

Kentucky **DOWNNS** **MEDIA GUIDE** **2018**



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General Information



**Live Racing at Kentucky Downs
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Kentucky Downs opened in 1990, first as the Dueling Grounds Race Course, named from the property the track is located on. The Sandford Duncan farm sits on a piece of Kentucky land that juts into Tennessee, and was the site of a number of duels in the 1800's, due to the fact that dueling was legal in the Bluegrass State but not in Tennessee. The first two years of the Dueling Grounds saw steeplechase racing and flat racing, with the track switching to completely flat racing for the 1992 meet. The highlight of the first meet was the \$750,000 Dueling Grounds International, which featured the richest purse in American steeplechase history.

In 1997, a change in ownership saw a change in name, to its current moniker, Kentucky Downs. Kentucky Downs hosted both flat and steeplechase racing for a number of years, until another change in ownership, this time to a partnership led by investors Corey Johnsen and Ray Reid in August of 2007.

2011 marked a new era in thoroughbred horse racing, with the introduction of Historical Horse Racing, a type of gaming based off of the results of previously run races. Kentucky Downs' management took a gamble and invested in this new gaming system, a gamble that has paid off generously. Revenue from Historical Racing has helped to greatly grow Kentucky Downs' purses, with the purses of the 2011 meet totaling \$746,810 and the 2018 meet purses will total \$10 million.



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The Dueling Grounds

"The dueling ground was in Kentucky, in keeping with that state's more tolerant attitude toward affairs of honor." - From *Andrew Jackson: His Life and Times*, by H. W. Brands.

Kentucky Downs begins what promises to be an historic season with a respectful nod to history, the inaugural running of the \$250,000 Dueling Grounds Derby. The 1 5/16 mile event for, of course, 3-year-olds, will be the featured race on opening day, Sept. 6.

Dating back to 1780 and the first one at Epsom, derbies have traditionally taken their names from their locales, hence the Arkansas, Florida, Oklahoma, and Louisiana Derbies. New Mexico, Indiana, California, Saskatchewan, Pennsylvania and Ontario all have derbies, too, and the races all appropriately derive their names from their location. But what was Kentucky Downs to do when introducing its new derby since, well, "Kentucky Derby" has been so famously taken?

Kentucky Downs sits on a broad swath of countryside just north of Nashville and the state line. In the early 19th century, this was the American frontier, where Southern gentlemen frequently settled their disputes according to a code duello. Duels were so common, and a gentleman's understanding of the protocol so requisite, that the governor of South Carolina, John Lyde Wilson, once wrote *The Code of Honor: or Rules for the Government of Principals and Seconds in Dueling*.

After Tennessee outlawed dueling in 1801, duelists frequently took their disputes across the border into Kentucky. The area became known as the dueling grounds. And so, Kentucky Downs' opening-day feature indeed takes its name from its locale while at the same time acknowledging the area's rich history.

Andrew Jackson, who would become famously known as Old Hickory because of his toughness, participated in many duels, and quite possibly came to the site of what is now Kentucky Downs for that purpose. In 1804, Jackson purchased the expansive plantation called the Hermitage, near Nashville. A short time later, in a convoluted dispute regarding a horse race and an insult, Nathaniel McNairy challenged Jackson to a duel. They and their seconds met at the dueling grounds, according to the historical record, and were reconciled without firing their pistols.

Jackson owned Truxton, one of the more formidable racehorses of the time. In what was billed as the "the most interesting match race ever run in the Western country," Truxton met Ploughboy, who represented another plantation owner, Joseph Erwin. They raced for the extravagant sum of \$3,000, with Truxton winning two heats in a driving rain.

After Erwin's son-in-law, Charles Dickinson, in the *Impartial Review*, called Jackson "a worthless scoundrel, a poltroon and a coward," the general responded as he thought appropriate. He challenged Dickinson to a duel.

They met on the morning of May 30, 1805, in Logan county, about 20 miles from the future site of Kentucky Downs. Dickinson, a marksman of some reputation, was first to fire. He "stared in amazement," according to H.W. Brands' biography of the seventh president, "as Jackson stood his ground."

Dickinson's shot missed Jackson's heart by only inches and shattered against his breastbone. But Jackson remained on his feet and prepared with great deliberation to take, according to the code duello, his shot. It struck Dickinson in the abdomen. He died that evening; Jackson died 40 years later of lead poisoning.

Probably the most famous duel at the future Kentucky Downs site occurred on Sept. 22, 1826, and involved Sam Houston, who at the time lived in Nashville and represented Tennessee in the United States Congress. After opposing the appointment as postmaster of a Nashville publisher, Houston returned home and was promptly challenged by Gen. William White, a professional duelist. Houston wounded White, who eventually recovered. As for Houston, the following year he became governor of Tennessee. He would, of course, go on to lead the Texas revolution, become president of the Republic of Texas and then governor of Texas.

Gary West

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How Historical Horse Racing has Influenced Kentucky Downs Purses

Year	Total Purses	(% from HHR)	Total races	Average Per-Race Purse
2011	\$746,810	(0%)	30	\$25,660
2012	\$2,086,651	(77%)	43	\$48,526
2013	\$4,150,687	(82%)	50	\$83,013
2014	\$4,875,772	(85%)	50	\$97,515
2015	\$6,609,355	(89%)	48	\$137,694
2016	\$7,923,476	(88%)	50	\$158,470
2017	\$8,625,396	(90%)	50	\$172,508

2017 Meet by the Numbers

Totaled \$30,246,887 in all-sources wagering for 2017's five-date meet, averaging \$6,049,277 a day and up 34 percent over Kentucky Downs' record 2016 meet.

Paid out record \$8,625,396 in purses in 2017 (up 19% over 2016)

North American record with \$1,725,079 in average daily purses.

Paid out a North American-best \$750 to every horse finishing sixth through 12th.

Raced three graded stakes races and 13 stakes races.

General Information

Corey Johnsen - President

Ted Nicholson - Senior Vice President and General Manager

Val Strafe—Vice President of Operations

Sherry Conner—Chief Financial Officer

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Melinda Vest—Placing Judge & Claims Clerk

Robert Alexander—Starter

Javier Torres & Darrell Foster—Clerks of Scales

William Pettingill—Paddock Judge and Clocker

Arthur Zeis—Stall Superintendent

Melinda Vest—Horse Identifier

Greg Blasi—Outrider

Leuie Russell—Outrider

John Wells— Outrider

College Scholarship Day



In the past, Kentucky Downs College Day featured laptop giveaways through a partnership with the Kentucky HBPA. Sunday, September 10th 2017 featured Kentucky Downs' inaugural College Scholarship Day, adding a number of giveaways and events to one of the tracks most popular days for students. Students could enter to win one of 10 laptops courtesy of the Kentucky HBPA, a \$3,500 scholarship, and prize packs from local businesses.



The inaugural Kentucky Downs College Ambassador Program made its debut on College Scholarship Day as well. The team featured five students from three universities: Katelyn Lyons from Murray State University, Tricia Warrens from the University of Louisville, and Grace Campbell, Grace Clark, and Jacob Howard from Western Kentucky University. This first team of ambassadors promoted Kentucky Downs on campus and on social media, as well as registered students and did a number of tasks to help College Scholarship Day run smoothly.



The winner of the \$3,500 College Day Scholarship sponsored by Kentucky Downs, was Levi Knutson, a student at Eastern Kentucky University. Eli is pictured with Kentucky HBPA executive director Marty Maline.



2017 College Scholarship Day Partners:

Kentucky HBPA, Kendra Scott Jewelry, Qdoba of Bowling Green, Blaze Pizza of Bowling Green, 440 Main.

Old Friends at Kentucky Downs



In 2015 Kentucky Downs began a partnership with Old Friends Thoroughbred Retirement, one of the premier thoroughbred aftercare facilities in the country. Old Friends provides a comfortable retirement for racehorses and breeding animals once their careers are over.

Old Friends currently has three locations, Dream Chase Farm in Georgetown, Kentucky, the Bobby Frankel Division in Saratoga Springs, New York, and Old Friends at Kentucky Downs in Franklin, Kentucky. Old Friends at Kentucky Downs opened in the summer of 2015, and is currently home to seven retired racehorses (and a miniature horse!), on the backside of Kentucky Downs.



Tours are available seven days a week through Simpson County Tourism. Visitors can pet and feed the residents, take photos, and learn about their history.

Kentucky Downs also hosts the Old Friends Stakes each September, with the winner of that race earning a guaranteed spot upon retirement at one of Old Friends three facilities.

Current Residents:

Rumor Has It - winner of the 2008 Kentucky Turf Cup.

Good Lord - winner of the 2012 Kentucky Downs Turf Dash.

Balance of Power - winner of the G3 Philip Iselin Stakes at Monmouth Park.

Thornfield - winner of the 1999 G1 Canadian International Stakes, 1999 Canadian Horse of the Year.

Ball Four - three-time graded stakes winner, including G2 Kentucky Cup Classic Stakes at Turfway Park.

Sgt. Bert - two-time winner of the Woodford Stakes at Keeneland, setting a course record.

Dueling Alex - son of Medaglia d'Oro who won four of 19 career starts. Best friend of Fonzi.

Fonzi - the only non-thoroughbred at Old Friends at Kentucky Downs! A miniature horse who resides with Dueling Alex.



From top: Dueling Alex grazes in the paddock directly adjacent to the Kentucky Downs racecourse. | Thornfield and Ball Four trot around their field. | Good Lord and Balance of Power quickly bonded after arriving at Old Friends at Kentucky Downs around the same time.

2017 Meet Leaders



Leading Jockey: Julien Leparoux

Notable wins of the 2017 meet: G3 Calumet Farm Kentucky Turf Cup aboard Oscar Nominated.

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Total Purse \$	Win %	Top 3	Top 3 %
29	6	7	3	\$1,116,210	21%	16	55%



Leading Trainer: Michael Maker

Notable wins of the 2017 meet: G3 Calumet Farm Kentucky Turf Cup with Oscar Nominated, G3 Kentucky Downs Turf Sprint with Hogy, Ramsey Farm Stakes with Kitten's Roar, Old Friends Stakes with Sir Dudley Digges.

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Total Purse \$	Win %	Top 3	Top 3 %
46	8	4	6	\$1,529,053	17%	18	39%



Leading Owners: Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey

Notable wins of the 2017 meet: G3 Calumet Farm Kentucky Turf Cup with Oscar Nominated, Ramsey Farm Stakes with Kitten's Roar, Old Friends Stakes with Sir Dudley Digges.

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Total Purse \$	Win %	Top 3	Top 3 %
17	4	3	1	\$842,580	24%	8	47%

Track Records



Daddys Lil Darling winning the 2017 Dueling Grounds Oaks in track record time, 2:10.97 for one mile and five sixteenths.

Distance	Time	Date	Horse	Weight	Age
6 Furlongs	1:09.15	Sept. 13, 2008	Hold the Salt	118	6
About 6 Furlongs	1:09.80	Sept. 13, 1993	Got Another Won	113	6
6 1/2 Furlongs	1:16.51	Sept. 13, 2014	Richies Party Girl	122	3
7 Furlongs	1:22.68	Sept. 20, 2005	Bastille	115	3
About 7 Furlongs	1:22.80	Sept. 14, 1993	Colonel True	111	7
1 Mile	1:35.00	Sept. 19, 1998	Rob 'n' Gin	119	4
About 1 Mile	1:35.00	Oct. 11, 1992	Newton's Ace	113	4
1 Mile 70 Yards	1:41.70	Sept. 19, 2015	Rusty Slipper	121	5
1 5/16 Miles	2:10.97	Sept. 10, 2017	Daddys Lil Darling	118	3
1 1/2 Miles	2:26.98	Sept. 22, 2007	General Jumbo (GB)	116	5
About 1 1/2 Miles	2:25.60	Sept. 26, 1993	Know Heights (IRE)	116	4

All-Time Leading Owners

Rank	Owner(s)	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
1	Kenneth L. and Sarah K. Ramsey	153	42	26	11	\$3,112,313
2	G. Watts Humphrey, Jr.	74	12	10	9	\$722,707
3	Glen Hill Farm (Craig Lavin Bernick)	31	9	1	5	\$392,656
4	David A. Ross	20	8	4	1	\$117,754
5	Carl F. Short	63	7	10	10	\$132,298
6	Silverton Hill, LLC (Bonnie and Tommy Hamilton)	53	7	6	7	\$367,720
7	John C. Oxley	35	6	5	3	\$564,893
8	Team Block (David Block)	17	6	4	3	\$545,096
9	Lothenbach Stables, Inc. (Robert J. Lothenbach)	21	6	1	2	\$442,648
10	Augustin Stable (George Strawbridge, Jr.)	31	5	6	9	\$721,968
11	Alex G. Campbell, Jr.	11	5	2	1	\$109,400
12	Whitham Thoroughbreds, LLC (Janis R. Whitham)	21	5	1	4	\$245,822
13	Wesley A. Ward	16	5	1	3	\$168,920
14	Carolyn K. Friedberg	10	5	1	0	\$222,548
15	William A. Carl	10	5	1	0	\$87,898
16	Gary and Mary West	14	5	0	2	\$315,092
17	Cynthia Knight	7	5	0	0	\$163,240
18	Fred A. Nemann	19	5	0	0	\$41,379
19	Allen E. Paulson Living Trust (Michael J. Paulson)	13	4	3	2	\$206,082
20	Dogwood Stable (W. Cothran Campbell)	28	4	3	2	\$131,530
21	Claiborne Farm and Adele B. Dilschneider	19	4	2	2	\$688,966
22	Patricia's Hope, LLC (Vince Foglia)	8	4	2	1	\$258,306
23	Barbara Hunter	24	4	1	4	\$175,361
24	Stone Farm (Arthur B. Hancock, III)	11	4	1	0	\$208,099
25	Mason C. Rudd	8	4	1	0	\$160,889
26	Evergreen Farms	5	4	1	0	\$65,800
27	West Point Thoroughbreds, LLC (Terrence Finley)	10	4	0	2	\$85,103
28	Skychai Racing, LLC (Harvey Diamond)	4	4	0	0	\$784,140
29	WinStar Farm, LLC (Kenny Troutt)	27	3	5	4	\$369,264
30	Brereton C. Jones	19	3	4	2	\$159,375
31	Calumet Farm (Brad Kelley)	43	3	3	4	\$432,687
32	Dixiana Farms, LLC (William Shively)	18	3	3	2	\$217,115
33	Courtlandt Farms (Donald A. Adam)	13	3	3	0	\$115,860
34	Roy K. Monroe	9	3	3	0	\$56,394
35	Richard, Bertram and Elaine Klein	21	3	2	5	\$139,510
36	Mereworth Farm (Susan S. Donaldson)	40	3	2	5	\$74,965
37	Stonerside Stable, LLC (Janice and Robert McNair)	12	3	2	3	\$76,553
38	Ron McCauley	15	3	2	1	\$128,671
39	Centaur Farms, Inc. (Vernon H. Heath) and Dan Lynch	11	3	2	1	\$127,155
40	Phillip S. Maas	12	3	2	0	\$117,880

