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SURLY FURIOUS WINS SECOND STAKES CONTEST IN TWO WEEKS AT TURFWAY PARK

FLORENCE, Ky. (Saturday, Feb. 17, 2024) – Novogratz Racing Stables' recent Forego Stakes winner **Surly Furious** needed just two weeks rest to find the winner's circle once again at Turfway Park, this time in Saturday's \$125,000 Dust Commander.

The ultra-consistent Surly Furious, who won the 6 ½-furlong Forego Stakes, stretched out in distance for the 1 1/16-mile Dust Commander and dusted his rivals by an impressive eight lengths for trainer **Glenn Wismer** and jockey **Abel Cedillo**. The son of Upstart stopped the clock in 1:42.64.

In the Dust Commander, Surly Furious broke well leaving the starting gate and was positioned in sixth while the fleet-footed **Gunton Roe** led the field into the first turn through a quarter-mile in a comfortable :24.20. Cedillo kept Surly Furious positioned at the rail as they moved to the backside while **Santorini** and jockey **Alex Achard** engaged to the outside of Gunton Roe. At the three-eighths pole, Surly Furious made a bold move and began to quickly pass horses while switching to the two-path. At the quarter-pole, Cedillo tipped Surly Furious to the outside of Santorini and Gunton Roe and easily powered clear to the wire.

Kitodan rallied to finish second at odds of 10-1. He was followed in order by Santorini, **Wizard of Westwood**, **Common Bond**, **El Kabong**, **Quadra Island**, **Transect** and Gunton Roe.

Surly Furious, who was made the 3-1 second choice in the wagering behind 2-1 favorite Wizard of Westwood, returned \$8.90, \$5.16 and \$3.60. Kitodan, ridden by **Walter Rodriguez**, paid \$9.50 and \$4.38 while Santorini returned \$3.44.

With his victory in the Dust Commander, Surly Furious banked \$74,219 to improve his overall earnings to \$579,293. His record now stands at a solid 27-8-3-4.

Racing resumes Wednesday at Turfway Park for a nine-race card with a first post of 5:55 p.m. For more information about racing and gaming, visit www.turfway.com.

LIKELY EXCHANGE STAKES WINNER ICICLES HOPES TO FREEZE COMPETITION IN \$125,000 WINTERGREEN STAKES – Dixiana Farms' impressive Likely Exchange winner **Icicles** returns to face an accomplished field of nine fillies and mares that entered next Saturday's 38th running of the \$125,000 Wintergreen Stakes at Turfway Park Racing & Gaming.

Run as Race 7, the field for the one-mile Wintergreen Stakes will go to post at 8:55 p.m. (all times Eastern). First post is 5:55 p.m.

Trained by **John Ennis**, the 4-year-old Icicles led the field wire-to-wire in the Likely Exchange Stakes on Jan. 13. The two-time winner broke her maiden by a resounding 9 ¾ lengths three starts ago at Churchill Downs over the dirt. When Ennis switched Icicles to Turfway Park's Tapeta surface in late December she finished a game second to **Hurry Up Hannah** in a first-level allowance, which set her up for a 15-1 upset win in the Likely Exchange. Jockey **Adam Beschizza**, who's quickly become Ennis' go-to rider at Turfway, has the return-call from post No. 3.

Two other top contenders that entered the Wintergreen Stakes are from trainer **Brad Cox's** barn – recent 7 ¼-length allowance winner **Flashy Gem** and three-time winner **Chop Chop**, who was a game second behind her other stablemate **Botanical** three weeks ago in an allowance event at Turfway.

Flashy Gem, owned by **Spendthrift Farm**, is a four-time winner from 10 starts and has two victories over the Tapeta surface at Turfway. She'll be ridden by **Axel Concepcion** out of post 6 while her **Selective LLC**-owned stablemate Chop Chop will be piloted by leading rider **Luan Machado** out of post 7.

Here is the complete field for the Wintergreen in order of post position (with jockey and trainer): **Yes Day** (Abel Cedillo, Glenn Wismer); **Napa Candy** (Martin Garcia, Vicki Oliver); **Icicles** (Beschizza, Ennis); **Jungle Cat** (Alex Achard, Rodolphe Brisset); **Bali Belle** (Fernando De La Cruz, Rusty Arnold); **Flashy Gem** (Concepcion, Cox); **Chop Chop** (Machado, Cox); **Thisnameisokay** (Joe Rocco Jr., Steve Cooper); **Ladan** (Albin Jiminez, Fergus Bogle).

JEFF RUBY STEAKS TICKETS ON SALE – Tickets for the marquee day of the Turfway Park season – Jeff Ruby Steaks Day – are now on sale here: [Jeff Ruby Steaks Tickets Mar 23, 2024 Florence, KY | Ticketmaster](#).

General Admission tickets start at \$20 and reserved table seating in the Jeff Ruby Ballroom are \$399.

The \$700,000 Jeff Ruby Steaks (GIII) is a Road to the Kentucky Derby Championship Series race with the winning horse receiving 100 qualifying points and a spot in the starting gate for the \$5 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (GI).

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