	ft 1 1/2
2009	Parading (6) Phipps Stable (O.M. Phipps et al)	Kent Desormeaux (117) Claude R. McGaughey III	Your Round (4) Miguel Mena (117)	Monba (4) Garrett Gomez (117)	1:47.82	ft 7 1/2
2008	Sterwins (5) Melnyk Racing Stables Inc. (Eugene Melnyk)	Shaun Bridgmohan (117) Malcolm Pierce	Go Between (5) Garrett Gomez (123)	Sir Whimsey (4) Edgar Prado (121)	1:48.53	ft 3 1/4
2007	Jade's Revenge (4) Bushwood Stables (B. Johnson, K. Barth and C. Dwyer)	Kent Desormeaux (117) H. Graham Motion	Minister's Joy (5) John Velazquez (117)	Mustanfar (6) Fernando Jara (117)	1:49.93	ft no
2006	Wanderin Boy* (5) Arthur B. Hancock III	Javier Castellano (117) Nicholas P. Zito	Alumni Hall (7) Robby Albarado (117)	Noble Causeway (4) Jeremy Rose (117)	1:49.18	ft 5 1/4
2005	Alumni Hall (6) William S. Farish, James A. Elkins Jr. and W. Temple Webber Jr.	Robby Albarado (121) Neil J. Howard	Pies Prospect (4) Rafael Bejarano (123)	Go Now (4) Larry Melancon (117)	1:51.29	ft 2
2004	Midway Road (4) William S. Farish	Robby Albarado (116) Neil J. Howard	Evening Attire (6) Cornelio Velazquez (116)	Sir Cherokee (4) Calvin Borel (120)	1:46.78 (NTR)	sy 11 1/4
2003	Mineshaft* (4) W.S. Farish, W.T. Webber Jr. and J.A. Elkins Jr.	Robby Albarado (120) Neil J. Howard	American Style (4) Jerry Bailey (116)	Metatron (4) Kent Desormeaux (116)	1:48.52	ft 9
2002	Duckhorn* (5) Michael B. Tabor	Jorge Chavez (116) Patrick B. Byrne	Parade Leader (5) Pat Day (120)	Connected (5) Larry Melancon (118)	1:50.18	my 7

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2001	Broken Vow* (4) Pin Oak Stable (Josephine E. Abercrombie)	Edgar Prado (116) H. Graham Motion	Perfect Cat (4) Jerry Bailey (116)	Jadada (6) Corey Nakatani (116)	1:48.47	ft 4 3/4
2000	Midway Magistrate* (6) B M H Stable (Robert McMahan et al)	Shane Sellers (116) Rick Hiles	Liberty Gold (6) Francisco Torres (116)	Early Warning (5) Jorge Chavez (118)	1:49	ft no
1999	Jazz Club* (4) W.S. Farish and Joseph Jamail	Pat Day (115) Neil J. Howard	Smile Again (4) Jerry Bailey (115)	Early Warning (4) Jorge Chavez (115)	1:48	ft 2 1/2
1998	Storm Broker (4) Woodylynn Farm (Robert Hoeweler)	Robby Albarado (114) James E. Baker	Delay of Game (5) Pat Day (119)	Gator Dancer (5) Jose Santos (114)	1:48 1/5	ft hd
1997	Louis Quatorze* (4) W.J. Condren, Georgia Hofmann and J.M. Cornacchia	Pat Day (119) Nicholas P. Zito	Knockadon (5) Willie Martinez (113)	King James (5) Jose Santos (113)	1:49 3/5	ft 13
1996	Knockadon (4) W.K. Warren Jr.	Jerry Bailey (112) Anthony Reinstedler	Halo's Image (5) Pat Day (117)	Thorny Crown (5) Mike Luzzi (113)	1:48 4/5	ft 1
1995	Wildly Joyous* (4) Woodylynn Farm (Robert Hoeweler et al) (Lessee)	Mickey Walls (114) James E. Baker	Danville (4) Larry Melancon (117)	Powerful Punch (6) Mike Smith (113)	1:49 3/5	ft nk
1994	Pistols and Roses* (5) Willis Family Stables Inc. (Sheldon Willis)	Mike Smith (123) George Gianos	Sunny Sunrise (7) Rick Wilson (119)	Compadre (4) Craig Perret (113)	1:51 3/5	sy nk
1993	Sunny Sunrise (6) Harry and Tom Meyerhoff	Rick Wilson (119) Grover G. Delp	Conte Di Savoya (4) Jose Santos (113)	Prize Fight (4) Patrick Johnson (112)	1:48 4/5	ft 3
