

# News Release



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## **MACHADO, COX, DIXIANA FARMS WIN TURFWAY PARK HOLIDAY MEET TITLES**

**FLORENCE, Ky. (Sunday, Dec. 31, 2023)** – Turfway Park Racing & Gaming concluded its 2023 Holiday Meet on Saturday night with jockey **Luan Machado**, trainer **Brad Cox** and owner **Dixiana Farms** emerging as leaders in their respective categories over the 20-day stand.

Machado, represented by **Cory Prewitt**, tallied an impressive 21 wins from 98 mounts (21%), marking his third leading rider title at Turfway Park. Previous titles include the 2019 Winter/Spring Meet and 2018 Holiday Meet.

Machado was followed in the standings by apprentice rider **Axel Concepcion** who tallied 19 wins. He was seven wins ahead of third place **Fernando De La Cruz**.

The Holiday Meet was Cox's second leading trainer title at Turfway. His barn, who is represented locally by assistant **Tessa Walden**, started 20 horses, won seven races and banked earnings of \$356,046. Prior to racing on New Year's Eve, Cox led all North American trainers in earnings for 2023 with \$30,775,698.

**John Ennis** secured second place in the standings with six wins from 27 starts, followed by **Bill Morey** and **Paulo Lobo**, tied for third with five wins.

Dixiana Farms, a client of Ennis, tied for the leading owner title with **Thirstyacres Racing**, **Gerald Brooks** and **Carl Hess Jr.**, **PTK LLC** and **Blanca Salazar**. Dixiana Farms' runners earned \$89,343, surpassing other four leading owners.

While the competition on the racetrack remained fierce, bettors enjoyed handsome rewards with an average \$2 win mutuel of \$16.67. The high win mutuels resulted in many six-figure payouts in the Pick 4, 5 and 6 pools. The average 50-cent Pick 4 paid a whopping \$3,129 while the average 50-cent Pick 5 returned \$25,420. The 20-cent Single 6 Jackpot was hit by a single-winning combination three times for an average payout of \$110,647 to the single ticket holder. If there were multiple winning tickets in the bet, the average payout was \$10,002.

Live racing from Turfway Park will continue in the New Year. The 2024 Winter/Spring season will begin Wednesday and run through Saturday, March 30. Daily first post will be 5:55 p.m. except for March 23 for Jeff Ruby Steaks Daym which will run in the afternoon.

For more information about racing and gaming from Turfway Park, visit [www.Turfway.com](http://www.Turfway.com).

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