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Rank	Owner(s)	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
41	Joyce and Roger J. Anderson	30	3	2	0	\$51,891
42	Brad Grady	9	3	1	1	\$213,455
43	Magdalena Racing	9	3	1	0	\$93,370
44	Frederick J. Seitz	9	3	1	0	\$91,427
45	Ashby Thoroughbreds (Daniel E. Dixon)	7	3	0	3	\$79,980
46	Amerman Racing Stables, LLC	7	3	0	2	\$77,216
47	Jack Murphy and Pam Slaughter	4	3	0	0	\$161,800
48	Larry F. Telle	3	3	0	0	\$44,400
49	Aldila Farms	5	3	0	0	\$39,238
50	Jonathan E. Sheppard	7	3	0	0	\$37,094
51	Terry Duvall	5	3	0	0	\$26,400
52	Raymond H. Cottrell, Sr.	29	2	3	5	\$60,075
53	Charles J. Cella	18	2	3	2	\$104,309
54	Choctaw Racing Stable	9	2	3	1	\$51,958
55	Glockenburg, LLC (Vladimir Kazakov)	19	2	2	3	\$188,131
56	Farfellow Farms, Ltd. (Kip Knelman)	17	2	2	3	\$77,836
57	Merrill R. Scherer, Daniel J. Lynch and Ken Sentel	12	2	2	2	\$45,674
58	Mr. and Mrs. R. David Randal	9	2	2	1	\$47,132
59	Starlight Racing (Jack Wolf, et al.)	5	2	2	0	\$74,290
60	Nelson McMakin	12	2	1	4	\$56,308



All Time Leading Owners: Kenneth L. and Sarah K. Ramsey

The red and white silks of Kenneth L. and Sarah K. Ramsey's Ramsey Farm have become a common sight in the Kentucky Downs' winners circle. With 153 starts, featuring 42 wins and \$3,112,313 in purse money at the Franklin, Ky. track, the Ramseys currently hold an astounding lead for all-time leading owner. Some of their most notable winners at Kentucky Downs include; Oscar Nominated (2017 Kentucky Turf Cup & 2016 Dueling Grounds Derby winner), Al's Gal (2016 Ladies Marathon Stakes winner), Kitten's Roar (2017 Ramsey Farm Stakes winner), and Sir Dudley Digges (2017 Old Friends Stakes winner).

At left: Jeff Ramsey presents the trophy for the 2017 Ramsey Farm Stakes to his father, Kenneth Ramsey. | Oscar Nominated wins the 2017 Kentucky Turf Cup (G3).

All-Time Leading Jockeys

Rank	Jockeys	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
1	Brian J. Hernandez, Jr.	230	44	28	32	\$2,403,944
2	Calvin Borel *	274	38	33	38	\$1,412,111
3	Larry Melancon	248	38	37	32	\$1,253,754
4	Jon Court	274	36	28	23	\$1,626,591
5	Florent Geroux	115	33	16	9	\$4,038,567
6	Robby Albarado	220	29	24	29	\$2,921,352
7	Julien Leparoux	140	25	32	11	\$3,143,836
8	Joseph Deegan	284	22	24	34	\$587,761
9	Patrick A. Johnson	136	21	15	10	\$525,023
10	James Graham	236	20	36	30	\$1,518,691
11	Rafael Bejarano	75	20	11	14	\$832,230
12	Corey J. Lanerie	225	18	26	30	\$1,537,861
13	Eddie Martin, Jr.	187	17	23	21	\$854,052
14	Joe M. Johnson	169	17	17	15	\$435,727
15	Rosie Napravnik	56	15	11	4	\$898,226
16	Brice Blanc	102	15	9	18	\$780,895
17	Fabio A. Arguello, Jr.	165	15	20	16	\$388,917
18	Brian Peck	196	14	22	14	\$771,278
19	Miguel Mena	110	14	13	5	\$734,809
20	Terry J. Thompson	110	14	11	12	\$296,257
21	Victor Lebron	139	13	13	20	\$519,694
22	Jesus L. Castanon	173	13	20	17	\$499,779
23	Willie Martinez	117	13	7	8	\$442,793
24	Marlon St. Julien	89	13	11	11	\$360,658
25	Larry J. Sterling, Jr.	45	13	5	6	\$251,073
26	Joseph Rocco, Jr.	102	12	13	6	\$1,649,199
27	Orlando Mojica	98	12	11	10	\$290,317
28	Justin J. Vitek	112	12	5	12	\$273,247
29	Channing Hill	58	11	0	6	\$948,682
30	Leandro R. Goncalves	81	11	10	9	\$684,220
31	Jamie Theriot	81	11	8	10	\$257,443
32	Drayden Van Dyke	50	9	4	11	\$1,202,665
33	Shaun Bridgmohan	88	9	8	12	\$803,482
34	Greta Kuntzweiler	113	9	12	12	\$435,516
35	James Lopez	87	9	12	12	\$266,448
36	Zoe Cadman	48	9	4	5	\$176,161
37	Julio A. Garcia	28	8	3	4	\$521,503
38	John McKee	102	8	11	4	\$233,287
39	Jose Lezcano	29	7	2	5	\$706,324
40	Rafael M. Hernandez	44	7	4	7	\$625,718

All-Time Leading Jockeys

Rank	Jockeys	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
41	Francisco C. Torres	95	7	9	13	\$555,320
42	Mark Guidry	40	7	1	6	\$347,220
43	Pat Day *	17	6	3	1	\$492,917
44	Rafael Mojica, Jr.	110	6	7	8	\$165,417
45	Chris R. Rosier	45	6	4	7	\$139,199
46	Juan C. Enriquez	56	6	4	6	\$136,597
47	Tony Farina	23	6	2	5	\$124,396
48	Matthew Straight	47	6	4	3	\$95,306
49	Kent Desormeaux *	21	5	3	4	\$469,152
50	Carlos H. Marquez, Jr.	19	5	2	3	\$401,254
51	David Flores	40	5	3	3	\$390,582
52	Marcelino Pedroza, Jr.	88	5	5	7	\$387,907
53	Charles R. Woods, Jr.	43	5	4	6	\$204,955
54	Parker R. Buckley	38	5	3	4	\$161,350
55	Daniel Coa	52	5	6	3	\$143,895
56	Donna M. Barton	33	5	4	4	\$135,623
57	Rick Moss	72	5	5	5	\$102,171
58	Jose L. Ortiz	26	4	5	1	\$689,724
59	Chris Landeros	67	4	10	9	\$668,798
60	Shane J. Sellers	23	4	6	4	\$607,174

* denotes Hall of Fame member



All Time Leading Jockey: Brian Hernandez Jr.

Brian Hernandez Jr. leads the jockey standings with 230 starts, 40 of them victories, and \$2,403,944 in purse money. He finished the 2017 meet with 3 wins, including the Ladies Turf Sprint Stakes aboard Lull, whom he also won the 2016 Juvenile Fillies Stakes.

All-Time Leading Trainers

Rank	Trainer(s)	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
1	Michael J. Maker	209	42	20	28	\$4,522,376
2	Wesley A. Ward	109	25	14	16	\$1,777,059
3	William I. Mott *	156	24	24	18	\$2,011,473
4	Kenneth G. McPeck	127	24	20	19	\$1,232,893
5	George R. Arnold, II	122	19	21	15	\$1,090,478
6	Thomas F. Proctor	77	19	6	13	\$1,419,578
7	Merrill R. Scherer	136	18	16	20	\$567,090
8	Thomas M. Amoss	94	17	15	13	\$826,639
9	D. Michael Smithwick, Jr.	60	15	7	8	\$289,349
10	Wayne M. Catalano	47	15	3	3	\$1,034,316
11	Jonathan E. Sheppard *	56	14	8	11	\$1,153,388
12	Bernard S. Flint	87	13	10	10	\$351,722
13	W. Elliott Walden	54	13	8	11	\$900,317
14	David M. Carroll	83	12	12	9	\$427,823
15	Ian R. Wilkes	75	11	6	7	\$924,494
16	Dale L. Romans	141	10	24	19	\$902,963
17	Lynn S. Whiting	44	10	6	8	\$326,181
18	Dallas Stewart	45	10	5	5	\$408,115
19	James A. Dodgen	32	10	5	4	\$271,327
20	Paul J. McGee	48	10	4	8	\$240,818
21	Ricky J. Short	87	9	12	13	\$242,820
22	Mark E. Casse	60	9	8	3	\$1,194,738
23	Walter M. Bindner, Jr.	61	9	7	8	\$325,237
24	Todd A. Pletcher	21	9	4	1	\$269,407
25	Eric R. Reed	86	9	3	10	\$214,461
26	Hal R. Wiggins	45	9	3	4	\$535,217
27	Joe Sharp	45	8	9	3	\$718,095
28	Steven M. Asmussen *	70	8	7	4	\$885,266
29	Chris M. Block	28	8	6	5	\$756,313
30	Philip M. Hauswald	15	8	4	1	\$265,966
31	Jeffrey D. Thornbury	41	7	5	2	\$217,042
32	David R. Vance	34	7	2	3	\$345,560
33	Charles Simon	33	6	9	2	\$303,753
34	Eddie Kenneally	43	6	8	7	\$481,701
35	Darrin Miller	50	6	7	5	\$271,845
36	Steven C. Penrod	43	6	5	4	\$172,350
37	Roger J. Anderson	75	6	5	3	\$109,705
38	Steve Margolis	41	6	3	6	\$233,232
39	H. Graham Motion	41	6	3	4	\$764,611
40	J. Larry Jones	41	6	3	3	\$145,230

All-Time Leading Trainers

Rank	Owner(s)	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
41	Morris G. Nicks	27	6	1	4	\$154,002
42	Neil L. Pessin	26	6	0	4	\$240,233
43	Terrence W. Dunlavy	23	6	0	1	\$99,540
44	Gregory D. Foley	57	5	10	7	\$263,398
45	Anthony L. Reinstedler	49	5	9	7	\$503,341
46	William R. Connelly	31	5	7	2	\$97,048
47	Helen Pitts-Blasi	37	5	5	6	\$205,413
48	Christophe Clement	17	5	5	2	\$940,165
49	William B. Bradley	75	5	4	14	\$210,095
50	Richard R. Scherer	32	5	4	3	\$304,487
51	Victoria Oliver	57	5	3	10	\$535,220
52	Randy L. Morse	46	5	3	8	\$298,429
53	Gary G. Hartlage	24	5	3	2	\$102,225
54	Brendan P. Walsh	35	5	1	3	\$556,878
55	Kris Nemann	18	5	1	1	\$48,722
56	Michael Stidham	47	4	9	6	\$550,543
57	Kellyn Gorder	40	4	7	6	\$481,613
58	Brad H. Cox	32	4	4	3	\$398,488
59	Charles L. Dickey	27	4	4	3	\$254,951
60	Jimmy Corrigan	31	4	3	4	\$152,959

* denotes Hall of Fame member

All Time Leading Trainer: Michael Maker

Trainer Michael Maker has become a staple in the Winner's Circle at Kentucky Downs. The Louisville-based trainer conditioned four stakes winners of the 2017 Kentucky Downs meet, with four more victories to help secure the title as Leading Trainer for the meet. Maker is the only the second three-time winner of the G3 Kentucky Turf Cup, thanks to Da Big Hoss's victories in 2015-16 and Oscar Nominated's victory in 2017.

2018 Schedule

Saturday, September 1st:

One Dreamer Stakes: Fillies and Mares Three Years and Up, 1 Mile 70 Yards, \$250,000

Exacta Systems Juvenile Fillies Stakes: Two Year Old Fillies, One Mile, \$400,000

Kentucky Downs Juvenile Stakes: Two Year Olds, One Mile, \$400,000

Tourist Mile Stakes: Three Year Olds and Up, One Mile, \$750,000

Thursday, September 6th:

Old Friends Stakes: Three Year Olds and Up, 1 Mile 70 Yards, \$250,000

Saturday, September 8th:

Kentucky Downs Juvenile Turf Sprint: Two Year Olds, 6 1/2 Furlongs, \$500,000

G3 Kentucky Downs Ladies Sprint Stakes: Fillies and Mares Three Years and Up, 6 1/2 Furlongs, \$450,000

G3 Kentucky Downs Ladies Turf Stakes: Fillies and Mares Three Years and Up, One Mile, \$500,000

G3 Kentucky Downs Turf Sprint: Three Year Olds and Up, 6 1/2 Furlongs, \$500,000

G3 Calumet Farm Kentucky Turf Cup: Three Year Olds and Up, 1 1/2 Miles, \$750,000

Sunday, September 9th:

Dueling Grounds Oaks: Three Year Old Fillies, 1 5/16 miles, \$300,000

Dueling Grounds Derby: Three Year Olds, 1 5/16 miles, \$300,000

Thursday, September 13th:

Ramsey Farm Stakes: Fillies and Mares Three Years and Up, 1 5/16 miles, \$400,000

Franklin-Simpson Stakes: Three Year Olds, 6 1/2 Furlongs, \$300,000

Kentucky Turf Cup (G3)



Representatives of Calumet Farm present the trophy to the winning connections of Oscar Nominated. | 2017 victor Oscar Nominated under jockey Julien Leparoux for owners Ken and Sarah Ramsey, and trainer Mike Maker. Oscar Nominated made his second winning start at Kentucky Downs, the first coming in 2016 in the Dueling Grounds Derby.

