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TURFWAY PARK WINTER/SPRING MEET STAKES SCHEDULE LED BY GRADE III, \$700,000 JEFF RUBY STEAKS ON ROAD TO KENTUCKY DERBY

Total of \$3.85 Million Across 20 Stakes On Tap During Meet

FLORENCE, Ky. (Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022) – Lucrative purse money and Kentucky Derby qualifying points will be on the line during Turfway Park's annual Winter/Spring Meet, which will begin Sunday, Jan. 1 and feature the Grade III, \$700,000 Jeff Ruby Steaks on Saturday, March 25.

Led by the Jeff Ruby Steaks on the Road to the Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve, Turfway Park will offer a total of 20 stakes races across the 48-day stand. Racing will be held Wednesday-Saturday in January-February and Thursday-Saturday March 2-April 1.

Along with the plentiful stakes calendar, Director of Racing **Tyler Picklesimer's** condition book will offer an average of \$188,000 per day.

Jeff Ruby Steaks Day will highlight the meet and feature a total of six stakes events – the Jeff Ruby, the \$300,000 TwinSpires Ky Cup Classic (Listed), the \$300,000 Bourbonette Oaks – a Road to the Kentucky Oaks Championship Series Race, the \$250,000 Animal Kingdom Stakes, the \$250,000 Latonia Stakes and the \$250,000 Rushaway Stakes.

The Road to the Kentucky Derby's first stop at the Florence oval will be Saturday, March 4 for the \$150,000 John Battaglia Memorial. The card will also feature the \$150,000 Cincinnati Trophy Stakes on the Road to the Kentucky Oaks.

Many of the top trainers in the Kentucky region have stayed home this winter to compete at Turfway including **Juan Cano, Greg Foley, Michael McCarthy, Kenny McPeck, Dale Romans** and **Mike Tomlinson**. They will join annual Turfway mainstays **Brad Cox, Mike Maker, Bill Morey** and **Wesley Ward**. Cox won the 2021 title 15-12 over Maker and Morey. Ward finished fourth with 11 wins.

Jockey **Gerardo Corrales**, who dominated the 2021 Winter/Spring Meet with 54 wins, will return to defend his title. Other top jockeys that are scheduled to ride at the meet include **Declan Cannon, Vince Cheminaud, Fernando De La Cruz, Jack Gilligan, Chris Landeros, Luan Machado**, and **Joe Ramos**.

Tony Calo will serve as the interim track announcer while regular caller **Jimmy McNerney** recovers from neck surgery. **Kaitlin Free** will offer selections and analysis each race day on the simulcast feed.

The 19-day Turfway Park Holiday Meet will run through Sunday, Dec. 31. Racing is Wednesday-Saturday with first posts Wednesday-Friday at 5:55 p.m. and Saturday at 12:45 p.m.

Wagering is available on every race on www.TwinSpires.com, the official wagering provider of Churchill Downs Incorporated.

Ticketing and more information can be found on www.TurfwayPark.com.

Below is the full stakes schedule (purse totals include funds from the Kentucky Thoroughbred Development Fund):

Date	Stake	Running	Age	Distance	Purse
Sunday, Jan. 1	The Holiday Cheer	27	4yo & up	6f	\$125,000
Saturday, Jan. 7	The Turfway Prevue	28	3yo	6.5f	\$125,000
Saturday, Jan. 14	The Likely Exchange	25	F&M 4&cup	1m	\$125,000
Saturday, Jan. 21	The Leonatus Stakes	33	3yo	1m	\$125,000
Saturday, Jan. 28	The Wishing Well	30	F&M 4&cup	6.5f	\$125,000
Saturday, Feb. 4	The Forego	39	4yo & up	6.5f	\$125,000
Saturday, Feb. 11	The Valdale	36	F 3yo	6.5f	\$125,000
Saturday, Feb. 18	The Dust Commander	32	4yo & up	1 1/16m	\$125,000
Saturday, Feb. 25	The Wintergreen	37	F&M 4&cup	1m	\$125,000
Saturday, March 4	The Cincinnati Trophy	41	F 3yo	1m	\$150,000
Saturday, March 4	The John Battaglia Memorial	41	3yo	1 1/16m	\$150,000
Saturday, March 11	The Big Daddy	2	4yo & up	6f	\$125,000
Saturday, March 18	The Queen	27	F&M 4&cup	6f	\$125,000
Saturday, March 25	The Jeff Ruby Stakes (GIII)	52	3yo	1 1/8m	\$700,000
Saturday, March 25	The TwinSpires Ky Cup Classic (Listed)	23	4yo & up	1 1/8m	\$300,000
Saturday, March 25	The Bourbonette Oaks	41	F 3yo	1 1/16m	\$300,000
Saturday, March 25	The Rushaway	36	3yo	1 1/16m	\$250,000
Saturday, March 25	The Animal Kingdom	37	3yo	6f	\$250,000
Saturday, March 25	The Latonia	41	F&M 4&cup	1 1/16m	\$250,000
Saturday, April 1	The Serena's Song	2	3yo	6f	\$125,000

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