1992	dh-Profit Key (5)/Loach (4) Joseph Allen and L. Don Mathis/Allen Paulson	Shane Sellers (113)/Patrick Valenzuela (117) D. Wayne Lukas/Richard J. Lundy		Out of Place (5) Herb McCauley (119)	1:49 4/5	ft 5
1991	Sports View* (4) Barry Beal, D. Wayne Lukas, Edward A. Cox Jr., L.R. French	Craig Perret (119) D. Wayne Lukas	Bright Again (4) Jerry Bailey (112)	Exemplary Leader (5) Corey Black (112)	1:49 3/5	ft hd
1990	Master Speaker (5) Anderson Fowler	Jerry Bailey (121) V.W. Raines	Lac Ouimet (7) Craig Perret (114)	Silver Survivor (4) Art Madrid (119)	1:49	ft 3/4
1989	Classic Account (4) Laura Leigh Stables (Leslie E. Lunsford Jr.)	Pat Day (114) Terry Mason	Regal Classic (4) Craig Perret (117)	Brian's Tme (4) Angel Cordero Jr. (121)	1:50 3/5	ft nk
1988	Homebuilder (4) Ryehill Farm	Don Brumfield (119) Woodford C. Stephens	Bet Twice (4) Craig Perret (126)	Blue Buckaroo (5) Earlie Fires (117)	1:51 2/5	ft hd
1987	Intrusion* (5) Carl J. Maggio	Sandy Hawley (111) Lee J. Rossi	Coaxing Mark (4) Jack Kaenel (114)	Blue Buckaroo (4) Don Brumfield (117)	1:49 3/5	ft 3/4
1986	Czar Nijinsky (4) Jacqueline and Miguel Torrealba	Herbert McCauley (119)† Jack Hoffer	Little Missouri (4) Frank Lovato Jr. (114)	Minneapolis (4) Pat Day (117)	1:50 1/5	ft 3 1/4
1985	Bello (4) Lois Bollero	Gerland Gallitano (116) Joseph M. Bollero	Silent King (4) Ronald Hirdes Jr. (117)	Hi Pi (6) Randy Romero (113)	1:48 4/5	ft 4
1984	Aspro (6) Mrs. J. Bayard and Bayard Estate	Don Brumfield (116) Grover G. Delp	Play Fellow (4) Pat Day (123)	Jack Slade (4) Jim McKnight (115)	1:50 4/5	ft 1 3/4
1983	Aspro (5) Mr. and Mrs. James A. Bayard	Vincent Bracciale Jr. (115) Grover G. Delp	Thirty Eight Paces (5) Donald Miller Jr. (116)	Rivalero (7) Jacinto Vasquez (121)	1:49 3/5	gd 2 1/2
1982	Withholding (5) Russell Michael Jr.	Larry Melancon (121) Ronnie Warren	Aspro (4) Ronald Franklin (122)	Swinging Light (4) Dan Delahoussaye (113)	1:49 3/5	ft 1 3/4
1981	Withholding (4) Russell Michael Jr.	Bernon Saylor (113) Ronnie Warren	Summer Advocate (4) Pat Day (113)	Two's a Plenty (4) Walter Guerra (115)	1:50 1/5	ft 2
1980	Architect (4) Carl Lauer	Stanley Spencer (120)† Harvey Vanier	Revivalist (6) William Nemeti (116)	All the More (7) Don Brumfield (116)	1:48 4/5	sy 4 3/4
1979	Kodiack (5) Louis F. Aitken	Gerland Gallitano (114) Harvey Vanier	Hot Words (4) Robert Breen (113)	Morning Frolic (4) Don Brumfield (115)	1:49 3/5	ft no
1978	Prince Majestic* (4) Mrs. Joe W. Brown	Eddie Delahoussaye (118) Dewey Smith	Inca Roca (5) Julio C. Espinoza (114)	All the More (5) Sam Maple (122)	1:41 4/5	ft nk
1977	Honest Pleasure* (4) Bertram R. Firestone	Craig Perret (124)† LeRoy Jolley	Inca Roca (4) Julio C. Espinoza (118)	Packer Captain (5) Robert Breen (113)	1:42 2/5	ft 1/2
1976	My Friend Gus (4) Patricia Blass	Darrel McHargue (114) Doug Davis Jr.	Packer Captain (4) Eddie Delahoussaye (116)	Dragset (5) Garth Patterson (113)	1:42 3/5	ft 1 3/4
1975	Navajo* (5) Joe Stevenson & Ray Stump	Jimmy Nichols (122)† Jim Keefer	L. Grant Jr. (5) Jim Combest (118)	Hasty Flyer (4) Heriberto Arroyo (115)	1:43 4/5	ft hd
