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SPEEDY B G WARRIOR DIGS DOWN DEEP TO HOLD OFF HONEY PANTS, SWALL IN \$125,000 QUEEN STAKES

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Saturday, March 16, 2024) – Keith Grass' **B G Warrior** was able to overcome sizzling early fractions and gamely held off the late surge of **Swall** and **Honey Pants** to win Saturday's 28th running of the \$125,000 Queen Stakes at Turfway Park Racing & Gaming.

Trained by **Hugo Andrade**, B G Warrior was ridden in the six-furlong Queen Stakes by **Albin Jimnez** while completing a final time of 1:09.93.

Immediately after starter **Caleb Hayes** sprung the latch for the Queen Stakes, B G Warrior opened up a 2 ½ length lead over her 10 rivals while skittering an opening quarter-mile in :21.66. After flashing a half-mile in :44.29, B G Warrior's stride began to shorten as both Swall and Honey Pants started to show their best run to her outside. In deep stretch, B G Warrior was all heart to hold off both Swall and Honey Pants by a head to win her second-consecutive stakes event at Turfway Park.

B G Warrior, who won the Jan. 27 Wishing Well Stakes in similar fashion, was sent off as the 3-2 favorite in the Queen Stakes and returned prices of \$5.04, \$3.36 and \$4.

Swall and Honey Pants finished in a dead heat for second. They were followed by Linguistic, **Baby No Worries**, **Current Climate**, **Hit the Woah**, **Ravella**, **Souper Munnings**, **Victorious**, **Princess Adaleigh** and **Awesome Treat**.

Swall, a 21-1 longshot, paid \$6 and \$7.76 while Honey Pants returned \$3.78 and \$4.76.

B G Warrior improved her overall record to 22-5-5-3 with purse earnings of \$479,686. The daughter of Run Away and Hide was bred in Kentucky by Lou Dunn Dickemper Trust.

Racing will resume Wednesday at Turfway Park Racing & Gaming for the start of Jeff Ruby Steaks Week. For more information and to purchase tickets for the Jeff Ruby Steaks, visit www.turfway.com.

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