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SURLY FURIOUS CUTS BACK IN DISTANCE TO WIN \$125,000 FOREGO STAKES

FLORENCE, Ky. (Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024) – Novogratz Racing Stable’s **Surly Furious** sat a perfect pace-pressing trip under leading jockey **Luan Machado** and kicked clear by 1 ¼ lengths to win Saturday’s 40th running of the \$125,000 Forego Stakes at Turfway Park Racing & Gaming.

Trained by **Glenn Wismer**, Surly Furious completed 6 ½ furlongs in 1:17.08 to win his seventh race from 26-career starts.

As the field broke from the gate in the Forego Stakes, Surly Furious used his tactical early speed to sit second, just to the outside of fleet-footed **Sir Alfred James**. Up the backside, the duo set a solid early tempo, completing a quarter-mile in :22.97. While Surly Furious sat a good trip, the returning graded stakes winner **Arrest Me Red** tracked in third but was forced to check off the heels of the leading duo as they entered the far turn. Following a half-mile in :46.31, Sir Alfred James began to retreat while Machado started to ask Surly Furious for his best run. At the top of the stretch, Arrest Me Red finally found running room but could not cut into the widening-margin of Surly Furious who continued to hold clear to the wire.

Bourbon Heist and jockey **Tyler Conner** finished 2 ½ lengths back in third followed by **Storm Daddy**, **Night Time**, **Condemn** and Sir Alfred James.

Surly Furious was sent off as the 9-5 second choice in the race, just behind 8-5 favorite Night Time, and paid \$5.90, \$3.86 and \$2.64. Arrest Me Red, ridden by **Walter Rodriguez**, returned \$6.24 and \$4.54 and Bourbon Heist paid \$3.84.

With his victory in the Forego Stakes, Surly Furious boasts a solid career mark of 26-7-3-4. His victory was worth \$75,410 to improve his overall purse earnings to \$505,074.

Surly Furious is a 6-year-old gelded son of Upstart out of the Majesticperfection mare Perfect Prediction. He was bred in the Bluegrass state by the late Brereton C. Jones.

Live racing will resume from Turfway Park Wednesday-Saturday with daily first posts of 5:55 p.m. For more information and to make dining reservations, visit www.turfway.com.

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