One and One Half Miles | Three Year Olds and Up

2018 purse: \$750,000 - G3 (includes \$350,000 from KTDF)

2017 purse: \$600,000

Most wins (trainer) - 3 - Mike Maker (Oscar Nominated 2017, Da Big Hoss 2016, Da Big Hoss 2015); Jonathan Sheppard (Cloudy's Knight 2009, Rochester 2003, Rochester 2002)

Most wins (jockey) – 2 Florent Geroux (Da Big Hoss 2016, Suntracer 2014); Greta Kuntzweiler (Rahystrada 2011, Rezif 2010); Eddie Martin (Rochester 2003, Rochester 2002); Shane Sellers (Fahriss 1999, Lindon Lime 1994)

Most wins (owner) -- 2 Skychai Racing (Da Big Hoss 2016, Da Big Hoss 2015); Team Block (Suntracer 2014, Ioya Bigtime 2012); Augustin Stable (Rochester 2003, Rochester 2002)

Highest payoff: \$121.20 Rumor Has It, 2008

Lowest payoff: \$3 Da Big Hoss, 2016

Largest win margin: Silverfoot 6 3/4 lengths, 2005

Smallest win margin: nose Silver Medallion 1991; Embossed 2006; Suntracer 2014

Fastest winning time: 2:25.60 Know Heights 1993 (Race known as Sam Houston; Dueling Grounds record); 2:26.98 General Jumbo 2007 (Kentucky Downs record)

Kentucky Turf Cup (G3)

2017 RACE RECAP:

On a record-shattering day Saturday at Kentucky Downs, Mike Maker became the first trainer to win the signature \$600,000 Calumet Farm Kentucky Turf Cup three times in a row (Jonathan Sheppard having one three editions of the race as well) as Ken and Sarah Ramsey's Oscar Nominated closed under Julien Leparoux to wear down favored Postulation by a head.

Muqtaser was another half-length back in the Grade 3 stakes' field of 12 older horses.

Maker's three-peat — having won the past two years with the sidelined Da Big Hoss — capped a day when a total of \$8,487,232 was wagered on Kentucky Downs' 10-race card. To say it shattered the track record is an understatement, as betting was up 47 percent over the prior record of \$5,769,505 bet on the same Saturday last year. Kentucky Downs doesn't charge admission and as such doesn't have a turnstile count for admission. But the eyeball test suggested it was a track-record crown on a glorious, sun-kissed day that wagered a record \$347,002 on track, or up 62 percent over a year ago.

"After the entries came out, I was hoping for a big day," said Kentucky Downs senior vice president and general manager Ted Nicholson. "But I never could have imagined us handling nearly \$8.5 million today. Wow!"

Speaking of wow: It was Maker's third stakes victory of the meet, as the two-time defending track training champ also took Saturday's \$400,000 Kentucky Downs Turf Sprint with Hogy and Thursday's \$150,000 Old Friends with the Ramseys' 2016 Queen's Plate winner Sir Dudley Digges. In fact, Oscar Nominated had also been entered in the Old Friends, for horses which had not won a stakes in 2017, but was scratched as his camp felt they had a shot to win both races.

Oscar Nominated last won a year ago in Kentucky Downs' Exacta Systems Dueling Grounds Derby. But he'd been running well while often beaten by stablemates such as Enterprising, the Kentucky Turf Cup's program favorite who finished ninth.

"He's never had a bad day in his life," said Maker, who now has won eight stakes here over the past two years, all but Sir Dudley Digges having been acquired through the claiming ranks. "Unfortunately it's taken this long this year to get his first victory."

Julien Leparoux, who leads the jockey standings for the five-day meet with two days go to at 5-4 in wins over Florent Geroux, settled Oscar Nominated into seventh behind a dawdling pace before kicking into gear on the far turn and reeling in the leaders through the stretch to nip a gritty Postulation.

"It's a fun track to ride, a little bit technical," said Leparoux, who tied Rosie Napravnik for the 2014 riding title based on wins, with Geroux winning the past two crowns. "We saved ground around the first turn, which going that far is a big key. You have to have your horse very relaxed during the race. And you also have to be able to handle up and down the hill. He won last year (over the course), so I was confident he was going to handle it. But he actually really loved it."

Oscar Nominated covered 1 1/2 miles 2:31.37, paying \$9.40 as the second choice. Calculating his time considering that he was four lengths back in seventh at the quarter pole, Oscar Nominated covered his final half mile in well under 44 seconds.

The Eddie Graham-trained Postulation pressured the early pace before giving way late. "He ran hard," said jockey Jorge Vargas. "Good training job. He kind of went for it, then he kind of hung. Then he saw the horse on the outside and tried to come again. But second best."

Muqtaser, trained by Lexington product Kieran McLaughlin, ran well in his American stakes debut under jockey Joe Bravo.

Oscar Nominated, a son of the Ramseys' stallion Kitten's Joy, was bred by Jerry Amerman, with the Ramseys snapping him up when presented in a \$75,000 maiden-claiming race early in his career. He won Turfway Park's 2016 Spiral Stakes (G3) on Poly-track and after finishing 17th in the Kentucky Derby found his best stride back on turf, including a romp in the Dueling Grounds Derby. The Kentucky Turf Cup ended an eight-race drought in which he had three seconds and two thirds. He became a millionaire at \$1,168,155 with the \$345,960 payday.

Maker also finished fourth with 42-1 St. Louie, who pushed the early pace, as well as fifth with graded-stakes winner Taghleeb. Bullards Alley, Nussy, pacesetter One Go All Go, Enterprising, Zulu Alpha, Lucky Ramsey and Crescent Drive rounded out the capacity

Kentucky Turf Cup (G3)

Year	Horse Age Winning Payoff	Owner	Jockey Weight Trainer	Time Winning Margin Track Condition Purse	Second Place Third Place
2017	Oscar Nominated 4 \$9.40	Ken and Sarah Ramsey	Julien Leparoux 121 Mike Maker	2:31.37 head firm \$600,000	Postulation Muqtaser
2016	Da Big Hoss 5 \$3	Skychai Racing	Florent Geroux 125 Mike Maker	2:35.08 1 1/4 lengths yielding \$600,000	Bullards Alley Rum Tug Tugger
2015	Da Big Hoss 4 \$10.60	Skychai Racing	Joe Rocco 123 Mike Maker	2:33.40 2 lengths good \$600,000	Power Ped Roman Approval
2014	Suntracer 6 \$17.40	Team Block	Florent Geroux 121 Chris Block	2:27.1 nose firm \$600,000	Pyrite Mountain War Dancer
2013	Temeraine 4 \$6.40	Niall Racing	Gary Stevens 121 Tom Proctor	2:29.19 neck firm \$400,000	Olympic Thunder Suntracer
2012	Ioya Bigtime 5 \$6.40	Team Block	Jeffrey Sanchez 125 Chris Block	2:30.06 1/2 length firm \$200,000	Rahystrada Kindergarten Kid
2011	Rahystrada 7 \$3.60	Robert Courtney Jr.	Greta Kuntzweiler 120 Byron Hughes	2:32.40 3 3/4 lengths firm \$150,000	Odds On Miami Deco
2010	Rezif 5 \$38.80	Donald Sexton, Matthew Jacobson & Tom Baughman	Greta Kuntzweiler 116 Matthew Jacobson	2:44.74 6 1/4 lengths yielding \$150,000	Cloudy's Knight Free Fighter
2009	Cloudy's Knight 9 \$12.20	S J Stables	Rosemary Homemeister 116 Jonathan Sheppard	2:33.96 2 1/2 lengths good \$150,000	Rezif Silver Mountain
2008	Rumor Has It 7 \$121.20	James Glenn & William Patterson	Eduardo Perez 116 David Hinsley	2:28.27 3 3/4 lengths firm \$200,000	Stream of Gold My Happiness
2007	General Jumbo 5 \$6.80	Tom Conway	Jeremy Rose 116 Graham Motion	2:26.98 1/2 length firm \$200,000	Fri Guy Golden Strategy
2006	Embossed 4 \$71.60	Gary Tanaka	Larry Melancon 116 Niall O'Callaghan	2:36.92 nose good \$200,000	Lord Carmen Rochester
2005	Silverfoot 5 \$4.80	Chrysalis Stables	Rafael Bejarano 120 Dallas Stewart	2:30.30 6 3/4 firm \$200,000	Rochester Gallo Del Bar
2004	Sabiango 6 \$4.60	Monty Roberts	Brice Blanc 119 Tim Yakteen	2:33.70 3 lengths firm \$200,000	Rochester Gottabeachboy
2003	Rochester* 7 \$11.80 * on DQ	Augustin Stable	Eddie Martin 116 Jonathan Sheppard	2:31.39 head firm \$200,000	Quest Star Art Variety (DQ 1st to 3rd)

Kentucky Turf Cup (G3)

Year	Horse Age Winning Payoff	Owner	Jockey Weight Trainer	Time Winning Margin Track Condition Purse	Second Place Third Place
2002	Rochester 6 \$24.60	Augustin Stable	Eddie Martin 116 Jonathan Sheppard	2:38.28 2 1/2 lengths good \$300,000	Nowrass Continental Red
2001	Chorwon 8 \$14.80	Phoebe Mueller	Jon Court 113 Hal Wiggins	2:28.68 5 lengths firm \$300,000	The Knight Sky Man From Wicklow
2000	Down the Aisle 7 \$7.60	Charles Deters	Robby Albarado 117 Bill Mott	2:27.70 head firm \$300,000	Crowd Pleaser Royal Strand
1999	Fahris 5 \$13.80	Shadwell Stables	Shane Sellers 116 Kiaran McLaughlin	2:29.60 neck firm \$300,000	Yaqthan Royal Strand
1998	Yaqthan 8 \$17.40	Merdonmar Stable	Brian Peck 115 Tony Reinstedler	2:27.60 1 1/2 lengths firm \$300,000	Perim Chorwon
1995	Lassigny 4 \$4.80	Sultan Mohammed al Kabeer	Pat Day 116 Bill Mott	2:30.60 1 1/2 lengths firm \$250,000	Slewper Imp Lindon Lime
1994	Lindon Lime 4 \$18.60	Frank Mansell	Shane Sellers 113 Elliott Walden	2:31.40 4 lengths good \$250,000	Sir Mark Sykes Drummer Boy
1993	Know Heights 4 \$3.80	Mike Sloan	Kent Desormeaux 116 Bob Hess	2:25.60 3 lengths firm \$300,000	Drummer Boy Little Bro Lantis
1992	Drummer Boy 4 \$14.80	Eleanore Cohen & Elise Ebert	Garrett Gomez 114 Dennis Ebert	2:28.40 3/4 length firm \$300,000	Plate Dancer Karmani
1991	Silver Medallion 5 \$3.20	John Franks	Craig Perret 120 Phil Hauswald	2:31.30 nose firm \$200,000	Crystal Moment Big Warning
1990	Slow Fuse 5 \$16.40	Saron Stable	Randy Romero 114 J. Bert Sonnier	2:33.60 head firm \$250,000	Two Moccasins Green Barb



Turf Sprint Stakes (G3)



Representatives of Coca-Cola present the trophy to the winning connections of Hogy. | Eight year old gelding Hogy scored his first graded stakes in four years in winning the 2017 edition of the Kentucky Downs Turf Sprint Stakes. He was guided to victory by jockey Florent Geroux, for owner Michael Hui and trainer Michael Maker.

Six and One Half Furlongs | Three Year Olds and Up

2018 purse: \$500,000 - G3 (includes \$200,000 from KTDF)

2017 purse: \$400,000

Known as the Kentucky Cup Turf Dash Stakes (1998-2012), Kentucky Downs Turf Dash Stakes (2013-2015), and Kentucky Downs Turf Sprint Stakes (2016-current).

First run as a graded stakes in 2017.

Most wins (trainer): 2 - Michael Maker (Hogy 2017, Longhunter 2013); Chris Block (Sweet Luca 2015, Fort Prado 2009); James Dodgen (Hold the Salt, 2007-08); Kenneth Hoffman (Amazon River 2001, GH's Pleasure 1998)

Most wins (jockey): 4 - Robby Albarado (Successful Native 2016, Sweet Luca 2015, Amazon River 2001, Morluc 2000); 2 - Rafael Bejarano (Battle Won 2004, Fredericktown 2003)

Most wins (owner): 2 - Cynthia Knight (Hold the Salt, 2007-08)

Fastest winning time: 1:09.15 (Hold the Salt, 2008)

Largest winning margin: 6 lengths (Morluc, 2000)

Shortest win margin: nose (Fredericktown, 2003)

Turf Sprint Stakes (G3)

2017 RACE RECAP:

In his first try since being claimed for \$80,000 at Saratoga last month, 8-year-old gelding Hogy earned the biggest payday of his life while winning the Grade 3, \$400,000 Kentucky Downs Turf Sprint by a half-length over Commend. Hogy completed 6 1/2 furlongs in 1:16.88, just off the course record of 1:16.51.

Hogy relaxed toward the rear of a tightly bunched field early under jockey Florent Geroux, as longshot Indy Hill set early fractions of 23.87 and 48.37 seconds. Coming out of the sweeping bend that makes up the first half-mile of the 6 1/2-furlong distance, Hogy fanned five-wide and took aim on the leaders. Indy Hill held a one-length lead into the stretch before ceding to Commend approaching the eighth-pole. Hogy, however, was finding his best stride outside and hit the front in the final sixteenth, fending off both Commend and a final surge from millionaire Group 1 winner Undrafted, who was a nose back in third.

