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PLAYMEA TUNE HITS RIGHT NOTES TO WIN \$106,125 FOREGO STAKES

FLORENCE, Ky. (Sunday, Feb. 2, 2025) – Chiefswood Stables Ltd.'s **Playmea Tune** lived up to his billing as the 3-2 favorite in Saturday's \$106,125 Forego Stakes at Turfway Park Racing & Gaming, rallying four wide off the turn under jockey **Rafael Hernandez** to draw clear late for a 1 ¾-length victory in the 41st running of the 6 ½-furlong contest.

Breaking from post No. 4 in the field of nine, **Playmea Tune** settled in sixth early as **Take Me To Church (IRE)** sprinted to the front and opened up a 1 ½-length lead through an opening quarter-mile in :22.55. A tight pack followed behind the pacesetter, with **Spoke, Shards** and **Bromley** pressing the early fractions.

As the field entered the far turn, Hernandez tipped **Playmea Tune** four wide, launching a strong bid outside **Shards** and **Bromley** while **Take Me To Church** began to retreat. At the eighth pole, **Playmea Tune** surged to the front while **Surly Furious**, who had trailed early, uncorked a late rally down the center of the track. Inside the final sixteenth, **Playmea Tune** kicked clear, holding **Surly Furious** at bay to win by 1 ¾ lengths.

The **Josie Carroll**-trained gelding completed the distance in 1:18.06 over the Tapeta track.

Shards held on late third, about 1 ½ lengths back of **Surly Furious**. He was followed by **Spoke, Bromley, Red Flag, Stage Left, Finster** and **Take Me To Church**.

Sent off as the post-time favorite, **Playmea Tune** returned \$5.08, \$3.74 and \$3.24. **Surly Furious**, with **Abel Cedillo** aboard, paid \$7.28 and \$4.74. **Shards**, under **Adam Beschizza**, returned \$6.10 to show.

The victory marked the fourth win in seven career starts for **Playmea Tune**, an Ontario-bred son of **Maclean's Music**. The win added \$59,520 to his bankroll, boosting his career earnings to \$284,115. He earned a 93 Brisnet Speed Rating for the effort.

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GOWELL STAKES WINNER GRACE ON GRACE HEADLINES \$125,000 VALDALE STAKES – **Francetta Allen's Grace On Grace**, the upset winner of the Gowell Stakes on New Year's Day, will return to the Turfway Park Racing & Gaming and headline Saturday's 38th running of the \$125,000 Valdale Stakes for 3-year-old fillies.

The 6 ½-furlong event, carded as Race 7 of 10, will go to post at 8:55 p.m., with first post set for 5:55 p.m.

Trained by **Larry Demeritte**, **Grace On Grace** pulled off a 10-1 surprise in the Gowell Stakes, rallying under **Fernando De La Cruz** to score her first stakes victory. The daughter of **Jersey Town** sports a solid career record of 9-2-3-0 with \$123,641 in earnings. **De La Cruz** will retain the mount as the duo breaks from post No. 6.

Her competition includes **Triple M Racing Stable's My Lil Punky**, who will look to turn the tables after finishing third as the even-money favorite in the Gowell Stakes. The **John Ennis**-trained daughter of **Outwork** was defeated 2 ¾ lengths that day and will attempt to redeem herself with jockey **Edgar Morales** aboard, breaking from the rail.

A new contender making her stakes debut is **Robert Evans' Brindi (IRE)**, an impressive allowance winner for trainer **Kelsey Danner**. The chestnut daughter of **No Nay Never** made her first start over Turfway's Tapeta surface two weeks, winning a first-level allowance race by three lengths under leading rider **Irving Moncada**, who will again have the call from post 5.

The complete field for the Valdale Stakes in post-position order (with jockey and trainer)

- My Lil Punky (Morales, Ennis)
- La Marinera (Rogelio Miranda, Kelly Fernandez)
- Hollygrove (Joe Ramos, Whit Beckman)
- Magical Bette (Gerardo Corrales, Wesley Ward)
- Bindi (Moncada, Danner)
- Grace On Grace (De La Cruz, Demeritte)
- Maclean's Lullaby (Walter Rodriguez, Pavel Matejka)

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