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## LITERATE TAGS DEVASSA LATE TO WIN \$120,000 LIKELY EXCHANGE

**FLORENCE, Ky. (Saturday, Jan. 10, 2026)** – C2 Racing Stable and BAG Racing's **Literate** was able to find her best stride late to get by **Devassa** in the shadow of the wire and win Saturday night's 28<sup>th</sup> running of the \$120,000 Likely Exchange presented by Claiborne Farm at Turfway Park Racing & Gaming.

Literate, now a six-time winner from 20 starts, was ridden to victory by **Luan Machado** for **Brad Cox**. She completed the one-mile distance in 1:38.55.

It was a quick tempo to begin the Likely Exchange where **Velvet Devil** set the pace from the rail while cruising a quarter-mile in :23.78. As Velvet Devil entered the backstretch, she was joined to her outside by **Trial** and sped a half-mile in :47.84. While the duo battled on the lead, Machado had Literate positioned in last but she quickly began to move into contention around the far turn. At the top of the stretch Trial briefly took the lead but was overtaken on her outside by 15-1 longshot **Devassa (BRZ)**, who attempted to kick clear of the field. However, in the final furlong, Literate found her best stride and got the better of Devassa by a half-length.

It was 2 ½ lengths back to **Love Song** in third. She was followed by Trial, **Condone**, **Hello Hello Hello**, Velvet Devil and **Cairo Consort**.

With her victory in the Likely Exchange, Literate earned a \$10,000 stallion credit at Claiborne Farm that can be used upon her retirement. Devassa earned \$5,000 while Love Song earned \$2,500. The credits expire at the end of the 2027 breeding season.

Literate is a 6-year-old bay mare by Oscar Performance out of the Henrythenavigator mare Infanta Branca. She was bred in Kentucky by the Don Alberto Corporation. Literate's win banked her connections \$75,140 to improve her overall earnings to \$371,357.

Live racing will resume Wednesday-Saturday at Turfway Park with daily first posts of 5:55 p.m. For the latest information about racing and gaming, visit [www.turfway.com](http://www.turfway.com).

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