Winning trainer Mike Maker had long been a fan of Hogy's and had hoped to claim the gelding earlier this year when he was entered for a tag but scratched.

"I'm a novice and I rely on Mike," said owner Michael Hui of Little Rock, Ark., who has found success in the transportation business. "I asked him if anyone claims an 8-year-old horse for 80 and Mike's a man of few words but he just said, 'I like him,' and that was really all I needed to hear. I have a lot of faith in my trainer."

Pacesetter Indy Hill held on for fourth, followed by Crewman, Bondurant, Dimension, Wyeth, Mikes the Man and Black Bear. Tell All You Know was scratched.

Hogy, by Offlee Wild, improved his record to 45-17-11-6 and surpassed the million-dollar mark with earnings of \$1,131,927. A \$2 win bet on the favorite returned \$7.



Turf Sprint Stakes (G3)

Year	Horse Age Winning Payoff	Owner	Jockey Weight Trainer	Time Winning Margin Track Condition Purse	Second Place Third Place
2017	Hogy 8 \$7.00	Michael Hui	Florent Geroux 125 Mike Maker	1:16.88 1/2 length firm \$400,000	Commend Undrafted
2016	Successful Native 5 \$22.80	Marco Bommarito	Robby Albarado Aubrey Maragh	1:17.51 neck firm \$350,000	Hogy Almasty
2015	Sweet Luca 6 \$29.20	Fortino Inc.	Robby Albarado 121 Chris Block	1:19.44 neck good \$300,000	Holy Lute Bye Bye Bernie
2014	Dimension 6 \$12.40	Riverside Bloodstock (Conor Murphy)	Chris Landeros 121 Conor Murphy	1:17.16 neck firm \$200,000	Something Extra Undrafted
2013	Longhunter 5 \$7.80	Ken and Sarah Ramsey	Alan Garcia 121 Mike Maker	1:10.28 1/2 length firm \$150,000	Xbalanque Ancil
2012	Good Lord 5 \$14.00	Thomas Shank & Stan Young	Gabriel Saez 121 Forrest Kaelin	1:18.58 2 1/4 lengths yielding \$75,000	Icon Ike Will's Wildcat
2010	Due Date 5 \$27.20	Richard, Bert & Elaine Klein	Tony Farina 116 Steve Margolis	1:16.41 length yielding \$50,000	Amazing Results Classical Closing
2009	Fort Prado 8 \$13.60	Team Block	Eduardo Perez 116 Chris Block	1:11.49 head good \$50,000	Yankee Injunuity Hold the Salt
2008	Hold the Salt 6 \$14.60	Cynthia Knight	Rosemary Homeister 118 James Dodgen	1:09.15 neck firm \$100,000	Fort Prado Kingship
2007	Hold the Salt 5 \$25.60	Cynthia Knight	Charlie Woods 116 James Dodgen	1:09.25 2 lengths firm \$100,000	Shark Ecclesiastic
2006	Atticus Kristy 5 \$4.40	Centaur Farms & Dan Lynch	Jesus Castanon 122 Merrill Scherer	1:12.64 2 1/2 lengths good \$100,000	Mocha Queen Actual
2005	Durban Thunder 4 \$8.40	Stud Raca	Calvin Borel 116 Helen Pitts	1:10.30 head firm \$100,000	Atticus Kristy Super Fuse
2004	Battle Won 4 \$4.80	Jay Manoogian	Rafael Bejarano 116 Chuck Simon	1:10.86 1 1/4 lengths firm \$100,00	Draw Fire Abderian
2003	Frederick Town 4 \$14.80	Silverton Hill LLC	Rafael Bejarano 115 Darrin Miller	1:12.59 nose firm \$100,000	Abderian Callthesheriff

Turf Sprint Stakes (G3)

Year	Horse Age Winning Payoff	Owner	Jockey Weight Trainer	Time Winning Margin Track Condition Purse	Second Place Third Place
2002	Red Lightning 4 \$19.00	Philip S. Maas	Calvin Borel 113 Jeff Thornberry	1:19.90 2 1/2 lengths good \$100,000	Aloha Bold Mighty Beau
2001	Amazon River 3 \$74.60	Kenneth Hoffman	Robby Albarado 114 Kenneth Hoffman	1:11.34 1 1/2 lengths firm \$100,000	One by the Knows El Basque
2000	Morluc 4 \$5.60	Michael Cloonan	Robby Albarado 116 Randy Morse	1:09.66 6 lengths firm \$100,000	RudiRudy Run Johnny
1999	Run Johnny 7 \$7.00	John Oakley	Pat Day 119 Mor- ris Nicks	1:11.60 length firm \$100,000	Prankster Coup
1998	GH's Pleasure 6 \$10.20	Tony Canonie, K. Hoffman et al	Victor Espinoza 113 Kenneth Hoffman	1:09.40 head firm \$100,000	Heckofaralph Iron Post

Ladies Turf Stakes (G3)



Representatives of the NTRA present the trophy to the winning connections of Miss Temple City; jockey Edgar Prado, trainer Graham Motion and owners Sagamore Farm, Needle in a Haystack LLC and the Club Racing LLC. | Exhibiting the class that has made her a multiple Grade 1 winner in the U.S., a regular at Royal Ascot, and arguably the most accomplished mare to ever run in Franklin, Ky., even-money favorite Miss Temple City overtook a stubborn Zipessa in the final eighth to win the 2017 Kentucky Downs Ladies Turf Presented by the National Thoroughbred Racing Association by a neck.

One Mile | Fillies and Mares Three Years Old and Up

2018 purse: \$500,000 - G3 (includes \$200,000 from KTDF)

2017 purse: \$350,000

Known as the Rachel Jackson (1992-1995), Kentucky Cup Ladies turf Handicap (1998-2001), Kentucky Cup Ladies Turf Stakes (2002-2011), Kentucky Downs Ladies Turf Stakes (2012- present)

Most wins (trainer): 4 - Elliott Walden (Gino's Spirit 2001, Silken 2000, Pleasant Temper 1999, Pleasant Temper 1998).

Most wins (jockey): 2 - Mark Guidry (Snow Top Mountain 2011, Sand Springs 2004); Rafael Bejarano (Miss Well Spring 2005, Apasionata Sonata 2003); Pat Day (Gino's Spirit 2001, Pleasant Temper 1999); Larry Melancon (Silken 2000, Pleasant Temper 1998)

Most wins (owner): 2 - Barbara Hunter (Snow Top Mountain 2011, Harness Hitch 1992); Mark Stanley (1999 Pleasant Temper, 1998 Pleasant Temper)

Fastest winning time: 1:35.20 in pre-hundredths timing (Pleasant Tamper 1998); 1:35.25 in hundredth timing (I'm Already Sexy 2014).

Largest winning margin: 3 3/4 lengths (Secret Someone 2016, Miz Ida 2012, Sand Springs 2004)

Shortest win margin: nose (Harness Hitch 1992) in Rachel Jackson; head (Royal Pleasure 2008) since track re-opened in 1998.

Ladies Turf Stakes (G3)

2017 RACE RECAP:

Exhibiting the class that has made her a multiple Grade 1 winner in the U.S., a regular at Royal Ascot, and arguably the most accomplished mare to ever run in Franklin, Ky., even-money favorite Miss Temple City overtook a stubborn Zipessa in the final eighth to win the Grade 3, \$350,000 Kentucky Downs Ladies Turf Presented by the National Thoroughbred Racing Association by a neck.

With regular rider Edgar Prado aboard, Miss Temple City broke alertly and sat just off Zipessa, who held a comfortable lead through fractions of 26.42 and 48.96 seconds. Into the undulating stretch, Miss Temple City made her move and closed the gap on Zipessa – a solid fifth in last year’s Breeders’ Cup Filly & Mare Turf -- but the early leader dug in gamely. Prado thought Miss Temple City may have made it closer than it should have been by waiting once she hit the lead and had to ask her a second time before stopping the timer in 1:36.91 for one mile over a firm course.

“When I turned her loose she went by that horse easy and she thought it was all over; she tried to slow down a bit,” Prado said. “But she got the job done and everybody is happy.”

Miss Temple City was winless in her two prior starts this year and both times had trouble relaxing before the race.

“At Ascot she was very nervous in the post parade and even when I took her to the gate she was anxious,” Prado said. “She lost the race there in the post parade, and she was nervous at Monmouth, too. But today she was relaxed, walked, stood for me. She was much better.”

Trainer Graham Motion was more relieved than elated to get a win from what he called “the best filly I’ve ever trained.”

“I’m always nervous when I run her,” he said. “Obviously I’m very attached to her and just want to see her run well. You get much more nervous about these deals when you’re a favorite. There’s a lot more riding on it, and I’m just glad it worked out.”

Zipessa fought on for second, with the top two finishing three lengths clear of the rest of the field.

“She didn’t want to get beat today,” jockey Joe Bravo said. “She fought hard and she wanted to win. She went around there really nice. Her ears were up listening and breathing. Two good horses matched up, and let the fireworks begin.”

Linda got third and the order was completed by Beauely, Susie Bee, and Seeking Paradise. Hone In and Majestic Angel scratched.

Miss Temple City, by Temple City, earned her fourth graded stakes win while running her overall record to 19-7-3-3 with earnings of \$1,677,868 for owners The Club Racing LLC, Needle In A Haystack, LLC and Sagamore Farm. A \$2 win bet returned \$3.60.

Note: Zipessa won Keeneland’s Grade 1 First Lady in her next start.

Ladies Turf Stakes(G3)

Year	Horse Age Winning Payoff	Owner	Jockey Weight Trainer	Time Winning Margin Track Condition Purse	Second Place Third Place
2017	Miss Temple City 5 \$3.60	Sagamore Farm, Needle In A Haystack, The Club Racing LLC	Edgar Prado 121 Graham Motion	1:36.91 neck Firm \$350,000	Zipessa Linda
2016	Secret Someone 5 \$15.40	Mt. Brilliant Farm	Robby Albarado 125 Michael Stidham	1:38 3 3/4 lengths Firm \$350,000	Cash Control She's Not Here
2015	Kiss Moon 4 \$12.50	Carl Pollard	Corey Lanerie 125 David Vance	1:36.18 neck firm \$300,000	I'm Already Sexy Sunset Glow
2014	I'm Already Sexy 4 \$4.20	Hit the Board Stables	Florent Geroux 125 Wayne	1:35.25 length firm \$200,000	Strike Charmer Rosee is Cozee
2013	Dancing to Town 5 \$12.60	Ramona Bass	Joe Rocco 123 Michael Matz	1:35.52 length firm \$150,000	Lily to the Pink Nashindy
2012	Miz Ida 3 \$8.60	Richard, Bert & Elaine Klein	Shaun Bridgman 120 Steve Mar-	1:50.46 3 3/4 lengths yielding \$75,000	Ridgester Affair Dab- bler
2011	Snow Top Mountain 4 \$6.60	Barbara Hunter	Mark Guidry 118 Tom Proctor	1:39.83 3/4 length firm \$50,000	Seniga Riveria Chic
2010	Never Retreat 5 \$6.40	Team Block	Eduardo Perez 122 Chris Block	1:46.18 1/2 length yielding \$50,000	Seniga Ladies Laughter
2009	Danzon 6 \$52.80	Joe Allen	Miguel Mena 116 Kellyn Gorder	1:40.70 1 1/2 lengths good \$50,000	Secret Kin Lady Carlock
2008	Royal Pleasure 5 \$14.40	Augustin Stable	Rosemary Homeister 122 Jonathan Sheppard	1:37.23 head firm \$100,000	Meribel Katerbug
2007	Quiet Royal 4 \$4.20	Wertheimer & Frère	Chris DeCarlo 116 Todd Pletcher	1:37.42 3/4 length firm \$100,000	Rich Fantasy Camela Carson
2006	Dash of Humor 6 \$6.20	James Conway	Calvin Borel 118 Hal Wiggins	1:41.59 neck good \$100,000	Honey Rose Victory Lap
2005	Miss Well-spring 4 \$23.20	John Eaton & Steve Laymon	Rafael Bejarano 116 Greg Foley	1:39.25 1/2 length firm \$100,000	Juliet's Kiss Fast Cookie
2004	Sand Springs 4 \$10.80	Willmott Stables	Mark Guidry 115 Tony Reinstedler	1:36.88 3 3/4 lengths firm \$100,000	Wildwood Royal Omeya
2003	Apasionata Sonata 5 \$18.40	Fred Seitz	Rafael Bejarano 115 John Ward	1:37.84 2 lengths firm \$100,000	Curious Conundrum Blue Spur

Ladies Turf Stakes (G3)

Year	Horse Age Winning Payoff	Owner	Jockey Weight Trainer	Time Winning Margin Track Condition Purse	Second Place Third Place
2002	San Dare 5 \$22.20	David Mounts	Willie Martinez 115 Rick Hiles	1:42.55 1 1/2 lengths good \$100,000	Doubly Fun Sluice
2002	Gino's Spirit 5 \$3.40	Rio Aventura Stables & Tom Van Meter	Pat Day 118 Elliott Walden	1:39.16 2 lengths firm \$100,000	Please Sign In Tabadabado
2000	Silken 4 \$8.80	Winstar Farm	Larry Melancon	1:36.16 3 1/2 lengths	Confessional Gran
1999	Pleasant Temper 5 \$3.20	Mark Stanley	Pat Day 121 Elliott Walden	1:37.20 3 lengths firm \$100,000	Formal Tango Prado's Pride
1998	Pleasant Temper 4 \$16.40	Mark Stanley	Larry Melancon 112 Elliott Walden	1:35.20 3 lengths firm \$100,000	Song of Africa Pomona
1995	Lady Skywalker 5 \$27.00	Richard Gotschall	Robert Williams 114 Larry Donlin	1:37.80 1/2 length firm \$125,000	Very Special Lite Words of War
1994	Words of War 5 \$24.00	Lawrence Karp et al	Eddie Martin 119 Joe Kasperski	1:37.20 length good \$150,000	Weekend Madness One Dreamer
1993	One Dreamer 5 \$8.80	Glen Hill Farm	Earlie Fires 120 Tom Proctor	1:37.80 2 lengths firm \$150,000	Marshua's River Guiza
1992	Harness Hitch 5 \$9.20	Barbara Hunter	Shawn Payton 110 Steve Rieser	Robert Williams 114 Larry Donlin	Prebend Learycal



Ladies Sprint Stakes (G3)



Representatives of Puryear, Hamilton, Hausman, and Wood present the trophy for the Ladies Sprint Stakes to the connections of Lull. | Lull took the 2017 Ladies Turf Sprint Stakes under jockey Brian Hernandez Jr., for owners Adele Dilschneider and Claiborne Farm and trainer Christophe Clement. Her victory in the 2017 Ladies Sprint was her second win on the Kentucky Downs turf, after winning the 2016 Kentucky Downs Juvenile Fillies Stakes.

