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BETTORS REWARDED WITH HEFTY PAYOUTS AT TURFWAY

FLORENCE, Ky. (Thursday, March 23, 2023) – Massive exotic payouts have been the story throughout the Winter/Spring Meet at Turfway Park Racing & Gaming and bettors will be able to dive into large pools Saturday with three Pick 5s and four Pick 4s offered on the extensive wagering menu.

One of the most popular wagers in North America is the 50-cent Pick 5 and through 41 days of racing at the meet, the average Pick 5 payout at Turfway has been a stout \$10,437.85.

Not only has the Pick 5 returned stacks, the average \$2 win mutuel is \$15.95, which is \$1.14 higher than the 2022 average of \$14.81.

Along with the large payouts in the Pick 5, the 20-cent Single 6 Jackpot has returned an average of \$19,203.63 and the average Pick 4 payout has been \$2,834.54.

Here are some of the additional stats throughout the Winter/Spring Meet at Turfway Park:

Largest \$2 win mutuel	\$166.18
Largest 50-cent Pick 5	\$98,827.10
Largest 50-cent Pick 4	\$35,565.95
Largest \$2 Exacta	\$2,558.20
Largest 50-cent Trifecta	\$6,656.19

Saturday's spectacular program at Turfway Park will feature a total of six stakes events headlined by the \$700,000 Jeff Ruby Steaks (Grade III), a Championship Series event on the Road to the Kentucky Derby. The card will also feature the 41st running of the \$300,000 Bourbonette Oaks; the 23rd running of the \$300,000 TwinSpires Kentucky Cup Classic (Listed); the 37th running of the \$250,000 Animal Kingdom Stakes; the 41st running of the \$250,000 Latonia Stakes; and the 36th running of the \$250,000 Rushaway.

Entries for Jeff Ruby Steaks Day were drawn Tuesday with the wagering menu features an all-stakes sequence for the 20-cent Single 6 (Races 7-12), late Pick 5 (Races 8-12) and late Pick 4 (Races 9-12). There will be an additional early Pick 5 (Races 1-5) and middle Pick 5 (Races 4-8), as well as an early Pick 4 (Races 2-5), middle Pick 4 (Races 5-8) and the "get out" Pick 4 (Races 10-13).

The average starters per race at Turfway has been a stout 9.85 and the large fields are expected to continue Saturday. The average body field size on Saturday is a massive 11.46 horses per race.

Aside from the robust wagering menu at Turfway Park, fans can bet on the special **Bayou Bluegrass 5** – a two-track, 50-cent Pick 5 featuring all stakes races from Fair Grounds and Turfway Park.

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 Louisiana Derby at 6:46 p.m.

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Free Brisnet.com past performances are available to download here: www.brisnet.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/bayoubluegrass23.pdf.

The Jeff Ruby Steaks was carded as Race 12 with a post time of 6:25 p.m. First post is 12:45 p.m.

Here is the complete wagering menu for Jeff Ruby Steaks Day:

Race 1		WPS, EX, Tri, SPR, DD, P3, P5
Race 2		WPS, EX, Tri, SPR, DD, P3, P4
Race 3		WPS, EX, Tri, SPR, DD, P3
Race 4		WPS, EX, Tri, SPR, DD, P3, P5
Race 5		WPS, EX, Tri, SPR, DD, P3, P4
Race 6		WPS, EX, Tri, SPR, DD, P3
Race 7	\$250,000 Animal Kingdom Stakes	WPS, EX, Tri, SPR, DD, P3, P6
Race 8	\$250,000 Rushaway Stakes	WPS, EX, Tri, SPR, DD, P3, P5
Race 9	\$250,000 Latonia Stakes	WPS, EX, Tri, SPR, DD, P3, P4
Race 10	\$300,000 TwinSpires Kentucky Cup Classic (Listed)	WPS, EX, Tri, SPR, DD, P3, P4
Race 11	\$300,000 Bourbonette Oaks (Listed)	WPS, EX, Tri, SPR, SH5, DD, P3
Race 12	\$700,000 Jeff Ruby Steaks (GIII)	WPS, EX, Tri, SPR, SH5, DD
Race 13		WPS, EX, Tri, SPR, SH5

JEFF RUBY STEAKS COVERAGE ON CNBC – Saturday’s \$700,000 Jeff Ruby Steaks (GIII) will be shown as part of NBC Sports’ Road to the Kentucky Derby coverage and will air in a one-hour broadcast window on CNBC from 6-7 p.m.

The broadcast will feature action from the \$1 million TwinSpires.com Louisiana Derby (GII) and \$400,000 Fair Grounds Oaks (GII).

Ahmed Fareed will anchor the coverage along with analysts **Jerry Bailey** and **Randy Moss**.

The Jeff Ruby Steaks has a post time of 6:25 p.m.

DOWN THE STRETCH – Live racing from Turfway Park resumes Thursday with a first post of 5:55 p.m. ... Fans can catch the entire card on Jeff Ruby Steaks Day on FanDuel TV with live, on-site coverage at Turfway Park from **Matt Carothers**. The coverage from FanDuel will begin Friday night with Carothers on track. ... TwinSpires is offering bettors a special “Hit It and Split It” promotion for the Bayou Bluegrass 5. Bettors need to opt in to become eligible for a share of the \$5,000 Bayou Bluegrass 5 jackpot. For more information, visit www.TwinSpires.com. ... Tickets for Saturday’s card from Turfway Park can be purchased through www.Turfway.com.

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