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MACHADO CLINCHES FOURTH TURFWAY PARK LEADING RIDER TITLE

FLORENCE, Ky. (Friday, March 29, 2024) – Entering Saturday’s closing night program at Turfway Park, jockey **Luan Machado** clinched his fourth leading rider title with 61 victories, an remarkable 25 more than second place **Gerardo Corrales**.

Represented by **Cory Prewitt**, Machado swept the leading rider titles this season at Turfway Park winning both the Winter/Spring Meet and 2023 Holiday Meet.

Machado began riding at Turfway Park in 2018 and has quickly become a top rider in the colony. A native of Brazil, Machado won his first local riding title during the 2018 Holiday Meet when he tied **Rodney Prescott** with 21 wins. Machado would go on to win the 2019 Winter/Spring Meet with 35 victories.

“I was never a leading rider in Brazil but I always knew I could do better. That’s why I left Brazil,” Machado said. “When I came to Turfway I was very excited to ride in Kentucky. The Kentucky circuit is tough but I’ve proven I’ve been able to compete with the talented riders here.

“I’m very thankful for everyone that’s helped me get to this point. I am going to keep working as hard as I can to be successful.”

Machado’s 2024 Winter/Spring Meet has been nothing short of dominant. His 60 victories, so far, have been the most of any rider at the Winter/Spring Meet since **Albin Jiminez** piloted 80 winners in 2016. Machado plans to keep his tack year-round in Kentucky and will move to Keeneland when they open their meet April 5.

In the trainer standings, **Eric Foster** secured his first leading trainer title at Turfway Park with 15 victories. Foster, a native of Utica, Ky., made 86 starts with his trainees this year at Turfway and among his notable victories were from his 3-year-old fillies **Everland** and **Maxisuperfly** who won the Bourbonette Oaks and Cincinnati Trophy Stakes, respectively.

Foster has three horses entered Saturday.

The race for leading owner at the meet is still not mathematically over. **Christina Estvanko** and **Margo Scott**’s eight winners were three in front of **Godolphin**, **Dede McGehee**, **Ruis Racing** and **Shagbark Farm**. Only Ruis Racing could catch the leading partnership with three entries Saturday. Estvanko and Scott had one entry.

SATURDAY’S CLOSING NIGHT CARD FEATURES SINGLE 6 JACKPOT MANDATORY PAYOUT OF \$233,156 – Saturday’s closing night card of the Winter/Spring Meet will feature mandatory payouts in all wagers including a massive \$233,156 in the 20-cent Single 6 Jackpot.

The 20-cent Single 6 will span Races 3-8 and begin at 6:56 p.m. (all times Eastern). First post is 5:55 p.m.

Saturday’s Single 6 sequence features average field sizes of 11.3 horses per race. Among the races in the sequence is the \$125,000 Serena’s Song Stakes in Race 6.

All other wagers on Saturday’s card will feature mandatory payouts including the early Pick 5 (Races 1-5) and late Pick 5 (Races 4-8).

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