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## **CORRALES, MAKER, RESOLUTE RACING TOP STANDINGS FOR MEMORABLE HOLIDAY MEET**

### *Racing Resumes Wednesday at 1 p.m. for Start of Winter/Spring Meet*

**FLORENCE, Ky. (Monday, Dec. 30, 2024)** – The Turfway Park Racing & Gaming Holiday Meet concluded Saturday with jockey **Gerardo Corrales** clinching his sixth leading riding title, trainer **Mike Maker** securing his 23<sup>rd</sup> training crown and **Resolute Racing** earning their first leading owner title at Turfway Park.

Corrales added another title to his impressive resume, finishing with **14 wins** and earnings of \$599,134 in purses. The veteran rider, represented by **Cliff Collier**, previously topped the Holiday Meet standings from 2020-22 and the Winter/Spring Meet in 2021-22. Corrales was followed in the standings by **Fernando De La Cruz**, **Luan Machado** and **Irving Moncada**, each finishing with 11 victories.

Maker's barn delivered yet another dominant performance, posting seven wins – one more than **Larry Rivelli** – with total purse earnings of \$564,753. Trainers **Steve Asmussen**, **Brad Cox**, **John Ennis** and **Brendan Walsh** tied for third with four wins apiece.

**John Stewart's Resolute Racing** was part of a six-way tie for leading owner with two wins but topped the group in earnings with \$199,253, narrowly edging **Godolphin** (\$169,894). Also finishing with two wins were **Two Hearts Farm**, **Tom Lambro**, **Bubba Rodgers**, **Ricky Short**, and the partnership of **Down the Stretch Racing**, **Craftyhorse Racing**, **Homer Schafer**, and **Robert Sulzberger Jr.**

The Holiday Meet delivered strong returns for horseplayers, with the average 50-cent Pick 5 paying a remarkable \$32,219, showcasing the sizable wagering pools available on a nightly basis. Additionally, the average \$2 win mutuel returned an impressive \$18.37.

Live racing resumes Wednesday at Turfway Park for the start of the Winter/Spring Meet. The New Year's Day program will have a special 1 p.m. first post, followed by Thursday-Saturday evening cards starting at 5:55 p.m.

**STAKES WINNER WARHEART LEADS COMPETITIVE FIELD OF 10 ENTERED IN TURFWAY PREVUE – DARRS, Inc.'s stakes winner Warheart** leads an uber-competitive field of 10 newly turned 3-year-olds that entered Saturday night's 30<sup>th</sup> running of the \$125,000 Turfway Prevue at Turfway Park Racing & Gaming.

Run at 6 ½ furlongs, the competitive lineup will head to post as Race 6 at 8:25 p.m., first post is 5:55 p.m.

Warheart enters the Turfway Prevue seeking his second-career stakes score following his commanding four-length victory in the Atlantic Beach Stakes on Nov. 1 during the Belmont at Aqueduct meet. Trained by **Rodolphe Brisset**, the gelded son of Omaha Beach has shown consistent form on turf, including a maiden-breaking triumph against 11 rivals at Kentucky Downs. **Luan Machado** will pilot Warheart from post No. 8.

Leading the opposition is **Touchy**, owned by **Three Chimneys Farm** and trained by **Wesley Ward**. The son of Nyquist impressed with a 3 ¾-length maiden victory at Keeneland over **Mo Quality**, who is entered in the Smarty Jones Stakes at Oaklawn on Saturday. Hall of Fame jockey **Joel Rosario** will guide Touchy from the rail as he makes his debut on the Tapeta surface.

Another intriguing contender is the undefeated **Star's Image**, co-owned by **Patricia's Hope** and **Knollwood Stables**. Trained by **Larry Rivelli**, Star's Image captured both of his career starts on turf at Fair Grounds, including a maiden special weight win on Nov. 22 followed by a first-level allowance victory three weeks later. Turfway Park's Holiday Meet leading rider **Gerardo Corrales** will be aboard from post 2.

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The field for the Turfway Pevue from the rail out (with jockey and trainer):

- Touchy (Rosario, Ward)
- Star's Image (Corrales, Rivelli)
- **Killjoy** (Julio Felix, Eric Foster)
- **Up to No Good** (Santo Sanjur, Keith Kinmon)
- **Coming in Hot** (Irving Moncada, John Ennis)
- **Special Creed** (Hannah Leahey, Michelle Elliott)
- **Realator** (Emisael Jaramillo, Jose D'Angelo)
- Warheart (Machado, Brisset)
- **Stashu** (Alexander Bendezu, John Wainwright)
- **Vehemently** (Andres Calleja, Michelle Elliott)

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