

# Toyota Blue Grass Stakes® (G1)

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87th Running • 1 1/8 miles • 3-year-olds

The Blue Grass Stakes was named for the Bluegrass region of Kentucky, which is characterized by grass having bluish-green culms and is known as the heart of the Thoroughbred breeding industry. First run at the Kentucky Association track in Lexington in 1911, the Blue Grass has, from its inception, served as an important prep for the Kentucky Derby. At the Association track, the Blue Grass was staged from 1911-1914 and from 1919-1926. The race was revived at Keeneland in the spring of 1937. In 1943-1944, the Blue Grass was renewed as a part of the Keeneland-at-Churchill Downs meetings. In 1945, the Blue Grass was run as a part of the Churchill Downs meeting. Toyota became the corporate sponsor of the race in 1996.



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Stately Victor and jockey Alan Garcia exploded past Paddy O'Prado in midstretch on their way to a 4 1/4-length victory in the Toyota Blue Grass (G1). The upset produced a record \$82.20 win mutuel.

## Milestones – Blue Grass Stakes

**Fastest Time at Current Distance (1 1/8 miles):** 1:47 1/5, Skip Away, 1996

**Largest Straight Payoff:** \$82.20, Stately Victor, 2010

**Smallest Straight Payoff:** \$2.10, Spectacular Bid, 1979

**Largest Value to Winner:** \$465,000, Menifee, 1999; High Yield, 2000;

Millennium Wind, 2001; Harlan's Holiday, 2002; Peace Rules, 2003;  
The Cliff's Edge, 2004; Bandini, 2005; Sinister Minister, 2006; Dominican, 2007;  
Monba, 2008; General Quarters, 2009

**Largest Field:** 14, 1954; 1974

**Smallest Field:** 3, 1940; 1942; 1966

**Owner-Trainer Combination:** Warren A. Croll Jr., Holy Bull, 1994; Thomas R. McCarthy, General Quarters, 2009

## Owners – Blue Grass Stakes

**Appleton, Arthur I.** – My Gallant, 1973

**Arnemann, Jurgen K.** – Wild Syn, 1995

**Bradley, E. R.** – Bimelech, 1940

**Brophy, B. Giles, William J. Condren and**

**Joseph M. Cornacchia** – Strike the Gold, 1991

**Cain Hoy Stable** – Racing Fool, 1955

**Calumet Farm** – Bull Lea, 1938; Ocean Wave,

1943; Faultless, 1947; Coaltown, 1948;

