

# News Release



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## HOLIDAY INAUGURAL STAKES WINNER MARISSA'S LADY RETURNS IN \$125,000 WISHING WELL STAKES

**FLORENCE, Ky. (Saturday, Jan. 20, 2024)** – Turfway Park specialist **Marissa's Lady**, the recent winner of the Holiday Inaugural Stakes, headlines a competitive field of 12 fillies and mares that entered next Saturday's \$125,000 Wishing Well Stakes.

Run at 6 ½ furlongs, the 31<sup>st</sup> running of the Wishing Well Stakes will go as Race 8 of 10 with a post time of 9:25 p.m. First post is 5:55 p.m.

The distinguished Marissa's Lady, campaigned by **Boone Family Trust** and **Tillema Family Trust**, boasts a commendable record of eight wins, two second and one third from 14 starts. Trained by **Bill Morey**, Marissa's Lady has won half of her races at Turfway Park including a neck victory six weeks ago in the Holiday Inaugural. The 5-year-old daughter of Violence will be piloted in the Wishing Well by **Gerardo Corrales** out of post No. 7.

Marissa's Lady isn't the only accomplished mare entered in the Wishing Well Stakes. The field also includes **Gainesway Stable** and **LNJ Foxwoods'** Bessarabian Stakes (Grade II) winner **Loyalty**. Trained by **Josie Carroll**, the 5-year-old mare by Hard Spun was based at Woodbine for the majority of her 2023 campaign where she won three races from five starts. Along with her victory in the Bessarabian Stakes, the Florida-bred defeated six rivals in mid-July in the Hendrie Stakes (GIII). **Luan Machado** will ride Loyalty from post 4.

Here is the complete field for the Wishing Well Stakes from the rail out (with jockey and trainer): **Souper Munnings** (Tyler Conner, Ian Wilkes); **Hartful Hope** (Perry Ouzts, Joel Meija); **Ravella** (Axel Concepcion, Morey); Loyalty (Machado, Carroll); **Napa Candy** (Rafael Hernandez, Vicki Oliver); **Baby No Worries** (Walter Rodriguez, Tim Girtten); Marissa's Lady (Corrales, Morey); **B G Warrior** (Joe Ramos, Hugo Andrade); **Up and Down** (Adam Beschizza, John Ennis); **Secret Operation** (Cory Orm, Michael Slager); **Stella Noir** (Colby Hernandez, Keith Desormeaux); **Twice as Sweet** (Declan Cannon, Brendan Walsh).

First post for Saturday's 10-race program is 5:55 p.m. with the Wishing Well Stakes going as Race 8 at 9:25 p.m.

**'FINAL FLORENCE FURLONG'** – Turfway Park will begin carding 10 races through Feb. 1 to make up for the cancellations that occurred for the final four races Wednesday, along with the entire Friday and Saturday programs. First post remains 5:55 p.m. ... **LNJ Foxwoods** and **Clearsky Farm's** 2023 Bourbonette Oaks winner **Botanical** is set to make her return on Friday at Turfway Park in a conditioned allowance event. The now 4-year-old daughter of Medaglia d'Oro is a perfect 4-for-4 at Turfway Park. Botanical will face seven rivals including her accomplished stablemate **Chop Chop** in Race 8 at 9:25 p.m. ... Through nine days of the Winter/Spring Meet, jockey **Gerardo Corrales** sits a top the rider standings with 11 victories from just 35 starts. He maintained a four-win cushion over **Luan Machado**. ... **John Ennis** continues to win at an impressive 55% strike rate and leads all trainers with six victories. ... The \$125,000 Leonatus Stakes will be re-drawn and carded Friday, Feb. 2.

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