Six and One Half Furlongs | Fillies and Mares Three Years Old and Up

2018 purse: \$450,000 - G3 (includes \$200,000 from KTDF)

2017 purse: \$350,000

First run in 2013

First run as a graded stakes in 2018.

Most wins (trainer): 3—Mark Casse (Mississippi Delta 2016, Sky Treasure 2015, To My Valentine 2013)

Fastest winning time: 1:17.22 (Lull, 2017)

Largest winning margin: 2 lengths (Lull, 2017)

Shortest win margin: nose (Sky Treasure, 2015)

Ladies Sprint Stakes (G3)

2017 RACE RECAP:

The 3-year-old filly Lull took command in the stretch and kept late-running 20-1 shot Happy Mesa at bay for a two-length victory against older fillies and mares in the \$350,000 Kentucky Downs Ladies Sprint. The daughter of the popular Claiborne Farm stallion War Front covered 6 1/2 miles in 1:17.22 and paid \$8 to win as the co-favorite with third-place Morticia.

It was Lull's first victory in seventh starts since taking Kentucky Downs Juvenile Fillies last year, though she's had three seconds in stakes and was a good fourth in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf.

"I think War Fronts like to hear their feet rattle, and this turf probably suits her really well," said Dell Hancock of Claiborne Farm, which bred and races Lull with Adele Dilschneider. Referring to the presence of the Breeders' Cup president at the track, she added, "I asked Craig Fravel when they're going to run the Breeders' Cup here."

Winning jockey Brian Hernandez also rode the Christophe Clement-trained Lull last year at Kentucky Downs.

"Horses like her who are athletic, they tend to like this place," he said. "Makes my job a lot easier. I can stay out of her way and let her do her thing."

Happy Mesa (20-1 odds) closed well to be second under Tyler Gaffalione, nipping Morticia, who took the lead at the eighth pole.

"On the turn I thought, 'Boy, if she gets out, she's going to be right there,'" said Mike Maker, Happy Mesa's trainer. "And she got in the clear. Obviously the other horse was loaded for bear."

Fair Point, Corby, 2016 winner Mississippi Delta, Miss Gossip, Sea Cloud, Scatter Gun and Marquee Miss completed the field of 10.

Lull ran her record to 3-3-0 in nine starts, earning \$598,057 with the \$206,105 first-place check. She is from the female family of Horse of the Year Saint Liam as well as leading 2017 handicap horse Gun Runner.



Ladies Sprint Stakes (G3)

Year	Horse Age Winning Payoff	Owner	Jockey Weight Trainer	Time Winning Margin Track Condition Purse	Second Place Third Place
2017	Lull 3 \$8.00	Claiborne Farm & Adele Dilschneider	Brian Hernandez Jr. 118 Christophe Clement	1:17.22 2 lengths Firm \$350,000	Happy Mesa Morticia
2016	Mississippi Delta 4 \$5.00	Jackpot Ranch & Mike Rutherford	Florent Geroux 121 Mark Casse	1:18.79 1 3/4 lengths Yielding \$350,000	Rapid Rhythm Rumble Doll
2015	Sky Treasure 5 \$10.60	John Oxley	Julien Leparoux 125 Mark Casse	1:19.83 nose Good \$300,000	Seeking Treasure Theatre Star
2014	Richies Party Girl 3 \$10.60	Richard Ravin & Wesley Ward	Rafael Hernandez 122 Wesley Ward	1:16.51 1 1/4 lengths Firm \$200,000	Kiama Eden Prairie
2013	To My Valentine 3 \$9.00	Ice Wine Stables	David Flores 121 Mark Casse	1:17.15 head Firm \$150,000	Magical Moon Soft Whisper



One Dreamer Stakes



Representatives of Equibase present the trophy to the winning connections of My Impression. | My Impression took home the victory in the third running of the One Dreamer Stakes for owner Stuart Janney III, trainer Claude R. McGaughey III, and jockey Tyler Gaffalione.

One Mile and 70 Yards | Fillies and Mares Three Years Old and Up

2018 purse: \$250,000 (includes \$150,000 from KTFD)

2017 purse: \$150,000

First run in 2015.

Fastest winning time: 1:41.70 (Rusty Slipper, 2015)

Largest winning margin: 1 1/2 lengths (My Impression, 2017)

Year	Horse Age Winning Payoff	Owner	Jockey Weight Trainer	Time Winning Margin Track Condition Purse	Second Place Third Place
2017	My Impression 4 .90	Stuart S. Janney III	Tyler Gaffalione 121 Claude McGaughey III	1:49.25 1 1/2 lengths good \$150,000	Rattataptap Boreale
2016	Lots O' Lex 5 12.60	Lisa Lex	Channing Hill 121 Gerald Aschinger	1:43.17 1 length yielding \$150,000	No Fault of Mine Fleet Bertie
2015	Rusty Slipper 5 9.90	Zanim Meahjohn	James Graham 121 Graham Mo-	1:41.70 nose firm \$150,000	A Little Bit Sassy Annulment

One Dreamer Stakes

2017 RACE RECAP:

In the first stakes race of the meet, New York invader My Impression angled far out into the middle of the track but got up with ease in the final strides to win the \$150,000 One Dreamer by 1 1/2 lengths. The odds-on favorite found the restricted conditions – for fillies and mares that had not won a stake in 2017 – more to her liking after battling with the likes of superstar mare Lady Eli last time out in the Grade 1 Diana at Saratoga.

Jockey Tyler Gaffalione, riding at Kentucky Downs for the first time, negotiated a perfect trip over a “good” turf course that left much of the field laboring in the final stages of the 1 mile and 70-yard contest. Breaking from post 3, My Impression raced in the second flight early on, behind longshot leaders Bonnie Arch and Charlotte Marie, who set official fractions of 25.80 and 48.16, despite give in the ground and the temporary rail being set at 30 feet.

Gaffalione and My Impression sat comfortably as the field bunched up approaching the half-mile marker. Into the stretch, second choice Borreale and jockey Robby Albarado opened a clear lead just as My Impression and Rattataptap were finding their best strides. Gaffalione, acting like a jockey who knew he was on the best horse, shifted out several paths to find clear running room down the center of the course. When My Impression straightened out near the sixteenth pole she accelerated past the leader to win with ease in a hand-timed 1:49.25.

“I just started to let her run inside the quarter pole, and when I got her outside, she just rebroke, basically,” Gaffalione said.

Rattataptap closed from last under Shaun Bridgmohan to get second, 1 1/2 lengths ahead of Borreale. The order of finish was completed by Mo Knows, Bonnie Arch, Flying Tipat, Bootsy’s Girl, and Charlotte Marie.

My Impression, by Sky Mesa, is a Stuart Janney III homebred and represented the first lifetime winner at Kentucky Downs for Hall of Fame trainer Shug McGaughey. The 4-year-old filly was a graded stakes winner at 3 and ran competitively earlier this year against top turf females up and down the East Coast.

“Shug does a great job and has for many years,” Gaffalione said. “Honestly, any time you ride for him, you’ve got a shot.... I just had to guide her and hold on.”

The \$90,210 winner’s share of the purse boosted My Impression’s career earnings to \$429,525 from a record of 15-6-2-1. A \$2 win bet returned \$3.80.

Tourist Mile Stakes



Representatives of WinStar Farm present the trophy to the winning connections of Applicator. | Applicator, Jose Valdivia Jr. up, wins the Tourist Mile for owner Olympia Star Inc. and trainer Mikhail Yanakov.

One Mile | Three Years Old and Up

2018 purse: \$750,000—listed (includes \$350,000 from KTDF)

2017 purse: \$400,000

Known as the Sanford Duncan 1992-1995; Kentucky Cup Mile 1998-2004; Franklin-Simpson Mile 2007-2013; More Than Ready Mile 2014-2016; Tourist Mile 2017-present

Most wins (trainer) — 2 Bill Mott (Tourist 2015, Glick 2000); Walter Bindner (Rare Reason 1995, Magisterial Cheer 1993)

Most wins (jockey) — 2 Jose Valdivia (Applicator 2017, Art Moderne 2007)

Most wins (owner) — 3 Ken and Sarah Ramsey (Watchyourownbobber 2016, Coalport 2013, Cozy Kitten 2011)

Highest payoff: \$65.80 Treat Me Doc, 1999

Lowest payoff: \$3.20 Rare Reason, 1985

Largest win margin: 6 1/2 lengths Depeche Chat, 2012

Smallest win margin: nose Coalport, 2013

Fastest winning time: 1:35 (Rob 'n Gin, 1998, Newton's Ace, 1992)

Tourist Mile Stakes

2017 RACE RECAP:

Four-year-old gelding Applicator won for the first time in more than 15 months while upsetting the featured \$400,000 Tourist Mile by a length over Flatlined.

Coming off a five-furlong turf sprint 13 days ago, Applicator showed speed early and was able to press the pace from the outside, racing four wide as Western Reserve set fractions of 26.02 and 50.62 seconds over a course labeled "good." Jockey Jose Valdivia Jr. took command approaching the quarter-pole and edged clear in the straight, finishing the mile in 1:44.79 on a day that had the rail out 30 feet and was producing very slow times.

"Before the race he felt very good," winning trainer Mikhail Yanakov said of the best horse he's trained in three years since taking out a license in the United States. "I told (Valdivia), 'Let him have a good start and let him get comfortable in his stride,' because it was his first time (on the course). 'Don't push him, don't grab him, whatever he wants, and then let him go.'"

Applicator, by Henrythenavigator, showed he could be competitive against good turf horses earlier this year while finishing second in April's Grade 3 Miami Mile at Gulfstream Park and third in July's Grade 3 Stars and Stripes at Arlington Park. The close finish in the Stars and Stripes encouraged Yanakov to try the Grade 3 American St. Leger on the Arlington Million undercard, where an experiment with blinkers led to a disastrous 50-length defeat.

Valdivia said Applicator got confused by all the turns in the 1 11/16-mile St. Leger and tried to run off the track. "I said just throw it out," he said. "I always believed in this horse. It's been a little unorthodox getting here. But as you can tell right now, I think it depends who handles the surface and who doesn't. At the head of the lane, when a horse came up outside of him, he really jumped on the bit and was traveling well.

"I was laying second the whole way around there, outside of Western Reserve. We came to the home straight and he was finishing strong. At that moment I thought, 'Man, I can win the whole thing.'"

Flatlined was last at the top of the stretch and closed well for second without ever threatening the winner.

Applicator was not nominated to the Kentucky Thoroughbred Development Fund and therefore ran for only half of the purse for which he could have been eligible as a Kentucky-bred. The \$120,280 he did take home raised his lifetime earnings to \$335,470 from a record of 30-3-2-2.

The winner paid \$29.40 as the sixth choice in a field of eight. Flatlined checked in three-quarters of a length ahead of Shining Copper. The order of finish was completed by favored Irish Strait, pacesetter Western Reserve, Zambian, Bandar, and Hootenanny.

The race was run as the Tourist Mile for the first time this year in honor of 2016 Breeders' Cup Mile hero and three-time Breeders' Cup starter Tourist, who won this event in 2015 when it was known as the More Than Ready Mile.