1974	Knight Counter (6) Robert Huffman	Earlie Fires (119) Victor A. Doleski	Model Husband (5) Robert Ussery (117)	Jim's Alibhi (7) R. J. Campbell (113)	1:41 4/5	ft 1
1973	Knight Counter* (5) Robert Huffman	Don Brumfield (120)† Victor A. Doleski	Hustlin Greek (4) Mike Manganello (120)	Guitar Player (5) Leroy Moyers (118)	1:43	ft 1 1/2
1972	Knight Counter* (4) Robert Huffman	Don Brumfield (114) Victor A. Doleski	No No Billy (5) Robert Breen (115)	Tribal Line (4) Ray Broussard (117)	1:43 2/5	ft 3
1971	Great Mystery (4) B.A. Dario	Phil I. Grimm (117) Lyle Whiting	Early Fall (4) Craig Perret (112)	True North (5) Eric Guerin (121)	1:41 4/5	ft 1
1970	Gallant Moment (6) Circle M Farm	Dave Kassen (110) Jack Long	True North (4) Jesse Davidson (114)	Bold Favorite (5) Ray Broussard (118)	1:42 3/5	ft 3
1969	Court Recess* (4) C.V. Whitney	Eric Guerin (116) George T. Poole	Miracle Hill (5) David Whited (119)	Gleaming Sword (4) Earlie Fires (111)	1:44 3/5	gd 4

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1968	Miracle Hill* (4) T.A. and J.E. Grissom	Robert Gallimore (121)† Dewey Smith	Gay Flight (4) Jimmy Nichols (114)	Air Boat (4) Vernon Saylor (113)	1:42 3/5	ft nk
1967	Francis U. (4) Michael G. Phipps	R.J. Campbell (119) Del W. Carroll	Swift Ruler (5) Earlie Fires (120)	Moccasin (4) Kenny Knapp (116)	1:45	ft nk
1966	Swift Ruler* (4) Earl Allen	Larry Spraker (124)† Gin L. Collins	Big Brigade (5) Jimmy Nichols (117)	Charolero (7) William Harmatz (114)	1:42 4/5	ft 3 1/2
1965	Gallant Romeo (4) J. Graham Brown	Kenny Knapp (114) Willard L. Proctor	Alphabet (4) William Shoemaker (112)	Big Brigade (4) Don Brumfield (112)	1:42 4/5	ft 3
1964	Copy Chief (4) Fourth Estate Stable	Don Brumfield (117) S. Bryant Ott	dq-Choker (4) Ken Church (118)	Lemon Twist (4) Kelly Broussard (115)	1:42	ft 1/2
1963	Decidedly (4) El Peco Ranch	Jimmy Nichols (121)† Horatio A. Luro	Times Roman (4) Ken Church (115)	dq-Gun Glory (4) Avelino Gomez (114)	1:41 2/5 (NTR)	ft 5
1962	Run For Nurse (5) J. Graham Brown	Steve Brooks (118) Lee Niles	Bluescope (4) John Heckmann (122)	Editorialist (4) Howard Grant (122)	1:25 3/5	ft no
1961	Cactus Tom (4) Natjolee Stable	Larney Hansman (114) Thomas H. Stevens Sr.	Eight Again (4) Ron Vincifora (117)	Careless John (4) Jimmy Nichols (120)	1:26 4/5	my 1 1/4
1960	Fulcrum (5) Mary V. Fisher	Steve Brooks (111) Jack C. Hodgins	Dunce (4) Braulio Baeza (118)	Shan Pac (6) Larry Gilligan (112)	1:25 2/5 (NTR)	ft 1/2
1959	Greek Chief (4) Michael G. Phipps	William Hartack (113) Thomas J. Kelly	Nadir (4) Steve Brooks (125)	Gleeman (4) John Sellers (112)	1:26 3/5	sy 6
1958	Safe Message (4) Dixiana	Doug Dodson (113) Jack C. Hodgins	Shan Pac (4) John Heckmann (113)	Ezgo (4) John Delahoussaye (121)	1:26 2/5	ft no
1957	Star Rover (5) Mrs. Irving Gushen	John Heckmann (118) Eddie Anspach	Sea O Erin (6) William Hartack (118)	Tommy's Jet (4) Dave Erb (113)	1:25 3/5 (ETR)	ft 1/2
1956	Timely Tip (5) A.L. Birch	John L. Rotz (110) Reid Armstrong	Sea O Erin (5) Ken Church (124)	Breakers (6) Dave Erb (113)	1:27 4/5	ft no
