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## **FAIR GROUNDS, TURFWAY TO TEAM UP FOR SPECIAL BAYOU BLUEGRASS PICK 5**

**FLORENCE, Ky. (Tuesday, March 17, 2026)** – Fair Grounds Race Course and Turfway Park are once again teaming up Saturday to offer bettors a special \$1 Pick 5 featuring an all-stakes lineup anchored by the \$1 million TwinSpires.com Louisiana Derby (GII) and the \$777,000 Jeff Ruby Steaks (GIII).

Dubbed the “Bayou Bluegrass 5,” this cross-track wager will have a \$1 minimum and an industry-friendly 15% takeout, with a mandatory payout at the end of the sequence.

The action-packed sequence kicks off at 5:04 p.m. (all times Eastern) at Fair Grounds with the \$500,000 New Orleans Classic presented by Hagyard (GII), featuring an field of six headlined by Louisiana-bred millionaire Touchuponastar. The second leg shifts to Turfway Park at 5:43 p.m. for the \$300,000 Bourbonette Oaks (Listed), which drew a full field of 12 3-year-old fillies led by Cincinnati Trophy Stakes winner **Resplendence**.

The third leg returns to Fair Grounds at 6:08 p.m. for the \$400,000 Fasig-Tipton Fair Grounds Oaks (GII), where nine 3-year-old fillies will square off, led by undefeated **Bella Ballerina**. The Jeff Ruby Steaks (GIII) follows at 6:25 p.m., led by multiple stakes winner Stark Contrast. The sequence culminates at 6:42 p.m. at Fair Grounds with the wide-open Louisiana Derby (GII), where nine 3-year-olds are led by Fasig-Tipton Risen Star (GII) runner-up **Chip Honcho** and impressive maiden winner **Emerging Market**.

Bettors can take part in the Bayou Bluegrass 5 at wagering outlets across the country, including [www.TwinSpires.com](http://www.TwinSpires.com), the official wagering provider of Churchill Downs Incorporated.

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