Tourist Mile Stakes

Year	Horse Age Winning Payoff	Owner	Jockey Weight Trainer	Time Winning Margin Track Condition Purse	Second Place Third Place
2017	Applicator 4 \$29.40	Olympia Star	Jose Valdivia 121 Mikhail Yanakov	1:44.79 length good \$400,000	Flatlined Shining Copper
2016	Watchyourownbob- ber 4 \$4.00	Ken and Sarah Ramsey	Julien Leparoux 125 Mike Maker	1:38.94 4 1/2 lengths yielding \$400,000	Songsational Thatcher Street
2015	Tourist 4 \$6.20	WinStar Farm, Wachtel Stable & Gary Barber	Florent Geroux 121 Bill Mott	1:36.17 3 3/4 lengths firm \$300,000	Undrafted Skyring
2014	Regally Ready 7 \$4.00	Vinery Stables	Rosie Napravnik 125 Steve Asmussen	1:35:25 2 1/4 lengths firm \$200,000	Stormy Going R. Great Adventure
2013	Coalport 4 \$6.00	Ken and Sarah Ramsey	Channing Hill 125 Wayne Catalano	1:35.86 nose firm \$150,000	Trend Utley
2012	Depeche Chat 4 \$29.80	Wind River Stables	Brian Hernandez Jr. 121 Rusty Arnold	1:51.20 6 1/2 lengths yielding \$75,000	Uncle Brent San Antone
2011	Cozy Kitten 3 \$6.80	Ken and Sarah Ramsey	Julio Garcia 112 Wesley Ward	1:40.70 3/4 length firm \$50,000	Bergerac Karama
2010	Not run				
2009	Not run				
2008	Demarcation 4 \$8.20	Amerman Racing	Jamie Theriot 118 Paul McGee	1:35.27 1/2 length firm \$50,000	St. Joe Desert Wheat
2007	Art Moderne 7 \$8.20	Edmund Gann	Jose Valdivia 115 Marty Wolfson	1:36.84 neck firm \$50,000	Salinja Terrific Storm
2006	Not run				
2005	Not run				
2004	Missme 5 \$6.40	Whippoorwill Farm	Rafael Bejarano 117 Lynn Whiting	1:37.13 3 1/2 lengths firm \$100,000	Gretchen's Star Last Stand
2003	Hard Buck 4 \$8.60	Team Victory II	Brice Blanc 122 Ken- ny McPeek	1:37.81 neck firm \$100,000	Gretchen's Star Banned in Boston

Tourist Mile Stakes

Year	Horse Age Winning Payoff	Owner	Jockey Weight Trainer	Time Winning Margin Track Condition Purse	Second Place Third Place
2002	Jake the Flake 6 \$8.20	Jack Murphy & Pam Slaughter	Calvin Borel 117 Hal Wiggins	1:40.86 3/4 lengths good \$200,000	Glick Pyrus
2001	Minor Wisdom 5 \$6.40	Carolyn Friedberg	Robby Albarado 116 Richie Scherer	1:37.68 head firm \$200,000	Cocktails and Lies Dernier Croise
2000	Glick \$4 \$27.40	Allen Paulson Living Trust	Mark Guidry 114 Bill Mott	1:36.14 length firm \$200,000	Minor Wisdom Shellbacks
1999	Treat Me Doc 5 \$65.80	Howard Nelson & Dan Johns	Jon Court 110 Eugene Brajczewski	1:37.20 head firm \$200,000	Dernier Croise El Angelo
1998	Rob 'n Gin 4 \$3.40	Sabine Stable	Joe Bravo 119 Robert Barbara	1:35.00 2 1/4 lengths firm \$200,000	Doublethebetwice Treat Me Doc
1995	Rare Reason 4 \$3.20	Mason Rudd	Tracy Hebert 119 Walter Bindner	1:36.40 3 1/2 lengths firm \$100,000	Yaqthan Alpena Magic
1994	Little Bro Lantis 4 \$3.60	Robert Hall & William McCollough	Shane Sellers 116 Merrill Scherer	1:35.20 1/2 lengths firm \$100,000	Glenfiddich Lad Arctic Tracker
1993	Magisterial Cheer 5 \$9.20	Mason Rudd	Parker Buckley 120 Walter Bindner	1:38.60 head firm \$100,000	Arctic Tracker Ganges
1992	Newton's Ace 4 \$12.60	Estate of Charles Newton	Fabio Arguello 113 Jennie Riggs	1:35.00 neck firm \$100,000	Correntino Ernani



RACE HISTORY:

The Tourist Mile is named for the 2015 victor of the race, Tourist. The son of Tiznow went on to win the G1 Fourstardave Handicap at Saratoga, as well as the G1 Breeders Cup Mile. His time of 1:31.71 for the mile distance is the fastest G1 Mile in history.

Juvenile Stakes



Representatives of Fasig-Tipton present the trophy for the Fasig-Tipton Turf Showcase Juvenile Stakes to the winning connections of Snapper Sinclair. | Snapper Sinclair scored his first stakes victory under jockey Ricardo Santana Jr., for trainer Steve Asmussen and owner Bloom Racing Stable LLC.

One Mile | For Two Year Olds

2018 purse: \$400,000 (includes \$200,000 from KTDF)

2017 purse: \$350,000

Previously run at seven furlongs.

Known as the Jim Bowie Stakes (1993-1995), the Kimberlite Pipe Stakes (2001-2003), and the Kentucky Downs Juvenile Stakes (2012-present). Not run from 1996-2000 and 2004-2011.

Most wins (jockey): 2 - Brian Peck (Pharaoh's Cat, 2001, Johnsaidnoproblem, 1995)

Most wins (owner): 2 - Dogwood Stable (Smilin Singin Sam 1993, Squadron Leader 1994)

Fastest winning time: 1:39.20 (Squadron Leader, 1994) at a distance of one mile (1993-95), 1:23.24 at a distance of seven furlongs (Boji Moon, 2013), 1:13.38 at a distance of six furlongs (Freedom Counts, 2003)

Largest winning margin: 5 1/4 lengths (Boji Moon, 2013)

Shortest win margin: head (Johnsaidnoproblem, 1995)

Highest payoff: \$44.10: All Right, 2016

Lowest payoff: \$1.40: Boji Moon- 2013, Risky Cat- 2002

Juvenile Stakes

2017 RACE RECAP:

Jeff Bloom, president of the Bloom Racing Stable partnership, had never been to Kentucky Downs before, but his first trip was memorable. With the first horse he's ever had with trainer Steve Asmussen, the stable's favored Snapper Sinclair powered to the lead in the stretch under Ricardo Santana, Jr. on his way to a 1 3/4-length victory over the late-running John Tippmann.

"That is about as excited as I've ever been," Bloom said "I'd never been here before to this track. The angle is kind of hard to figure out. I was saying, 'I think I'm going to get a fine from the stewards for whipping myself too many times before he hit the wire."

"There was a scare. We were a little bit wide and I wasn't sure. I thought we had enough horse. But when we hit the sixteenth pole, you could tell he was hitting a new gear and doing it with ease."

"The horse is really talented," Asmussen said. "I loved how he settled in the middle (of the race). Ricardo had to use a little of him to clear quite a bit of that going into the turn. But then he turned right off and settled and came home with great energy. He's not a real big horse, but he's a beautiful mover and he loved the win."

Snapper Sinclair pushed the pace set by Ellis Park Juvenile runner-up Northern Trail, taking command in the stretch as that horse faded.

"I had a really good trip," Santana said. "He's pretty quick from the gate. I saw all the pace inside, and the horse responded pretty good turning for home. This is a really nice 2-year-old. He ran the first time (at Belmont) and didn't really like the dirt. He broke his maiden at Saratoga rolling. We had a lot of confidence in him."

Snapper Sinclair, a \$180,000 purchase at the OBS spring 2-year-old sale, covered seven-eighths of a mile in 1:31.97, paying \$6.20 to win as the favorite at just over 2-1 odds.

John Tippmann, a 15-1 shot, closed well under Robby Albarado to nose out Arawak, who in turn was a neck in front of Sky Promise in the field of 10.

The source of Snapper Sinclair's name is a character in the Mickey Rooney movie Down the Stretch. After getting beat at Belmont on dirt, the son of City Zip won by four lengths on the grass at Saratoga with Santana picking up the mount.



Juvenile Stakes

Year	Horse Age Winning Payoff	Owner	Jockey Weight Trainer	Time Winning Margin Track Condition Purse	Second Place Third Place
2017	Snapper Sinclair 2 \$2.10	Bloom Racing LLC	Ricardo Santana Jr. 120 Steve Asmus- sen	1:31.97 1 3/4 lengths good \$350,000	John Tippmann Ara- wak
2016	All Right 2 \$44.10	William Helwig and Brent Gasaway	Channing Hill 118 Kellyn Gorder	1:25.66 neck firm \$350,000	Parlor Hot Dad
2015	Cajun Schill 2 \$4.50	Teresa and David Palmer	Florent Geroux 120 William Kaplan	1:24.20 1 3/4 lengths firm \$300,000	John Q. Public Good Intent
2014	Croninthebarbarian 2 \$4.20	Ol' Memorial Stable	Leandro Gonclaves 120 Garry Simms	1:26.10 2 firm \$200,000	Luck of the Kitten Czar
2013	Boji Moon 2 \$1.40	Brian Hall, William Gessman, and River Ridge Ranch	Brian Hernandez Jr. 122 Chris Richard	1:23.24 5 1/4 length firm \$150,000	Here's Johnny Sweet Daddy
2012	Ruler of Love 2 \$6.80	Matthew Rebro Jr., Frank Coniglio, Sidney Ritman, Richard Rendina	Calvin Borel 120 Joan Scott	1:24.38 3 lengths firm \$75,000	Central Baker Midas Dancer
2003	Freedom Counts 2 \$13.90	Robert S. Mitchell Trust	Joe Johnson 115 Randy Morse	1:13.38 neck firm \$40,000	Speedy Sonata Let 'Em Go
2002	Risky Cat 2 \$1.40	Bill Hayes and Tom O'Grady	Jose Martinez Jr. 116 Kenneth	1:13.79 1 length firm \$45,000	Big Stone Gap Mr. Whitestone
2001	Pharaoh's Cat 2 \$3.20	James McIngvale	Brian Peck 114 Patrick Byrne	N/A 2 lengths firm \$45,000	Bert's Nicky Hand- some Hunk
1995	Johnsaidnoproblem 2 \$10.50	Daniel Borislow	Brian Peck 110 John Scanlan	1:39.60 head firm \$75,000	TJ's Cormorant OH Bye Golly
1994	Squadron Leader 2 \$2.70	Dogwood Stable	Parker Buckley 116 Peter Vestal	1:39.20 neck firm \$50,000	Inman Prince Stal- wart
1993	Smilin Singin Sam 2 \$5.00	Dogwood Stable	Larry Melancon 116 Niall O'Callaghan	1:39.40 3 1/2 lengths firm \$50,000	Dynamic Leader Amacarpenter

Juvenile Fillies Stakes



Representatives of Exacta Systems present the trophy to the winning connections of Ultima D. | Ultima D breaks her maiden in dominant fashion, winning the Exacta Systems Juvenile Fillies Stakes under jockey Julio Garcia for trainer Wesley Ward and owners For The People Racing Stable LLC.

One Mile | Two Year Old Fillies

2018 purse: \$400,000 - listed (includes \$200,000 from KTDF)

2017 purse: \$350,000

Known as the Belle Starr Stakes 1993-95, not run from 1996-2011.

Previously run at seven furlongs.

Most wins (trainer): 2—Wayne Catalano (Lien on Kitten 2013, Oscar Party 2012)

Fastest winning time: 1:23.80 in pre-hundredths timing (Blond Moment 1994);
1:24.77 in hundredth timing (Lien on Kitten, 2013).

Largest winning margin: 3 1/2 lengths (Blond Moment, 1994)

Shortest win margin: 1 1/4 lengths (Lull 2016, Tipper Too 1993)

Highest payoff: \$17.60: Nastassja, 1995

Lowest payoff: \$1.60: Oscar Party, 2012

Juvenile Fillies Stakes

2017 RACE RECAP:

Why break your maiden for only \$150,000 when you can earn your first victory running for \$350,000?

That's what happened with T. Mike Morgan's Ultima D, who was coming off two seconds in maiden races at Woodbine and Saratoga. Kentucky Downs offers the richest maiden purses in North America at \$130,000. Instead, trainer Wesley Ward opted for the \$350,000 Exacta Systems Juvenile Fillies.

Ultima D and jockey Julio Garcia came through with a 1 1/2-length victory over favored Best Performance, who closed from well back but could not threaten the winner, who led through the long Kentucky Downs stretch.

"The thinking was that she's a really nice filly and we always thought she was stakes caliber," Ward said. "It's not about the money, especially when you can get an accolade like that on your resume for breeding... This filly looks like she'll go farther. It's a stiff (seven furlongs), this race, especially on the soft going like today."

With the rail well out into the course and the turf rated "good," times were about 10 seconds slower than typical at Kentucky Downs, with Ultima D covering the seven furlongs in 1:32.38. She paid \$8.00 as the second choice, a sign of respect for Ward with 2-year-olds on grass and the fact that she was second in her last two starts, both against males on Woodbine's synthetic surface and the Saratoga grass. The daughter of Scat Daddy was a well-beaten fifth in her debut on dirt at Keeneland, her only prior start against fillies.

"My boss said ride her however you want," Garcia said of her maiden and stakes victory. "My filly broke good. I was going very easily. And she just kept going."

Jockey Brian Hernandez Jr. told partners in West Point Thoroughbreds that Best Performance ran very well to be second.

"The winner just kind of got a jump on us," Hernandez said. "She still ran really nice. She's definitely a nice filly. She does everything perfectly. She sat there and waited and waited, and when we finally got our room, she spurted on through there really nicely. She's definitely going to improve off this."

Note: Best Performance went on to finish a close second in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf.

Juvenile Fillies Stakes

Year	Horse Age Winning Payoff	Owner	Jockey Weight Trainer	Time Winning Margin Track Condition Purse	Second Place Third Place
2017	Ultima D 2 \$3.00	For The People Racing Stable LLC	Julio Garcia 118 Wesley Ward	1:32.38 1 1/2 lengths good \$350,000	Best Performance Go Noni Go
2016	Lull 2 \$1.70	Claiborne Farm and Adele Dilschneider	Brian Hernandez Jr. 120 Christophe Clement	1:26.04 1 1/4 lengths firm \$350,000	Caroline Test Lady Hansen
2015	Ruthless Quality 2 \$8.80	Godolphin Racing LLC	Florent Geroux 120 Eoin Harty	1:24.90 2 3/4 lengths firm \$300,000	Moms Choice Lilly's Dream
2014	Nicky's Brown Miss 2 \$4.20	Savino Capilupi	Francisco Torres 118 Savino Capilupi	1:26.35 2 lengths firm \$200,000	Aunt Sherri Late Spring
2013	Lien On Kitten 2 \$1.90	Kenneth & Sarah Ramsey	Channing Hill 120 Wayne Catalano	1:24.77 1 1/2 lengths firm \$150,000	JJ Julep Personal Diary
2012	Oscar Party 2 \$1.60	James Covello	Kent Desormeaux 118 Wayne Catalano	1:25.64 3 lengths firm \$75,000	Zip Cash Back Moonwalk
1995	Nastassja 2 \$17.40	Viking Group	Charles Woods Jr. 111 Thomas Smith	1:33.80 1 1/2 lengths yielding \$75,000	Emeraldforalady Dynawin
1994	Blond Moment 2 \$13.20	Carolyn Friedberg	Eddie Martin Jr. 113 Richard Scherer	1:23.80 3 1/2 lengths firm \$50,000	Wild Linda Pinpoint Control
1993	Tipper Too 2 \$2.10	Alyce & Joseph Novogratz	Willie Martinez 113 Glenn Wismer	1:25.60 1 1/4 lengths firm \$50,000	Spiritofpocahontas Saucy Maisie

Old Friends Stakes



Representatives of Tribute Nutrition and Old Friends Farm present the trophy to the winning connections of Sir Dudley Digges. | Sir Dudley Digges wins the 2017 Old Friends Stakes under jockey Tyler Gaffalione for trainer Michael Maker and owners Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey. Upon retirement, Sir Dudley Digges will be guaranteed a spot at one of Old Friends Retirement's three farms, including one location at Kentucky Downs.