1955	Sea O Erin* (4) Hasty House Farm	Steve Brooks (122)† Harry Trotsek	Smoke Screen (6) John Heckmann (113)	Mister Black (6) Johnny Adams (122)	1:27 4/5	sy 1 1/2
1954	Mister Black (5) Hasty House Farm	Johnny Adams (122)† Harry Trotsek	Second Avenue (7) Carrol Bierman (113)	Greatest (4) Steve Brooks (112)	1:27 (ETR)	ft 2
1953	Oil Capitol* (6) Hasty House Farm and Mrs. Harry Trotsek	Conn McCreary (119)† Harry Trotsek	Seaward (8) Johnny Adams (110)	Breeze By (3) Forrest Kaelin (104)	1:44	sy 2 1/2
1952	Seaward (7) Hasty House Farm	Steve Brooks (113) Harry Trotsek	Ruhe (4) Doug Dodson (114)	Hedgewood (6) Johnny Adams (110)	1:45	ft 2
1951	m-Wistful (5) Calumet Farm	Doug Dodson (112) Ben A. Jones	Counterpoint (3) Earl J. Knapp (105)	Little Imp (4) Darrell Madden (110)	1:45	ft 6
1950	Mount Marcy* (5) C.V. Whitney	Ken Church (117)† Syl E. Veitch	Commodore Lea (4) A.D. Rivera (112)	Flying Disc (4) Eldon Nelson (103)	1:43 4/5	ft 6
1949	Shy Guy* (4) Dixiana	Conn McCreary (120)† Jack C. Hodgins	Pellicle (6) Gordon Glisson (106)	Free America (4) Andy Lo Turco (114)	1:45	ft 5
1948	Fervent* (4) Calumet Farm	N.L. Pierson (124)† Ben A. Jones	Colosal (5) Melvin Peterson (116)	Star Reward (4) Steve Brooks (115)	1:43 4/5	ft hd
1947	Pot o' Luck (5) Calumet Farm	Doug Dodson (121)† Ben A. Jones	Jack S. L. (7) Steve Brooks (112)	Bymeabond (5) Albert Bodiou (115)	1:44	ft hd
1946	Bull Play (4) W.W. Jones	Robert Campbell (109 1/2) Lee Niles	Letmenow (5) George Hettinger (114)	South Dakota (4) Ferril Zufelt (116)	1:44 2/5	ft 1
1945**	Pot o' Luck* (3) Calumet Farm	Doug Dodson (110) Ben A. Jones	Colonel Read (4) Chalmer Basham (105)	Cold Crack (6) F.A. Smith (111)	1:46 3/5	ft 1/2
1944**	Alquest* (4) A.C. Ernst	Johnny Adams (113) J.H. Skirvin	Anticlimax (5) N.L. Pierson (115)	Parasang (7) William Morrissey (110)	1:45 3/5	ft 1 1/2
1943**	Aletern (4) A.C. Ernst	Johnny Adams (112) J.H. Skirvin	Valdina Orphan (4) Ferril Zufelt (123)	Corydon (6) Jimmy Lynch (113)	1:46 1/5	sl 1 1/4
1942	Steel Heels* (6) Junius W. Bell	James George (116)† F.P. Letellier	Atrobarr (4) Joseph Dyer (116)	Get Off (6) Sterling Young (115)	1:46 2/5	ft 1 1/2
1941	Red Dock (4) Greentree Stable	Albert Bodiou (114) E.L. Cotton	Viscounty (5) Basil James (117)	Blue Pair (3) Wendell Eads (106)	1:46	ft nk
1940	Arabs Arrow (6) Louise J. Hickman	Carrol Bierman (116) Gilbert Hardy	Shot Put (4) Albert Snider (106)	Easy Mon (4) F.A. Smith (122)	1:48 4/5	my 1/2
1939	Burning Star* (5) Shandon Farm	Warren Yarberry (120)† J.J. Greeley Jr.	Birthday (4) Carrol Bierman (114)	Arabs Arrow (5) Joe Rosen (117)	1:47	sl 1
1938	Main Man* (4) J.B. Respass	W.F. Ward (120)† Howard Hoffman	Old Nassau (4) Robert Dotter (110)	Galsun (4) Irving Anderson (110)	1:45	ft 3/4
1937	Count Morse (4) Calumet Farm	Irving Anderson (117)† F.J. Kearns	Dellor (3) Basil James (108)	White Tie (3) Hilton Dabson (105)	1:46 1/5	sy 3

*Winning favorite. **Run at Churchill Downs. †- Top weight. m-mare.
Run at 1 1/16 miles from 1937-1953 and 1963-1978. Run at seven furlongs and 184 feet from 1954-1962.
Run at 1 1/8 miles from 1979-present.
Grade 3, 1973-present.
Run on Polytrack from 2007-2014.