Forward Pass, 1968; Alydar, 1978

**Celtic Pride Stable (Rick Pitino)** – Halory  
Hunter, 1998

**Christiana Stable (Jane du Pont Lunger)** –  
Linkage, 1982

**Claiborne Farm (Mrs. A.B. Hancock Jr.)** –  
Pulpit, 1997

**Conway, F. Thomas and Jack Conway** –  
Stately Victor, 2010

**Croll Jr., Warren A.** – Holy Bull, 1994

**Darby Dan Farm** – Chateaugay, 1963

**Denemark, Mrs. Emil** – Ruhe (2nd div.), 1951

**Dogwood Stable (W. Cothran Campbell)** –  
Summer Squall, 1990

**Firestone, Bertram R.** – Honest Pleasure, 1976

**Gainesway, Robert Entenmann, Stanley M.**

**Hough, and Malcolm H. Winfield, et al** –  
Proud Appeal, 1981

**Gann, Edmund A.** – Peace Rules, 2003

**Gentry, Tom** – War, 1987

**Goff, M.B.** – Skytracer, 1944

**Golden Chance Farm, Inc.** – Master Derby, 1975

**Grand Prix Stable** – Abe's Hope, 1966

**Greentree Stable** – Shut Out, 1942

**Guiberson, Mrs. Gordon** – Correspondent, 1953

**Hancock III, Arthur B., and James H. Stone** –  
Menifee, 1999

**Hancock, Seth W.** – Judge, 1974

**Hawksworth Farm** – Spectacular Bid, 1979

**Heerensperger, David and Jill** –

Millennium Wind, 2001

**Hine, Carolyn** – Skip Away, 1996

**Howard, Maxwell** – Fencing, 1937

**Jolley, Mrs. Moody, Ernest Woods and**

**John L. Greer** – Ridan, 1962

**Kerr Stable** – Round Table, 1957

**Lanni Family Trust (J. Terrence Lanni),**

**Mercedes Stable, LLC (Ernie Moody) and**

**Bernard C. Schiappa** – Sinister Minister, 2006

**LaPenta, Robert V.** – The Cliff's Edge, 2004

**Lehmann, Robert E.** – Dust Commander, 1970

**Lewis, Mrs. W.G.** – Darby Dieppe, 1945

**Loblolly Stable (John Ed Anthony)** – Prairie  
Bayou, 1993

**Lucas, William F.** – Taylor's Special, 1984

**Maine Chance Farm** – Lord Boswell, 1946

**McCarthy, Thomas R.** – General Quarters, 2009

**Meadow Stable** – Riva Ridge, 1972

**Oak, Harry A.** – Rockhill Native, 1980

**Peltier, Harvey** – Diplomat Way, 1967

**Potter Jr., Edward** – Plion, 1958

**Rice, Ada L.** – Lucky Debonair, 1965

**Robins, Gerald** – For the Moment, 1977

**Rokeby Stable** – Arts and Letters, 1969

**Rosso, W.P.** – Impetuosity, 1971

**Sher, Jacob** – Sherluck, 1961

**Silverton Hill, LLC (Tommy and Bonnie**

**Hamilton)** – Dominican, 2007

**Star Crown Stable and Three Chimneys Farm**

– Chief's Crown, 1985

**Starlight Stable (Jack Wolf)** – Harlan's Holiday,

2002

**Starlight Stable, LLC (Jack Wolf), Donald J.**

**Lucarelli and Paul Saylor** – Monba, 2008

**Stavro, Steve A.** – Granacus, 1988

**Tabor, Michael, Robert and Beverly Lewis,**  
**Mrs. John Magnier, et al** – High Yield, 2000

**Tabor, Michael** – Bandini, 2005

**Turner Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Fred** – Tomy Lee, 1959

**Van Deren & Deming** – Toby B., 1956

**Vanier, Nancy, Carl Lauer and Robert Victor**  
– Play Fellow, 1983

**Vanier, Nancy A. & Raymond Roncari** –  
Western Playboy, 1989

**Waterfield, Richard A. and Jack A. Tafel** –  
Bachelor Beau, 1986

**Whitney, C.V.** – Mr. Trouble, 1950; Mameluke  
(1st div.), 1951; Tompion, 1960

**Whitney, John Hay** – Heather Broom, 1939

**Willis Family Stables, Inc.** – Pistols and Roses,  
1992

**Wilson Jr., Sam E.** – Gushing Oil, 1952

**Windfields Farm** – Northern Dancer, 1964

**Woodvale Farm** – Our Boots, 1941; Halt, 1949;  
Goyamo, 1954



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Winning owners Jack (left) and Tom Conway

## Trainers – Blue Grass Stakes

- Adams, William E.** – Master Derby, 1975  
**Arnemann, Thomas K.** – Wild Syn, 1995  
**Baffert, Bob** – Sinister Minister, 2006  
**Bohannon, Thomas** – Prairie Bayou, 1993  
**Brothers, Frank** – Pulpit, 1997  
**Burch, Elliott** – Arts and Letters, 1969  
**Carroll, Del W.** – Abe's Hope, 1966  
**Catrone, Frank** – Lucky Debonair, 1965  
**Childs, Frank** – Tomy Lee, 1959  
**Clark, Henry** – Linkage, 1982  
**Collins, Patrick** – Granacus, 1988  
**Combs, Don** – Dust Commander, 1970  
**Conway, James P.** – Chateaugay, 1963  
**Croll Jr., Warren A.** – Holy Bull, 1994  
**Delp, Grover G.** – Spectacular Bid, 1979  
**Dunn, T.W.** – Correspondent, 1953  
**Forrest, Henry** – Forward Pass, 1968  
**Frankel, Robert J.** – Peace Rules, 2003  
**Gaver, John** – Shut Out, 1942  
**Gentry, Charles** – Darby Dieppe, 1945  
**Gentry, Loyd** – Racing Fool, 1955  
**Gianos, George** – Pistols and Roses, 1992  
**Goldfine, Lou M.** – My Gallant, 1973
- Hauswald, Philip M.** – Bachelor Beau, 1986  
**Hine, Hubert** – Skip Away, 1996  
**Hofmans, David E.** – Millennium Wind, 2001  
**Hough, Stanley M.** – Proud Appeal, 1981  
**Howard, Neil J.** – Summer Squall, 1990  
**Hurley, William** – Bimelech, 1940  
**Jansen, Joe** – Gushing Oil, 1952  
**Jolley, LeRoy** – Ridan, 1962; Honest Pleasure, 1976; For the Moment, 1977  
**Jolley, Tom** – Plion, 1958  
**Jones, Ben A.** – Ocean Wave, 1943; Faultless, 1947; Coaltown, 1948  
**Judge, Steve** – Our Boots, 1941  
**Kearns, F.J.** – Bull Lea, 1938  
**Laurin, Lucien** – Riva Ridge, 1972  
**Laurin, Roger** – Chief's Crown, 1985  
**Lukas, D. Wayne** – War, 1987; High Yield, 2000  
**Luro, Horatio A.** – Northern Dancer, 1964  
**Maker, Michael J.** – Stately Victor, 2010  
**McCarthy, Thomas R.** – General Quarters, 2009  
**McGarvey, Robert** – Ruhe (2nd div.), 1951  
**McPeck, Kenneth G.** – Harlan's Holiday, 2002  
**Meaux, J.O.** – Diplomat Way, 1967
- Miller, Darrin** – Dominican, 2007  
**Molter, Willie** – Round Table, 1957  
**Mott, William I.** – Taylor's Special, 1984  
**Pletcher, Todd A.** – Bandini, 2005; Monba, 2008  
**Poole, George T.** – Impetuosity, 1971  
**Sande, Earl** – Fencing, 1937; Heather Broom, 1939  
**Smith, James** – Lord Boswell, 1946  
**Steiger, E.W.** – Skytracer, 1944  
**Stephens, Woodford C.** – Halt, 1949; Goyamo, 1954; Judge, 1974  
**Stevens, Herbert K.** – Rockhill Native, 1980  
**Vanier, Harvey** – Play Fellow, 1983; Western Playboy, 1989  
**Veitch, John** – Alydar, 1978  
**Veitch, Syl E.** – Mr. Trouble, 1950; Mameluke (1st div.), 1951  
**Walden, W. Elliott** – Menifee, 1999  
**Wheeler, Robert L.** – Tompion, 1960  
**Wingfield, R.E.** – Toby B., 1956  
**Young, Harold** – Sherluck, 1961  
**Zito, Nicholas P.** – Strike the Gold, 1991; Halory Hunter, 1998; The Cliff's Edge, 2004

