

Sycamore Stakes (G3)

23rd Running • Fall • 1 1/2 miles (turf) • 3-year-olds and up

The Sycamore is named in honor of the tall, stately tree that stands at the entrance to Keeneland's walking ring. The race has been contested at 1 1/2 miles (2001-2010, 2012, 2014-present) and 1 5/8 miles (1995-2000, 2011, 2013).

Milestones – Sycamore Stakes

2016 Purse: \$100,000
Stakes Record: 2:29.55, Sharbayan (IRE), 2003
Largest Straight Payoff: \$33.80, Transduction Gold, 2007
Smallest Straight Payoff: \$3.60, Royal Strand (IRE), 1999
Largest Field: 12, 2009; 2010; 2016
Smallest Field: 4, 1996
Largest Value to Winner: \$103,044, Rochester, 2001

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.)



Keeneland/Coady

Sycamore (G3) winner Renown (GB) is trained by Elizabeth Voss, whose late father, Tommy Voss, won the 2008 Sycamore with Always First (GB). The Vosses are the first father-daughter combination to win the same stakes at Keeneland.

Sycamore Stakes History

Year	Winner/Age/Owner	Jockey/Wgt./Trainer	2nd/Age/Jockey/Wgt.	3rd/Age/Jockey/Wgt.	Time	Margin
2016	Renown (GB) (5) Merriebelle Stable LLC (John Moores)	Angel Cruz (121) Elizabeth Voss	Bigger Picture (5) Jose Ortiz (121)	Bullards Alley (4) Marcelino Pedroza (123)	2:35.37 Haggin Course	gd no
2015	Holiday Star (5) Augustin Stable	Edgar Prado (121) H. Graham Motion	Charming Kitten (5) John Velazquez (121)	St. Albans Boy (5) Paco Lopez (121)	2:33.06 Keeneland Course	fm 1/2
2014	Holiday Star (4) Augustin Stable	Rosie Napravnik (121) H. Graham Motion	Red Rifle (4) John Velazquez (121)	Villandry (5) Shaun Bridgmohan (121)	2:33.83 Keeneland Course	sf Keeneland Course
2013	Najjaar (4) Shadwell Stable	James Graham (121) Daniel Peitz	Eagle Poise (7) Joseph Rocco Jr. (121)	Tricky Hat (CHI) (4) Rosie Napravnik (121)	2:41.49 Polytrack, 1 5/8 miles	ft 3/4
2012	Kindergarden Kid (5) Kenneth L. and Sarah K. Ramsey	Julien Leparoux (121) Michael J. Maker	loya Bigtime (5) Jeffrey Sanchez (123)	Miami Deco (5) Elvis Trujillo (121)	2:31.80 Keeneland Course	fm nk
2011	Sanagas (GER) (5) Andreas Jacobs	Rajiv Maragh (120) H. Graham Motion	Tahoe Lake (BRZ) (5) Manoel R. Cruz (120)	Center Divider (4) Julien Leparoux (120)	2:39.40 Polytrack, 1 5/8 miles	ft 1 1/2
2010	Brass Hat (9) Fred R. Bradley	Calvin Borel (122) William R. Bradley	Southern Anthem (4) James Graham (120)	Musketier (GER) (8) John R. Velazquez (125)	2:30.73 Keeneland Course	fm 1
2009	Cloudy's Knight (9) S J Stables LLC (Shirley and Jerrold Schwartz)	Rosemary Homeister Jr. (122) Jonathan E. Sheppard	Winchester (4) Ramon Dominguez (122)	Yate's Black Cat (6) Miguel Mena (120)	2:30.87 Keeneland Course	fm hd
2008	Always First (GB) (7) Merriefield Farm (Charles Noell)	Rene Douglas (122) Thomas Voss	Transduction Gold (5) Jon Court (122)	Telling (4) Shaun Bridgmohan (120)	2:30.98 Haggin Course	fm 3/4
2007	Transduction Gold (4) Kim and John Glenney	James Graham (120) John Glenney	Bee Charmer (IRE) (5) Shaun Bridgmohan (120)	Dreadnaught (7) Robby Albarado (120)	2:31.96 Haggin Course	fm nk
2006	Revved Up* (8) Live Oak Plantation (Mrs. Charlotte C. Weber)	Garrett Gomez (122) Christophe Clement	Rush Bay (4) Rafael Bejarano (125)	Always First (GB) (5) Alex Solis (122)	2:29.83 Haggin Course	fm 2
2005	Rochester (9) Augustin Stable (George Strawbridge Jr.)	Gary Stevens (120) Jonathan E. Sheppard	Dreadnaught (5) Jean-Luc Samyn (122)	Vangelis (6) Edgar Prado (122)	2:34.30 Haggin Course	fm 3 3/4
2004	Mustanfar (3) Shadwell Stable (Hamdan Al Maktoum)	Jose Santos (118) Kiaran P. McLaughlin	Deputy Strike (6) Mark Guidry (120)	Rochester (8) Pat Day (122)	2:30.88 Haggin Course	fm 3
2003	Sharbayan (IRE) (5) Iron County Farms Inc. (George Middleton) and Miller Trust (Jess Miller)	Pat Day (120) Wallace A. Dollase	Cetewayo (9) Brice Blanc (122)	Deputy Strike (5) Richard Migliore (120)	2:29.55 Haggin Course	fm 1 3/4
2002	Rochester (6) Augustin Stable (George Strawbridge Jr.)	Pat Day (125) Jonathan E. Sheppard	Roxinho (BRZ) (4) Lonnie Meche (120)	Lord Flasheart (5) Edgar Prado (120)	2:30.48 Haggin Course	fm 1