One Mile and 70 Yards | Three Years Old and Up

2018 purse: \$250,000 (includes \$150,000 from KTDF)

2017 purse: \$150,000

First run in 2015

Fastest winning time: 1:42.98 (Flatlined, 2016)

Largest winning margin: 2 lengths (Kalamos, 2015)

Shortest win margin: head (Sir Dudley Digges, 2017)

Year	Horse Age Winning Payoff	Owner	Jockey Weight Trainer	Time Winning Mar- gin Track Condition Purse	Second Place Third Place
2017	Sir Dudley Digges 4 \$4.50	Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey	Tyler Gaffalione 125 Michael Maker	1:48.43 head good \$150,000	Thatcher Street Gliding Alone
2016	Flatlined 4 \$12.30	Brian Hytrek, Rodney Paden, & Ryan Kuhn	Miguel Mena 121 Charles Dickey	1:42.98 neck Firm \$150,000	Perfectly Ma- jestic Western Reserve
2015	Kalamos 6 \$50.00	Edward Boerjan	Abel Lezcano 121 Ed- ward Boerjan	1:43.18 2 lengths Firm \$150,000	Thatcher Street Fredericks- burg

Old Friends Stakes

2017 RACE RECAP:

Ken and Sarah Ramsey's Sir Dudley Digges dug down and won the \$150,000 Old Friends Stakes at Kentucky Downs by a head over Thatcher Street, his first stakes triumph since capturing Canada's best-known race, the Queen's Plate in 2016.

That was the centerpiece of a 10-race card that set a weekday record for betting at Kentucky Downs and produced the second-highest single-day wagering total in track history. A total of \$5,402,254 was wagered, topped only by the \$5,769,505 bet on last year's Calumet Farm Kentucky Turf Cup Day, which always is on Saturday. Thursday's total was up 34 percent over the corresponding date a year ago, when \$4,019,637 was bet.

Thatcher Street, with Chris Landeros up, set the pace throughout the mile, 70-yard race but narrowly lost after a stretch duel with Sir Dudley Digges and jockey Tyler Gaffalione. The Mike Maker-trained Sir Dudley Digges wrapped up matters in 1:48.43 over turf rated "good," with slow times prevailing with the temporary rail out 30 feet. He paid \$11 to win as the third choice in a six-horse field in a race that started out with 14 entries. A six-pack is a field size commonplace at many tracks but which has become exceedingly rare at Kentucky Downs with its \$1.7 million in average daily purses.

Gaffalione, the South Florida-based 2015 Eclipse Award-winning apprentice jockey, won his second stakes in the first two days while riding at Kentucky Downs for the first time. He was recruited to ride here by Maker.

"It's been a lot better," the 22-year-old jockey said of what he anticipated. "I didn't come in here with many high expectations. I just wanted to come in here and get a good experience, learn as much as I could. But you can't knock what's happening. It's been a blessing, and hopefully we can keep it going."

Sir Dudley Digges had won two Churchill Downs allowance races before finishing eighth in the Grade 3 Arlington Handicap in his last start. The Old Friends was his fifth win in 18 starts. A son of the Castleton Lyons stallion Gio Ponti, he now has earned \$752,184 with the winner's pot of \$46,035— running for half of the \$150,000 pot because he was born in Ontario and not eligible for the Kentucky-bred purse enhancements. With the horse's last three victories all in Kentucky and leaving purse money on the table, does Maker wish Sir Dudley was a Kentucky-bred?

"Every time, except last year," Maker said with a laugh in reference to the Queen's Plate. "He ran super."

It was another 1 3/4 lengths back to Gliding Alone, followed by Italian Charm, One Mean Man and even-money Chocolate Ride.

Dueling Grounds Oaks



Representatives of Epic Insurance present the trophy for the 2017 edition of the Dueling Grounds Oaks to the connections of Daddys Lil Darling. | Daddys Lil Darling wins the Dueling Grounds Oaks by 4 1/4 lengths under Julien Leparoux for owner Normandy Farm and trainer Kenneth McPeek.

1 5/16 Miles | Three Year Old Fillies

2018 purse: \$300,000 (includes \$175,000 from KTDF)

2017 purse: \$200,000

First run in 2015.

Fastest winning time: 2:10.97 (Daddys Lil Darling, 2017)

Longest winning margin: 7 1/2 lengths (Try Your Luck, 2016)

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Year	Horse Age Winning Payoff	Owner	Jockey Weight Trainer	Time Winning Mar- gin Track Condition Purse	Second Place Third Place
2017	Daddys Lil Darling 3 \$4.00	Normandy Farm	Julien Leparoux 118 Kenneth McPeek	2:10.97 4 1/4 lengths Firm \$200,000	Summer Luck La Manta Gris
2016	Try Your Luck 3 \$8.40	Out Of This World Racing LLC	Florent Geroux 118 Michael Maker	2:11.60 7 1/2 lengths Firm \$200,000	Taralena Leafy Shade
2015	Return to Grace 3 \$11.80	Calumet Farm	Joseph Rocco Jr. 118 Mark Casse	2:12.75 1 1/2 lengths Firm \$200,000	Queen of Scat Heath

Dueling Grounds Oaks

2017 RACE RECAP:

On another record-setting day at Kentucky Downs, Daddys Lil Darling set the course record for 1 5/16 miles as the Kentucky Oaks runner-up exploded through the stretch for a 4 1/4-length victory over Summer Luck in the \$200,000 Dueling Grounds Oaks.

Daddys Lil Darling, the even-money favorite under Julien Leparoux, finished matters in 2:10.97, clipping the track record of 2:11.30 set by the 5-year-old Mystical Star in 2013.

"It's a wonderful feeling," said owner-breeder Nancy Polk of Normandy Farm, enjoying half of her two-horse stable winning for the first time since Daddys Lil Darling took last fall's Grade 2 Pocahontas Stakes at Churchill Downs. "If I had any doubts about her ability going forth, this dispelled all of them. She won with authority today, and that was very exciting to see."

Jockey Julien Leparoux had Daddys Lil Darling comfortable in seventh in the field of nine 3-year-old fillies, motoring to the lead to wrest it from Summer Luck with a quarter-mile to go.

"This was the first time I rode her on the grass," said Leparoux, who was on Daddys Lil Darling for the Kentucky Oaks and then when she was a well-beaten fifth in Saratoga's Coaching Club American Oaks in her last start. "She traveled very good, all the way on the bridle. When I got her outside, she just cruised to the leaders, did it very easy and kept on going very nicely. She did it very impressive today.

"She did it on her own, I never really asked her for anything," he said of the course record.

Daddys Lil Darling is a daughter of the late Scat Daddy and out of the Houston mare Miss Hot Salsa, who also produced Mongolian Saturday, winner of the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint at Keeneland in 2015. But trainer Kenny McPeck, who missed the race while in Korea with The Truth Or Else, always has said she'd go long on turf.

Polk has only two horses, the other being the 2-year-old filly Sunny Skies, Churchill Downs' Debutante winner. She kept both fillies because their moms died and she wanted to keep some of the bloodlines.

Daddys Lil Darling improved her record to 3-4-0 in 12 starts, earning \$839,405. But she's as well known for a race she'd didn't run. After the Kentucky Oaks, McPeck sent her to Epsom for what would have been a historic appearance in the English Oaks. Heading to the post without a pony (following the norm in Europe), she startled from a lightning bolt and took off, her jockey bailing off, and was scratched.

"I have to say, it was one of the more disappointing days in my life," Polk said.

Michael Kleier, one of McPeck's assistants in Lexington, said they have worked hard to calm Daddys Lil Darling down, changing up her routine. He said Kentucky Downs' pastoral atmosphere also seemed to suit the filly.

The Jose Ortiz-ridden Summer Luck, who has placed in graded stakes but awaits her first stakes victory, finished three-quarters of a length in front of La Manta Gris. Holiday's Angel, Quebec, Thrice, Point System, Gentle Kitten and Lantiz rounded out the field.

Note: Daddy's Lil Darling went on to win the Grade 1 American Oaks at Santa Anita.

Dueling Grounds Derby



Representatives of Exacta Systems present the trophy for the 2017 edition of the Dueling Grounds Derby to the connections of Big Bend; jockey Drayden Van Dyke, owner Union Rags Racing, and trainer Tom Proctor.

1 5/16 Miles | Three Year Olds

2018 purse: \$400,000 - listed (includes \$200,000 from KTDF)

2017 purse: \$350,000

First run in 1994,. Not run from 1996-2013.

Run at a distance of one mile in 1994-95.

Fastest winning time: 1 5/16 miles: 2:11.45 (Oscar Nominated, 2016), One Mile: 1:35.80 (Rare Reason 1994, Gentleman Beau 1995)

Longest winning margin: 1 5/16 miles: 6 1/4 lengths (Oscar Nominated, 2016) One Mile: 7 lengths (Rare Reason, 1994)

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Dueling Grounds Derby

2017 RACE RECAP:

Drayden Van Dyke, who grew up in Kentucky but has found his career as a jockey in California, celebrated his 23rd birthday by winning the \$350,000 Exacta Systems Dueling Grounds Derby aboard the front-running Big Bend, who staved off Parlor by three-quarters of a length.

The race played out in straightforward fashion as the Tom Proctor-trained Big Bend led at every call and turned back two challengers. Capture the Glory tracked in second before making a serious run at the leader in the far turn, only to quickly retreat. Just as that happened, Parlor, ridden by Julien Leparoux, made a six-wide move coming out of the turn and came to Big Bend in upper stretch. But the son of Union Rags kept running and prevailed after 1 5/16 miles in a time of 2:11.57. He paid \$17.20 as the fifth choice in the field of eight.

Bronson, who was in third position through most of the race, finished third, beaten two lengths for all of it. He was followed across the finish line by Holiday Bonus, Gorgeous Kitten, Hollow Point, Society Beau and Capture the Glory. Giant Payday, Muggsamatic and Watch Me Whip were scratched.

"First time I'd ridden this horse. Tom Proctor said there's really no speed," Van Dyke said. "The 11 horse (Capture the Glory) was the only one who had speed. They gave it to us, his ears went up and that basically was the whole trip. I kind of coaxed him along, let him breathe. Turning for home, you know how that hill is, you really don't want to ask going up the hill. So once I got over that hill and started going down, I got to ask him and he really kicked in. And he stayed kicked in. He kept going. He really fought hard once that horse came next to him. Give all the fight to the horse."

Big Bend, a son of Union Rags owned by Union Rags Racing, won a 1 1/2-mile allowance race at Delaware Park in his last start. He improved to 3-1-1 in 10 starts, earning \$267,510.

Parlor, trained by Eddie Kenneally, also had been second in last year's Kentucky Downs Juvenile.

The total of \$6,044,717.15 was wagered on Kentucky Downs Sunday, up 35 percent on the corresponding date last year (\$4,487,790). That \$6 million is the second-highest in track history, topped by Saturday's \$8,487,323

Dueling Grounds Derby

Year	Horse Age Winning Payoff	Owner	Jockey Weight Trainer	Time Winning Margin Track Condition Purse	Second Place Third Place
2017	Big Bend 3 \$4.00	Union Rags Racing LLC	Drayden Van Dyke 118 Thomas Proctor	2:11.57 3/4 length Firm \$350,000	Parlor Bronson
2016	Oscar Nominated 3 \$8.00	Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey	Florent Geroux 118 Michael Maker	2:11.45 6 1/4 lengths Firm \$350,000	Path of David Cordon
2015	Closing Bell 3 \$3.80	Winstar Farm	Jose Lezcano 118 Mark Casse	2:17.60 head Good \$300,000	Wireless Future Mission Driven
1995	Gentleman Beau 3 \$6.40	Elaine Walden & Hallie Walden-	Craig Perret 113 W. Elliot Walden	1:35.80 neck firm \$100,000	Diplomatic Jet Krabbie
1994	Rare Reason 3 \$3.60	Mason Rudd	Patrick Johnson 113 Walter Bidner Jr.	1:35.80 7 lengths firm \$100,000	Mattingly Three In One (GB)



Franklin-Simpson Stakes



Representatives of Franklin Bank & Trust present the trophy for the Franklin-Simpson Stakes to the connections of Master Merion. | Master Merion wins the inaugural running of the Franklin Simpson Stakes for jockey Julio Garcia, trainer Wesley Ward, and owners Vivienne Day and Kate Rose.

7 Furlongs | Three Year Olds

2018 purse: \$300,000 (includes \$175,000 from KTDF)

2017 purse: \$250,000

First run in 2017.

Fastest winning time: 1:27.95 (Master Merion, 2017)

Longest winning margin: 2 lengths (Master Merion, 2017)

Named for the county seat, Franklin, and the county, Simpson, in which Kentucky Downs is located.

Year	Horse Age Winning Payoff	Owner	Jockey Weight Trainer	Time Winning Margin Track Condition Purse	Second Place Third Place
2017	Master Merion 3 \$13.20	Vivienne Day & Kate Rose	Julio Garcia 118 Wesley Ward	1:27.95 2 lengths Yielding \$250,000	Secretary At War Holiday Stone

Franklin-Simpson Stakes

2017 RACE RECAP:

Master Merion teed up on the field in the co-featured \$200,000 Franklin-Simpson for 3-year-olds, swooping from last to out-finish Secretary At War for a two-length victory. Pacesetting Holiday Stone hung on for third, followed by All Right, Kitten's Cat, Benefactor, Siem Riep and favored Sonic Boom — who put the most pressure on Holiday Stone before stopping badly.

Master Merion, who gave jockey Julio Garcia his second stakes of the meet, is co-owned by Vivienne Day and Kate Rose, the wife of star golfer Justin Rose. That's the latest horse with trainer Wesley Ward connected to a prominent professional athlete.