## Jockeys – Blue Grass Stakes

- Adair, Ray** – Mameluke (1st div.), 1951  
**Anderson, Irving** – Bull Lea, 1938  
**Antley, Chris** – Strike the Gold, 1991  
**Arcaro, Eddie** – Shut Out, 1942; Lord Boswell, 1946; Correspondent, 1953; Goyamo, 1954  
**Baeza, Braulio** – Sherluck, 1961; Chateaugay, 1963; Honest Pleasure, 1976  
**Bejarano, Rafael** – Dominican, 2007  
**Baird, R. L.** – Toby B., 1956  
**Brooks, Steve** – Gushing Oil, 1952  
**Caffarella, Michael** – Skytracer, 1944  
**Calvert, Melvin** – Darby Dieppe, 1945  
**Coa, Eibar** – General Quarters, 2009  
**Cordero Jr., Angel** – My Gallant, 1973; For the Moment, 1977  
**Cruguet, Jean** – Play Fellow, 1983  
**Day, Pat** – Taylor's Special, 1984; Summer Squall, 1990; Menifee, 1999; High Yield, 2000  
**Dodson, Doug** – Faultless, 1947; Mr. Trouble, 1950  
**Eads, Wendell** – Ocean Wave, 1943  
**Erb, Dave** – Plion, 1958
- Fell, Jeff** – Proud Appeal, 1981  
**Franklin, Ronald** – Spectacular Bid, 1979  
**Garcia, Alan** – Stately Victor, 2010  
**Gomez, Garrett** – Sinister Minister, 2006  
**Guerin, Eric** – Impetuosity, 1971  
**Hartack, William** – Northern Dancer, 1964  
**James, Basil** – Heather Broom, 1939  
**Jessop, J.D.** – Ruhe (2nd div.), 1951  
**MacBeth, Don** – Chief's Crown, 1985  
**Manganello, Mike** – Dust Commander, 1970  
**McCauley, Herb** – War, 1987  
**McCreary, Conn** – Our Boots, 1941; Halt, 1949  
**McHargue, Darrel** – Master Derby, 1975  
**Melancon, Larry** – Bachelor Beau, 1986  
**Moreno, Henry** – Racing Fool, 1955  
**Neves, Ralph** – Round Table, 1957  
**Oldham, John** – Rockhill Native, 1980  
**Pierson, N.L.** – Coaltown, 1948  
**Pincay Jr., Laffit** – Judge, 1974; Millennium Wind, 2001
- Prado, Edgar** – Harlan's Holiday, 2002; Peace Rules, 2003; Monba, 2008  
**Romero, Randy** – Western Playboy, 1989; Wild Syn, 1995  
**Sellers, John** – Diplomat Way, 1967  
**Sellers, Shane** – Skip Away, 1996; Pulpit, 1997; The Cliff's Edge, 2004  
**Shoemaker, William** – Tomy Lee, 1959; Tompion, 1960; Lucky Debonair, 1965; Abe's Hope, 1966; Arts and Letters, 1969; Linkage, 1982  
**Smith, F.A.** – Bimelech, 1940  
**Smith, Mike** – Prairie Bayou, 1993; Holy Bull, 1994  
**Stevens, Gary** – Halory Hunter, 1998  
**Turcotte, Ron** – Riva Ridge, 1972  
**Valenzuela, Ismael** – Forward Pass, 1968  
**Vasquez, Jacinto** – Granacus, 1988; Pistols and Roses, 1992  
**Velasquez, Jorge** – Alydar, 1978  
**Velazquez, John** – Bandini, 2005  
**Westrope, Jack** – Fencing, 1937  
**Ycaza, Manuel** – Ridan, 1962