

# Buffalo Trace Franklin County Stakes (G3)

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21st Running • Fall • 5 1/2 furlongs (turf) •  
3-year-olds and up • fillies and mares

This stakes is named for Franklin County of Central Kentucky, whose county seat is the state capital of Frankfort. Buffalo Trace Distillery of Frankfort has sponsored the race since 2005. The race was upgraded from a listed stakes to a Grade 3 event for 2016.



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Keeneland sales graduate Miss Ella finished a neck in front of favored Fair Point to win the Buffalo Trace Franklin County (G3).

## Milestones – Franklin County Stakes

**2016 Purse:** \$100,000

**Stakes Record:** 1:01 3/5, Chris's Thunder, 2000

**Largest Straight Payoff:** \$68.20, Mimi's Bling, 2010

**Smallest Straight Payoff:** \$2.80, Confessional, 2001

**Largest Field:** 12, 2007; 2011; 2014; 2016

**Smallest Field:** 7, 1997; 1998 (1st div.)

**Largest Value to Winner:** \$116,700, 2009

Through 2016, Keeneland maintained separate course records for the Keeneland Course and the Haggin Course depending on the setting of a temporary rail. Beginning in 2017, Keeneland consolidated the course records into one set based solely on distance, not rail settings. (See page 210.)



Winning Trainer  
H. Graham Motion



Winning Jockey  
Joel Rosario

## Franklin County Stakes History

Year	Winner/Age/Owner	Jockey/Wgt./Trainer	2nd/Age/Jockey/Wgt.	3rd/Age/Jockey/Wgt.	Time	Margin
2016	<b>Miss Ella (4)</b> Jack Swain III	Joel Rosario (120) H. Graham Motion	Fair Point (4) Jose Ortiz (120)	Smoke Signals (4) James Graham (120)	1:04.52 fm Keeneland Course	nk
2015	<b>Ageless (6)</b> Lael Stables	Julien Leparoux (124) Arnaud Delacour	Lady Shipman (3) Eduardo Nunez (122)	Free as a Bird (6) Joe Bravo (120)	1:03.66 fm Keeneland Course	hd
2014	<b>Free as a Bird (5)</b> Elizabeth J. Valando	Joel Rosario (122) Ian Wilkes	Ageless (5) Julien Leparoux (124)	Sweet Cassiopeia (6) Joseph Rocco Jr. (120)	1:03.60 yl Haggin Course	1 1/2
2013	<b>Queen's Award (6)</b> Coudelaria Jessica Inc.	Kent Desormeaux (120) Eduardo Caramori	Madame Giry (4) Eddie Castro (122)	Sweet Cassiopeia (5) Joseph Rocco Jr. (120)	1:03.12 fm Keeneland Course	1/2
2012	<b>Madame Giry (3)</b> Nutmeg Stable	Eddie Castro (120) Cam Gambolati	Bounding Bi (5) James Graham (120)	Sensible Lady (3) Xavier Perez (120)	1:03.12 fm Keeneland Course	2 1/2
2011	<b>Wild About Marie (4)</b> Dawn and Ike Thrash	Robby Albarado (118) Jeffrey D. Thornbury	Supreme (4) Luis Garcia (118)	You Need Me (4) Gabriel Saez (120)	1:03.01 fm Keeneland Course	2
2010	<b>Mimi's Bling (3)</b> Eddie Kenneally and Peter Kirwin	Julien Leparoux (116) Eddie Kenneally	Canadian Ballet (5) Kent Desormeaux (120)	West Ocean (4) John R. Velazquez (122)	1:03.48 fm Haggin Course	1/2
2009	<b>Dubai Majesty* (4)</b> Martin Racing Stable LLC (William and Stephanie Martin) and Dan Morgan	Jamie Theriot (120) W. Bret Calhoun	Libor Lady (4) Robby Albarado (120)	Nadeshiko (4) Miguel Mena (120)	1:03.64 sf Keeneland Course	1 1/4
2008	<b>Sly Storm (3)</b> Glen Hill Farm (Leonard H. Lavin)	Jamie Theriot (118) Thomas F. Proctor	dh-Taletobetold (4)/Adhsilver (3) Julien Leparoux (118)/Brian Hernandez Jr. (116)		1:03.60 fm Haggin Course	nk
2007	<b>Stylish Wildcat (4)</b> CRK Stable (Susan Searing)	Garrett Gomez (118) John W. Sadler	Taletobetold (3) Julien Leparoux (118)	Adore You (5) Miguel Mena (118)	1:03.71 fm Haggin Course	nk