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2001	Rochester (5) Augustin Stable (George Strawbridge Jr.)	Pat Day (119) Jonathan E. Sheppard	Chorwon (8) Jon Court (125)	Regal Dynasty (5) Mark Guidry (119)	2:31.29 fm Haggin Course	no
2000	Crowd Pleaser (5) Augustin Stable (George Strawbridge Jr.)	Calvin Borel (118) Jonathan E. Sheppard	Dixie's Crown (4) Mike Smith (122)	Kim Loves Bucky (3) Shane Sellers (114)	2:44 yl Haggin Course	no
1999	Royal Strand (IRE)* (5) James H. Stone	Pat Day (117) W. Elliott Walden	Arizona Storm (4) Robby Albarado (117)	Magest (4) Willie Martinez (117)	2:38 3/5 fm Haggin Course (NCR)	3
1998	Royal Strand (IRE)* (4) James H. Stone	Shane Sellers (116) W. Elliott Walden	Thesaurus (4) Craig Perret (116)	Lakeshore Road (5) Calvin Borel (116)	2:41 4/5 fm Keeneland Course (NCR)	5 1/2
1997	Gleaming Key (5) Barry Golden	Shane Sellers (116) Hilary Pridham	Double Leaf (4) Pat Day (116)	Seattle Blossom (4) Willie Martinez (116)	2:45 4/5 fm Haggin Course	nk
1996	Gleaming Key (4) George B. Peterson Jr.	Robby Albarado (114) P. Noel Hickey	Nash Terrace (IRE) (4) Pat Day (120)	Hawkeye Bay (5) Charles Woods Jr. (114)	2:44 2/5 yl Keeneland Course	2
1995	Lindon Lime*(5) Frank Mansell	Craig Perret (123) W. Elliott Walden	Hyper Shu (5) Willie Martinez (114)	Lordly Prospect (6) Kenneth Bourque (114)	2:42 3/5 fm Keeneland Course	4 1/2

* Winning favorite.

Grade 3, 2003-present.

Run at 1 5/8 miles from 1995-2000; 1 1/2 miles from 2001-present.

In 2013, rain forced the race off the turf to be run on the main track. As a result, the race lost its grade.



Keeneland/Coady

Jockey Angel Cruz moved Renown out four wide to make a run at the leaders in the Sycamore (G3) and took the lead charging past the sixteenth pole. Bigger Picture (No. 1) surged along the rail and just missed at the finish.