

News Release



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Contact: Kevin Kerstein
Kentucky Racing Communications
Churchill Downs, Ellis Park, Turfway Park
(610) 420-6971 (mobile)
(502) 635-4712 (office)
Kevin.Kerstein@KyDerby.com

BETTORS CASHING BIG AT TURFWAY PARK AMID COMPETITIVE RACING

FLORENCE, Ky. (Friday, Jan. 31, 2025) – Bettors at Turfway Park Racing & Gaming have been cashing in this season, with massive Pick 4 and Pick 5 payouts fueled by player-friendly takeout rates and deep, competitive fields.

Through 29 days of racing across the Holiday Meet and Winter/Spring Meet, the average Pick 5 payout has been \$23,087, while the average Pick 4 return has been \$5,505. Turfway Park's takeout structure—15 percent on the Pick 5 and 14 percent on the Pick 4—has made these wagers some of the best values for bettors.

Field size has played a major role in these strong returns. Over 271 races, Turfway has averaged 10.43 starters per race, providing wide-open wagering opportunities. The average \$2 win payoff has been \$17.51.

The 20-cent Single 6 Jackpot has also produced strong returns, averaging \$40,301 with a 15 percent takeout.

Racing continues Friday and Saturday with first post at 5:55 p.m. The meet runs through Saturday, March 29, with daily first posts at 5:55 p.m., except for March 22, when Jeff Ruby Steaks Day kicks off at 12:45 p.m.

GRADED STAKES PLACED PLAYMEA TUNE MADE 3-1 MORNING LINE FAVORITE IN WIDE-OPEN FIELD OF 10 SPRINTERS ENTERED IN SATURDAY'S \$125,000 FOREGO STAKES – Chiefswood Stables' three-time winner and graded stakes-placed 5-year-old **Playmea Tune** was tabbed as the slight 3-1 favorite in a wide-open field of 10 sprinters entered in Saturday's 41st running of the \$125,000 Forego Stakes at Turfway Park Racing & Gaming.

The 6 ½-furlong sprint is carded as Race 7 of 10 with a post time of 8:55 p.m. (all times Eastern). First post is 5:55 p.m.

Among the challengers to Playmea Tune includes millionaire **One Timer** (7-2), three-time local winner **Bromley** (4-1) and defending Forego Stakes winner **Surly Furious** (5-1).

Field for the Forego Stakes from the rail out (with jockey, trainer and morning line odds):

- **Spoke** (Arcelio Flaco, Lilia Gonzalez, 30-1)
- **Red Flag** (Alex Achard, Bob Hess Jr., 6-1)
- **Surly Furious** (Abel Cedillo, Glenn Wismer, 5-1)
- **Playmea Tune** (Rafael Hernandez, Josie Carroll, 3-1)
- **Finster** (Vincent Cheminaud, Eoin Harty, 12-1)
- **Take Me To Church (IRE)** (Irving Moncada, Mike Maker, 10-1)
- **Stage Left** (Santo Sanjur, Ben DeLong, 30-1)
- **Shards** (Adam Beschizza, Kelsey Danner, 12-1)
- **Bromley** (Luan Machado, Paulo Lobo, 4-1)
- **One Timer** (Gerardo Corrales, Larry Rivelli, 7-2)

FINAL FLORENCE FURLONG – **Godolphin's** undefeated Remsen Stakes (GII) winner **Poster** left his Turfway Park base Monday and arrived at Tampa Bay Downs for Saturday, Feb. 8's Sam F. Davis Stakes (GIII). The **Eoin Harty**-trained son of Munnings has been based at Turfway throughout his career and recently completed his final preparations with a five-furlong work in 1:02.60 on Sunday under retired jockey **Francisco Torres**. "I really liked the way he went that day," Torres said. "He seems to be improving after the Remsen and hopefully will continue doing that throughout the spring." ... The Turfway Park backstretch remains loaded with talent, including Godolphin's Falls City Stakes (GIII) winner **Loved**. Trainer **Brendan Walsh** reported Thursday that the 6-year-old mare is scheduled to make her seasonal debut in Saturday, Feb. 8's \$250,000 Bayakoa Stakes (GIII) at Oaklawn. ... The Road to the Kentucky Derby rolls back through Turfway Park on Saturday, Feb. 22, with the \$175,000 John Battaglia Memorial (Listed). Nominations for the 1 1/16-mile race close Saturday, Feb. 8. ... For the latest information about racing and gaming from Turfway Park, visit www.turfway.com.

-END-