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LITHE SPIRIT HOLDS OFF LATE CHARGE OF LONGSHOT GET TWISTED TO WIN \$125,000 QUEEN STAKES

FLORENCE, Ky. (Saturday, March 15, 2025) – **Bradley Thoroughbreds, Gainesway Stable, Laura Leigh Stable, Scott Estes**, and **Cambron Equine**'s **Lithe Spirit** held off a late surge by **Get Twisted** to win Saturday night's 29th running of the \$125,000 Queen Stakes at Turfway Park Racing & Gaming.

Trained by **Steve Asmussen** and ridden by **Joe Ramos**, Lithe Spirit sustained a five-wide rally to complete six furlongs in a sharp 1:10.29.

Ramos positioned Lithe Spirit in sixth early, tracking a contested pace set by **Girl of My Dreams**, **Always Waiting**, **Moonlit Lady** and **High Fashion Kate**. After a swift opening quarter-mile in :21.87, Lithe Spirit advanced and was tipped five wide turning for home. She struck the front at the three-sixteenths pole but had to fend off several late challengers, including 5-2 favorite **Nice as Pie**, the slow-starting **Awesome Treat** and longshot **Get Twisted**, who was closing down the center of the track. Lithe Spirit dug in to hold off Get Twisted at the wire by a diminishing head.

It was another length back to Awesome Treat in third, followed by Nice as Pie, **Sickle Dance**, **Cloudwalker**, Moonlit Lady, Always Waiting, High Fashion Kate, **These Apples** and Girl of My Dreams.

Lithe Spirit paid \$8.70 for her victory, which marked her fourth consecutive win dating back to Oct. 29. Her career earnings now stand at \$267,651.

The 4-year-old chestnut filly is by Speightstown out of the Ghostzapper mare Spooky Woods. She was bred in Kentucky by Yeguada Centurion.

Live racing resumes Wednesday at Turfway Park with a first post of 5:55 p.m.

Saturday is Jeff Ruby Steaks Day at Turfway Park, featuring a 13-race program beginning at 12:45 p.m. Tickets are available at <u>www.turfway.com</u>.

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