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FAIR GROUNDS, TURFWAY PARK TO OFFER SPECIAL BAYOU BLUEGRASS 5

FLORENCE, Ky. (Saturday, March 18, 2023) – Fair Grounds Racecourse and Turfway Park will team together next Saturday, March 25, to offer bettors a special 50-cent Pick 5 that features an all-stakes sequence led by the \$1 million TwinSpires.com Louisiana Derby (Grade II) and \$700,000 Jeff Ruby Steaks (GIII).

Dubbed as the "**Bayou Bluegrass 5**," the special Pick 5 wager will have a 50-cent minimum denomination and industry friendly 15% takeout. The wager will have a mandatory payout at the end of the sequence.

The sequence will begin at Fair Grounds in Race 9 for the \$500,000 New Orleans Classic presented by Relyne GI by Hagyard (GII) at 5:04 p.m. (all times Eastern). The second leg will switch to Turfway Park for the \$300,000 Bourbonette Oaks with a scheduled post time of 5:43 p.m. Then, the third leg will go back to Fair Grounds and feature the \$400,000 Fair Grounds Oaks presented by Fasig-Tipton (GII) at 6:12 p.m. The Jeff Ruby Steaks will be the penultimate leg of the bet at 6:25 p.m. and it will close at Fair Grounds for the TwinSpires.com Louisiana Derby at 6:46 p.m. Fair Grounds' Louisiana Derby Day card will be drawn Saturday and the fields at Turfway for the Bourbonette Oaks and Jeff Ruby Steaks will be drawn Tuesday.

Fans can wager on the Bayou Bluegrass 5 at wagering outlets throughout the country including <u>www.TwinSpires.com</u>, the official wagering provider of Churchill Downs Incorporated.

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