

Sycamore Stakes (G3)

24th 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

2017 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; 2017

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 211.)



Keeneland/Coady

Keeneland sales graduate Big Bend won the Sycamore (G3) at odds of 18-1.

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Year	Winner/Age/Owner	Jockey/Wgt./Trainer	2nd/Age/Jockey/Wgt.	3rd/Age/Jockey/Wgt.	Time	Margin
2017	Big Bend (3) Union Rags Racing (Damian Lynch)	Drayden Van Dyke (118) Thomas F. Proctor	Nessy (4) Brian Hernandez Jr. (121)	Canessar (FR) (4) Feargal Lynch (121)	2:33.24	fm 3/4
2016	Renown (GB) (5) Merriebelle Stable (John Moores)	Angel Cruz (121) Elizabeth Voss	Bigger Picture (5) Jose Ortiz (121)	Bullards Alley (4) Marcelino Pedroza (123)	2:35.37	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	fm 1/2 Keeneland Course
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	sf 1/2 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	ft 3/4 Polytrack, 1 5/8 miles
2012	Kindergarden Kid (5) Kenneth L. and Sarah K. Ramsey	Julien Leparoux (121) Michael J. Maker	Ioya Bigtime (5) Jeffrey Sanchez (123)	Miami Deco (5) Elvis Trujillo (121)	2:31.80	fm nk Keeneland Course
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	ft 1/2 Polytrack, 1 5/8 miles
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	fm 1 Keeneland Course
2009	Cloudy's Knight (9) S J Stables (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	fm hd Keeneland Course
2008	Always First (GB) (7) Merriemfield Farm (Charles Noell)	Rene Douglas (122) Thomas Voss	Transduction Gold (5) Jon Court (122)	Telling (4) Shaun Bridgmohan (120)	2:30.98	fm 3/4 Haggin Course
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	fm nk Haggin Course
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	fm 2 Haggin Course
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	fm 3 3/4 Haggin Course
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	fm 3 Haggin Course
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	fm 1 3/4 Haggin Course
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	fm 1 Haggin Course

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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 at 1 5/8 miles on the main track. As a result, the race lost its grade.



Harry Hayes, representing Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kentucky, made the Sycamore (G3) trophy presentation to Big Bend's connections, including trainer Tom Proctor (left), owners Damian Lynch and his wife, Braxton (third and fourth from left), and jockey Drayden Van Dyke.