It was Master Merion's stakes debut. But the gelding has been ultra-consistent, coming into the race with a 2-4-1 mark in seven starts. The gelded son of Quality Road had shown almost all speed in his earlier races, but he had no problem with today's change in tactics.

"We're really excited, especially with new owners," Ward said. "We're excited to get Justin and his wife involved. Hopefully they get more horses and have many more winners."

Master Merion covered seven furlongs in 1:27.95, paying \$13.20 to win. The Jimmy Jerkens-trained Secretary At War weaved through traffic to take second under jockey Robby Albarado while racing the shortest distance of his young life.



Ramsey Farm Stakes



Representatives of Ramsey Farm present the trophy to the winning connections of Kitten's Roar, owners Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey. | Kitten's Roar draws away to win the Ramsey Farm Stakes by 2 1/4 lengths under jockey Jose Ortiz for owners Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey and trainer Michael Maker.

One and Five Sixteenths Miles | Fillies and Mares Three Years Old and Up

2018 purse: \$400,000 - listed (includes \$200,000 from KTDF)

2017 purse: \$350,000

First run in 2012 as the Kentucky Downs Ladies Marathon Stakes, 2017-present, run as the Ramsey Farm Stakes.

Most wins (trainer): 2 - Michael Maker (Kitten's Roar 2017, Al's Gal 2016)

Most wins (jockey): 2 - Florent Geroux (Al's Gal 2016, Angel Terrace 2014)

Most wins (owner): 2 - Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey (Kitten's Roar 2017, Al's Gal 2016)

Fastest winning time: 2:11.30 (Mystical Star, 2013)

Largest winning margin: 2 1/4 lengths (Kitten's Roar, 2017)

Shortest win margin: head (Maid of Heaven, 2012)

Highest payoff: \$29.60: Modernstone (GB), 2015.

Lowest payoff: \$.70: Kitten's Roar - 2017, Al's Gal- 2016.

Ramsey Farm Stakes

2017 RACE RECAP:

Ken Ramsey accomplished his goal of presenting the trophy of Kentucky Downs' newly renamed Ramsey Farm Stakes to himself. Well, actually, Jeff Ramsey presented his dad with the trophy after heavy favorite Kitten's Roar roared to a 2 1/4-length victory over the late-running Tricky Escape in the \$350,000 race on closing day at Kentucky Downs.

Immediately thereafter, the Ramseys accepted their sixth straight trophy and eighth dating to 2009 as leading owner at Kentucky Downs, with Kitten's Roar giving them their fourth victory of the meet. Three were in stakes, including Oscar Nominated in the meet's signature \$600,000, Grade 3 Calumet Farm Kentucky Turf Cup and Sir Dudley Digges in the \$150,000 Old Friends Stakes.

"I thought we had the best horse in the race. She'd been running against the best in Grade 1 races," Ken Ramsey said. "But a track like Kentucky Downs, with all the rain, you never know. So I was see her glad to open up and coast home."

Played out before what turned into a sunny day following morning drizzle, the 5-year-old Kitten's Roar also gave Mike Maker his eighth win of the meet to secure his third straight Kentucky Downs trainer's title. Maker won four stakes, the three for the Ramseys and the \$350,000, Grade 3 Kentucky Downs Turf Sprint with Michael Hui's 8-year-old Hogy.

Kitten's Roar, a daughter of the Ramsey Farm standout stallion Kitten's Joy, had done very well running in tough Grade 1 stakes, and as such was sent off the 7-10 favorite. With Jose Ortiz in the saddle, she ran to her odds, settling a couple of lengths off the pace set by stablemate Daring Duchess, swinging six wide into the stretch and shooting to the lead.

"It's wonderful to win the leading owner's title down here for the (sixth) consecutive year and have my stallion Kitten's Joy be the leading sire, and to win with one of his offspring the inaugural Ramsey Farm Stakes, that's a pretty special day today," said Ken Ramsey, who races in partnership with his wife, Sarah. "We brought out the heavy artillery. We thought Daring Duchess might get a piece of it. She set the pace, did her job, and ended up running well. And the big gun fired."

It was another 5 1/4 lengths back to Queen Blossom, followed by Daring Duchess, Sweet Tapper, Place des Vosges, La Piba, Quiet Business and Gotachancetodance in the field of nine fillies and mares. Paige and Sister Blues were scratched.

The time for 1 5/16 miles over turf rated good after starting the day as yielding was 2:17.19. Kitten's Roar paid \$3.40 to win. She also won a second-level allowance race in 2016 at Kentucky Downs.

Asked if he felt any extra pressure to win the Ramsey Farm, Maker said with a laugh, "That's why Kitten's Roar is here. Naw, this was the obvious spot for her."

Kitten's Roar overall improved to 6-6-2 in 17 starts, earning \$635,058

Ramsey Farm Stakes

Year	Horse Age Winning Payoff	Owner	Jockey Weight Trainer	Time Winning Margin Track Condition Purse	Second Place Third Place
2017	Kitten's Roar 5 \$.70	Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey	Jose Ortiz 125 Michael Maker	2:17.19 2 1/4 lengths yielding \$350,000	Tricky Escape Queen Blossom (IRE)
2016	Al's Gal 5 \$.70	Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey	Florent Geroux 125 Michael Maker	2:12.16 1 1/2 lengths Firm \$350,000	Paige Oakley Girl (GB)
2015	Modernstone (GB) 5 \$29.60	Brous Stable LLC, Gary Barber & Wachtel Stable	Rafael Hernandez 121 Kelly Rubley	2:13.12 3/4 length firm \$300,000	Courtesan Naples gold
2014 (1st Division)	White Rose 4 \$4.90	Jake Ballis & Rashard Lewis	Shaun Bridgmohan 121 William Mott	2:13.76 1 3/4 lengths firm \$200,000	La Malaguena Angegreen (ITY)
2014 (2nd Division)	Angel Terrace 5 \$6.20	Augustin Stable	Florent Geroux 121 Johnathan Sheppard	2:12.24 1 1/2 lengths firm \$200,000	I O Ireland Tabreed (GB)
2013	Mystical Star 5 \$3.80	Cheyenne Stables LLC	Brice Blanc 121 Christophe Clement	2:11.30 neck firm \$150,000	Preferential (GB) Angel Terrace
2012	Maid of Heaven 4 \$8.30	Dreamfields Farm LLC	Leandro Gonclaves 121 Kellyn Gorder	2:14.06 head firm \$150,000	Charming She Is Fleur de Lilly

Leading Owners by Meet

Year	Owner(s)	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
2017	Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey	17	4	3	1	\$842,580
2016	Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey	15	6	3	1	\$801,110
2015	Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey	20	4	3	0	\$201,360
2014	Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey	14	4	3	0	\$264,993
2013	Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey	25	9	1	2	\$536,213
2012	Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey	8	1	1	2	\$70,523
2011	Janis R. Whitham	3	2	0	1	\$35,500
2010	Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey	8	3	3	0	\$44,437
2009	Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey	4	2	1	0	\$28,300
2008	Cynthia Knight	3	3	0	0	\$84,100
2007	David A. Ross	12	5	2	0	\$66,699
2006	John Eaton & Steve Laymon	3	1	1	0	\$21,020
	Melnyk Racing Stables, Inc. (Eugene Melnyk)	3	1	1	0	\$17,400
	Larry Spiegler	2	1	1	0	\$14,200
2005	Jonathan Dean	5	2	0	0	\$25,369
2004	Stan E. Fulton	3	2	0	0	\$30,500
	Carolyn K. Friedberg	2	2	0	0	\$17,400
	Fred A. Nemann	2	2	0	0	\$15,000
2003	Team Victory, II (Shirley Cunningham, William Gallion, & Rick Pitino)	3	2	0	1	\$106,000
2002	Jack Murphy & Pam Slaughter	2	2	0	0	\$143,200
	Bill Hayes & Tom O'Grady	2	2	0	0	\$40,200
	Richard Bowersock	2	2	0	0	\$20,400
	Randy L. Klopp	2	2	0	0	\$20,400
2001	Glen Hill Farm (Leonard H. Lavin)	6	4	1	1	\$90,200
2000	Wayne Bearden, Julie S. Sizemore, & Dave P. England	4	2	1	0	\$22,800
1999	Aldila Farms	4	2	0	0	\$30,838
	Evergreen Farms	2	2	0	0	\$21,600
1998	G. Watts Humphrey, Jr.	2	2	0	0	\$28,800
1995	Rhonda Johnston and Jennifer Brown	2	2	0	0	\$32,280
	Mrs. James A. Winn	2	2	0	0	\$17,340
1994	Sharon Hild	10	2	1	0	\$23,625
	Neil L. Pessin	2	2	0	0	\$19,800
	Tony Schuler	2	2	0	0	\$16,200
1993	Donald E. Hughes	2	2	0	0	\$15,810
	Conway & Hillerich Racing & LTB Inc.	2	2	0	0	\$14,570
	Sandra Clark & Pam Mccardell	2	2	0	0	\$14,260
1992	Eleanore Cohen & Elise Ebert	1	1	0	0	\$192,000
	Barbara Hunter	1	1	0	0	\$97,500
	Estate Of Charles A Newton	1	1	0	0	\$64,000
	Hermitage Farm	2	1	0	0	\$46,500
1991	John Franks	1	1	0	0	\$128,000
	Mrs. Jesse M. Henley, Jr.	1	1	0	0	\$88,250
1990	Saron Stable	1	1	0	0	\$125,000

Leading Jockeys by Meet

Year	Owner(s)	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
2017	Julien Leparoux	29	6	7	3	\$1,116,210
2016	Florent Geroux	46	12	9	3	\$1,767,821
2015	Florent Geroux	28	12	3	0	\$1,180,286
2014	Julien Leparoux	32	7	7	3	\$554,288
	Rosie Napravnik	26	7	6	1	\$469,524
2013	Rosie Napravnik	30	8	5	3	\$428,702
2012	Brian J. Hernandez, Jr.	27	7	4	3	\$289,309
2011	Greta Kuntzweiler	17	3	1	1	\$136,652
	Oriana Rossi	16	3	2	1	\$57,542
	Marcelino Pedroza, Jr.	19	3	2	2	\$47,955
	John McKee	8	3	2	0	\$41,527
2010	Tony Farina	19	4	2	5	\$95,096
	Jesus L. Castanon	10	4	3	1	\$62,927
2009	Orlando Mojica	15	5	1	0	\$86,471
2008	Brian J. Hernandez, Jr.	18	5	2	3	\$83,580
2007	Larry J. Sterling, Jr.	26	10	5	3	\$180,766
2006	Larry Melancon	15	5	2	2	\$210,745
2005	Calvin Borel	19	4	6	3	\$140,492
2004	Rafael Bejarano	35	12	8	4	\$298,390
2003	Brice Blanc	23	5	1	2	\$136,320
2002	Jon Court	30	6	4	2	\$153,776
2001	Jon Court	30	6	4	5	\$345,177
2000	Justin J. Vitek	32	7	1	2	\$106,763
1999	Jon Court	30	7	3	2	\$232,808
	Marlon St. Julien	35	7	4	8	\$177,632
1998	Robby Albarado	25	6	6	4	\$132,387
	Joseph Deegan	23	6	3	1	\$97,803
1997	No Meet					
1996	No Meet					
1995	Patrick A. Johnson	13	6	0	2	\$132,717
1994	Terry J. Thompson	32	5	3	3	\$91,949
	Donna M. Barton	23	5	3	4	\$88,145
1993	Fabio A. Arguello, Jr.	41	9	7	5	\$118,095
1992	Fabio A. Arguello, Jr.	4	2	0	0	\$113,500
1991	Craig Perret	2	1	0	0	\$128,750
	David C. Nuesch	1	1	0	0	\$45,750
1990	Randy Romero	1	1	0	0	\$125,000

Leading Trainers by Meet

Year	Owner(s)	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
2017	Michael J. Maker	46	8	4	6	\$1,529,053
2016	Michael J. Maker	35	8	6	5	\$1,469,336
2015	Michael J. Maker	28	8	2	2	\$700,740
2014	Wesley A. Ward	14	7	1	1	\$417,741
2013	Wayne M. Catalano	15	10	1	0	\$576,537
2012	George R. Arnold, II	15	3	2	3	\$130,447
2011	Ian R. Wilkes	5	2	0	1	\$35,695
2010	Wesley A. Ward	8	3	3	1	\$55,227
2009	Todd A. Pletcher	8	5	0	1	\$78,367
2008	Wesley A. Ward	15	4	2	1	\$53,960
2007	Daniel M. Smithwick, Jr.	15	6	3	1	\$78,399
2006	Eric R. Reed	12	4	0	2	\$66,490
2005	William I. Mott	10	5	1	1	\$100,315
2004	W. Elliott Walden	8	3	0	2	\$42,050
2003	Kenneth G. McPeck	11	4	0	2	\$138,170
2002	Thomas M. Amoss	13	3	2	1	\$101,960
2001	Thomas F. Proctor	6	4	1	1	\$90,200
2000	Hal R. Wiggins	5	3	0	0	\$47,450
	Kenneth G. McPeck	5	3	0	0	\$43,150
1999	W. Elliott Walden	4	3	0	1	\$123,800
1998	Paul J. McGee	5	3	1	1	\$43,600
1997	No Meet					
1996	No Meet					
1995	Kenneth G. McPeck	10	3	2	2	\$58,367
1994	Lynn S. Whiting	6	3	0	2	\$40,559
1993	Bernard S. Flint	21	4	2	3	\$60,955
1992	Dennis W. Ebert	1	1	0	0	\$192,000
	Steven M. Rieser	1	1	0	0	\$97,500
	Jennie M. Riggs	1	1	0	0	\$64,000
	William I. Mott	1	1	0	0	\$45,000
1991	Jonathan E. Sheppard	2	1	0	1	\$51,750
1990	J. Bert Sonnier	1	1	0	0	\$125,000