

# News Release



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## **CATICHE RETURNS OFF LAYOFF TO WIN \$125,000 MY CHARMER STAKES**

**FLORENCE, Ky. (Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023)** – Scott Mawaka’s 4-year-old filly **Catiche** was primed and ready by trainer **Mike Stidham** off a seven-month layoff to comfortably win Saturday’s \$125,000 My Charmer Stakes at Turfway Park Racing & Gaming.

The 1 1/16-mile My Charmer Stakes was the second of a three-race series sponsored by **Claiborne Farm** where the top 3 finishers received credits at the farm to use for a future stallion pairing. Catiche not only banked \$73,624 in purse money for the race but an additional \$10,000 in farm credits available through the end of the 2025 breeding season.

Catiche sat a perfect trip in the My Charmer Stakes under jockey **Gerardo Corrales**. The duo broke well and entered the first turn in fourth, just behind the fleet-footed **Thisnameisoaky**, who was intent on making the lead under **Joe Rocco Jr.** Up the backside, following an opening quarter-mile in :23.89, Thisnameisokay was joined to her outside by **Traffic Song** and continued a modest half-mile in :48.58. Around the far turn, Traffic Song began to retreat while Catiche was angled to the two-path and began her pursuit of Thisnameisokay. Just inside the eighth-pole, Catiche rallied past Thisnameisokay and drew clear by a final margin of 2 ½ lengths while stopping the clock in 1:44.24.

The good trip of Catiche was the opposite of 3-5 favorite Mouffy, who was forced four-wide into the first turn and continued to race outside of rivals throughout the race. She and jockey **Tyler Conner** finished a neck in front of Thisnameisokay for second.

Catiche was made the 6-1 second choice in the betting and returned \$2 mutuels of \$14.62, \$4.80 and \$3.96. Mouffy returned \$2.84 and \$2.60 while 8-1 longshot Thisnameisokay paid \$5.38.

**Bali Belle** finished 1 ¼ lengths behind in fourth and was followed in order by **Amazon Queen, Community Adjusted, Tap Dancing Lady, Lexa, Malloy** and Traffic Song.

With her victory in the My Charmer, Catiche improved her overall record to 11-3-5-1 and has banked \$237,253 in purse earnings. Catiche is a 4-year-old daughter of Arrogate out of the Pulpit mare Sacristy. She was bred in Kentucky by Don Alberto Corporation.

Racing will resume Wednesday-Saturday at Turfway Park with daily first posts of 5:55 p.m. ET. For more information about live racing and gaming, visit [www.turfway.com](http://www.turfway.com).

**WEEK 2 AT TURFWAY PARK CONTINUED TO REWARD BETTORS WITH HIGH PAYOUTS** – Throughout the first two weeks of the Turfway Park Holiday Meet, bettors have been rewarded with massive payouts including an average \$2 win mutuel of \$16.33.

The high win mutuel has led to enormous payouts in the exotic wagers. The average 50-cent Pick 5 has returned a whopping \$15,975 while the 50-cent Pick 4 has paid an average of \$2,579. Both wagers feature a friendly low takeout. The Pick 5, which begins in Races 1 and 5, has a 15% takeout while the Pick 4, which starts in Races 2 and 6, has a 14% takeout.

Through the first eight days of racing the 20-cent Single 6 Jackpot has been a challenge to handicappers. The jackpot in the low 15% takeout bet has grown to a stout \$168,869.

Live racing will continue Wednesday with a first post of 5:55 p.m. ET. Fans can join expert handicapper **Kaitlin Free** on Wednesday’s simulcast feed for her selections an analysis of the nine-race card. Free will be joined by Scott Shapiro Thursday-Saturday. Fans can watch and wager on all the action from Turfway Park on [www.TwinSpires.com](http://www.TwinSpires.com).

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