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

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

STAKES

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Year	Winner/Age/Owner	Jockey/Wgt./Trainer	2nd/Age/Jockey/Wgt.	3rd/Age/Jockey/Wgt.	Time		Margin
2017	**Watershed (5)** Godolphin Racing	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 Leparoux (118)	Breaking Lucky (4) Elvis Trujillo (118)	1:48.57	ft	1 1/4
2015	**Protonico (4)** Sumaya U.S. Stable (Oussama Aboughazele)	Javier Castellano (120) Todd A. Pletcher	Neck 'n Neck (6) Julien Leparoux (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. McPeek	Stealcase (5) Stewart Elliott (118)	Nikki's Sandcastle (7) Corey Lanerie (123)	1:49.61 Polytrack	ft	4 3/4
2013	**Successful Dan* (7)** Morton Fink	Julien Leparoux (118) Charles LoPresti	Boisterous (6) Joel Rosario (123)	Richard's Kid (8) Rosie Napravnik (118)	1:51.14 Polytrack	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) Polytrack	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 Leparoux (117)	Mister Mardi Gras (4) Rosie Napravnik (117)	1:48.14 Polytrack	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 Polytrack	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 Polytrack	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 Polytrack	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 Polytrack	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 Velasquez (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)** Woodlynn 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	Knockadoon (5) Willie Martinez (113)	King James (5) Jose Santos (113)	1:49 3/5	ft	13
1996	**Knockadoon (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)** Woodlynn 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 Hofher	Little Missouri (4) Frank Lovato Jr. (114)	Minneapple (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 Sayler (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 *Choker disqualified from first and placed second.*	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) *Gun Glory disqualified from second and placed third.*	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 Morrisey (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. Greely Jr.	Birthday (4) Carrol Bierman (114)	Arabs Arrow (5) Joe Rosen (117)	1:47	sl	1
1938	**Main Man* (4)** J.B. Respess	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.