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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 \$3.725 Million Across 19 Stakes On Tap During Meet*

**FLORENCE, Ky. (Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2023)** – The Turfway Park Holiday Meet continues to unfold in a flurry of festive fervor but as the calendar turns, the Winter/Spring Meet will maintain high purses with a lucrative stakes schedule led by the March 23, \$700,000 Jeff Ruby Steaks (Grade III), a pivotal stop on the Road to Kentucky Derby 150.

During the 52-day stand, the Winter/Spring Meet will showcase a total of 19 stakes races. The highlight is annually Jeff Ruby Steaks Day, featuring six stakes contests, including the 53<sup>rd</sup> running of the 1 1/8-mile Jeff Ruby Steaks. Supporting stakes events on the card will be 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 three weeks earlier on Saturday, March 2 for the \$150,000 John Battaglia Memorial (Listed). One day prior, fillies on the Road to the Kentucky Oaks will be in action for the \$150,000 Cincinnati Trophy Stakes.

Another spotlight race will be the 26<sup>th</sup> running of the Jan. 13, \$125,000 Likely Exchange Stakes, which will mark the final opportunity in the "Make Your Mare" series, in partnership with Claiborne Farm. The top 3 finishers of the race will receive \$10,000, \$5,000 and \$2,500 in credits towards a future stallion mating at the farm. The other two races in the series are the \$125,000 Holiday Inaugural and the \$125,000 My Charmer Stakes.

Similar to the Holiday Meet, racing will continue on a Wednesday-Saturday schedule with daily first posts of 5:55 p.m. (all times Eastern), except Jeff Ruby Steaks Day, which will start at 12:45 p.m.

Reservations and more information about live racing and gaming from Turfway Park can be found on [www.Turfway.com](http://www.Turfway.com).

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

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Turfway Park Winter/Spring Meet Stakes Schedule  
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<b>Date</b>	<b>Race Name</b>	<b>Running</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Distance</b>	<b>Purse</b>
Saturday, Jan. 6	The Turfway Preview	29	3yo	6 1/2F	\$125,000
Saturday, Jan. 13	The Likely Exchange	26	FM 4&up	1M	\$125,000
Saturday, Jan 20	The Leonatus Stakes	34	3yo	1M	\$125,000
Saturday, Jan. 27	The Wishing Well	31	FM 4&up	6 1/2F	\$125,000
Saturday, Feb. 3	The Forego	40	4yo and up	6 1/2F	\$125,000
Saturday, Feb. 10	The Valdale	37	F 3yo	6 1/2F	\$125,000
Saturday, Feb. 17	The Dust Commander	33	4yo and up	1 1/16M	\$125,000
Saturday, Feb. 24	The Wintergreen	38	FM 4&up	1M	\$125,000
Friday, March 1	The Cincinnati Trophy	42	F 3yo	1M	\$150,000
Saturday, March 2	The John Battaglia Memorial (Listed)	42	3yo	1 1/16M	\$150,000
Saturday, March 9	The Big Daddy AKA The Richard S. Leigh Memorial	3	4yo and up	6F	\$125,000
Saturday, March 16	The Queen	28	FM 4&up	6F	\$125,000
Saturday, March 23	The Latonia	42	FM 4&up	1 1/16M	\$250,000
Saturday, March 23	The TwinSpires Kentucky Cup Classic (Listed)	24	4yo and up	1 1/8M	\$300,000
Saturday, March 23	The Jeff Ruby Steaks (GIII)	53	3yo	1 1/8M	\$700,000
Saturday, March 23	The Rushaway	37	3yo	1 1/16M	\$250,000
Saturday, March 23	The Bourbonette Oaks (Listed)	42	F 3yo	1 1/16M	\$300,000
Saturday, March 23	The Animal Kingdom	38	3yo	6F	\$250,000
Saturday, March 30	The Serena's Song	3	F 3yo	6F	\$125,000

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