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2006	<b>Society Hostess* (4)</b> Moyglare Stud Farm Ltd. (Walter Haefner)	Garrett Gomez (118) Christophe Clement	Bright Gold (6) Horacio Karamanos (120)	Gilded Gold (5) Rafael Bejarano (122)	1:09.59 ft Off Turf	2
2005	<b>Bright Gold (5)</b> Hazel B. Marsh <i>Run as the Clark County Stakes 2003-2004.</i>	Horacio Karamanos (124) Mary Eppler	Tara's Touch (SAF) (6) Mike Smith (124)	Mocha Queen (4) Brice Blanc (118)	1:02.53 fm Keeneland Course	2
2004	<b>Dyna Da Wyna* (4)</b> WinStar Farm LLC (Bill Casner et al)	Pat Day (124) W. Elliott Walden	Speedy Sonata (3) Willie Martinez (118)	Black Escort (3) Mark Guidry (116)	1:03.32 gd Keeneland Course	2 1/2
2003	<b>On the Fritz (5)</b> Woodlynn Farm (Bob Hoeweler) <i>Run as the A.P. Indy Stakes 1997-2002.</i>	Robby Albarado (118) James E. Baker	Brown Eyed Beauty (4) Calvin Borel (120)	Paige's Boo (6) Mark Guidry (118)	1:02.92 fm Keeneland Course	hd
2002	<b>Dixie Tactics (4)</b> Don Eberts	Edgar Prado (118) Morris Nicks	Presumed Innocent (5) Daniel Coa (118)	Fuse It (4) Rene Douglas (118)	1:03.47 fm Haggin Course	1 3/4
2001	<b>Confessional* (5)</b> Pin Oak Stable (Josephine Abercrombie)	Ramon Dominguez (124) H. Graham Motion	Thunder Sands (3) Tammy Fox (116)	Charm (4) Jon Court (118)	1:04.06 gd Haggin Course	3 1/2
2000	<b>Chris's Thunder (5)</b> Michael Schwartz	Pat Day (123) Kelly Broussard	Steal a Heart (5) Robby Albarado (123)	Atlantic Destiny (IRE) (4) Rick Wilson (123)	1:01 3/5 fm Haggin Course (NCR)	2 1/4
1999	<b>Ayrial Delight (7)</b> Dwight M. Mentzer	Marlon St. Julien (123) R. James Taylor	Liabile (4) Robby Albarado (121)	Horsemint (4) Brian Peck (117)	1:03 2/5 yl Haggin Course	hd
1998	<b>Ayrial Delight* (6)</b> (1st) Dwight M. Mentzer	Randy Romero (123) R. James Taylor	More Silver (4) Shane Sellers (115)	Miswaki Girl (3) Willie Martinez (113)	1:03 4/5 fm Haggin Course	no
1998	<b>Song of Africa* (5)</b> (2nd) Ron Magers	Pat Day (115) John C. Kimmel	Tigresa (6) Tracy Hebert (115)	Danyross (IRE) (3) Brian Peck (113)	1:03 2/5 fm Haggin Course	2
1997	<b>Affair With Aflair (3)</b> (1st) Simi Stable (Peter Bradley)	Willie Martinez (113) Richard J. Lundy	First Fling (3) Pat Day (113)	Your Moon (5) Dean Kutz (115)	1:04 1/5 fm Haggin Course	5 1/2
1997	<b>Mariuka (4)</b> (2nd) Calumet Farm (Henryk de Kwiatkowski)	Donna Barton (115) Charles LoPresti	Ultimate Strike (5) Pat Day (115)	Sweet Claire Bear (4) Juvenal Diaz (123)	1:04 4/5 fm Haggin Course	nk

\* Winning favorite.

Grade 3, 2016-present.

In 2006, the race was run at six furlongs on the main track.



Keeneland/Coady

Buffalo Trace Master Distiller Harlan Wheatley presented the trophy to Miss Ella's connections, including jockey Joel Rosario and trainer Graham Motion (second from right).