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NIGHT TIME DIGS DOWN DEEP TO HOLD OFF LET MY PEOPLE GO IN HOLIDAY CHEER THRILLER

FLORENCE, Ky. (Saturday, Dec. 30, 2023) – S B Stables, GenStar Thoroughbreds, David A. Bernsen and Omar Aldabbagh's **Night Time** battled for nearly a quarter-mile with **Let My People Go** and was able to prevail by a neck in Saturday's 24th running of the \$125,000 Holiday Cheer Stakes at Turfway Park Racing & Gaming.

Trained by **Bill Morey**, Night Time was ridden by **Fernando De La Cruz** while completing six furlongs in a swift 1:10.17.

It was a favorable early pace setup for Night Time after the speedy **Heaven Street** and **Olazabal** set a blazing opening-quarter mile of :21.36. While the two dueling leaders battled on the lead, De La Cruz had Night Time positioned in fifth, about five lengths off the lead. Around the far turn, following a half-mile in :45.06, the pacesetters began to give way while Night Time was finding his best stride in the three path. As Night Time entered the stretch, Let My People Go and jockey **Martin Garcia** ranged up to his outside and the race was on. As the duo battled down the lane, Night Time never gave in to his rival and prevailed by a neck. It was another 2 ½ lengths back to third-place **Fortin Hill** who was followed in order by **Manny Wah**, **Condemn**, **Olazabal**, **Stardfromdabottom**, **My Buddy B**, **Dhabab (IRE)**, **True Temper** and **Heaven Street**.

Night Time rewarded his backers with \$2 mutuel payouts of \$9.90, \$5.40 and \$3.28. Let My People Go returned \$9.20 and \$5.26 while Fortin Hill paid \$3.44.

With his victory in the Holiday Cheer, Night Time improved his overall record to 26-6-7-4 while boosting his earnings to \$566,722.

Night Time is a 6-year-old son of Majesticperfection out of the Kitten's Joy mare Silent Joy. He was bred in Kentucky by the late former governor **Brereton Jones**.

Following dark days Sunday-Tuesday, the 2024 Winter/Spring Meet will begin Wednesday and run through March 30. For more information about racing and gaming from Turfway Park, visit www.Turfway.com.

JUVENILE SPRINT STAKES WINNER VOTE NO HEADLINES \$125,000 TURFWAY PREVUE – **Joseph Morey's** Kentucky Downs Juvenile Sprint Stakes winner **Vote No** headlines a competitive field of seven soon-to-be 3-year-olds that entered Saturday's \$125,000 Turfway Prevue Stakes.

Run at 6 ½ furlongs, the Turfway Prevue will go as Race 6 with a post time of 8:25 p.m. (all times Eastern). First post for the nine-race program is 5:55 p.m.

Trained by **Bill Morey**, Vote No was a debut winner this summer at Presque Isle Downs under jockey **Antonio Gallardo**. Three weeks after he broke his maiden, the son of Divisidero tested stakes company in the Juvenile Sprint at Kentucky Downs where he narrowly defeated next-out allowance winner **Hedwig** at odds of 12-1. The Turfway Prevue will be Vote No's first start since finishing third in the Bourbon Stakes (GII) in early October at Keeneland.

Jockey **Gerardo Corrales** will have the mount from the rail.

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The Turfway Prevue field also includes **Foster Family Racing**, **Lonnie Reynolds**, **Vicki Mills** and **Donald Coomes** recent 12 ¾-length maiden winner **Joe Shiesty** and **Triple M Racing Stable's** local allowance winner **Let's Go Mark**.

Here is the complete field for the Turfway Prevue from the rail out (with jockey and trainer): **Vote No** (Corrales, Morey); **Sweet Soddy J** (Abel Cedillo, Raymond Ginter Jr.); **Joe Shiesty** (Alex Achard, Eric Foster); **Quarrymen** (Axel Concepcion, Brad Cox); **Tagliatelle** (Walter Rodriguez, Foster); **Ceepeegee** (Luan Machado, Ron Moquett) and **Let's Go Mark** (Adam Beschizza, John Ennis).

Following dark days Sunday-Tuesday, live racing will resume on Wednesday with a first post of 5:55 p.m. For more information about racing and wagering from Turfway Park, visit www.turfway.com.

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