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VALDALE WINNER HOLLYGROVE RETURNS IN \$125,000 SERENA'S SONG

FLORENCE, Ky. (Monday, March 24, 2025) – Legion Racing's Valdale Stakes winner **Hollygrove** headlines a field of 10 3-year-old fillies entered in Saturday's fourth running of the \$125,000 Serena's Song Stakes, the featured event on closing night of Turfway Park's Winter/Spring Meet.

The six-furlong Serena's Song is carded as Race 6 of 8 with a post time of 8:25 p.m. (all times Eastern), first post is 5:55 p.m.

Hollygrove, trained by **Whit Beckman**, made her Turfway debut in early February with a determined gate-to-wire victory in the Valdale at odds of 7-1. The daughter of Complexity will reunite with jockey **Joe Ramos**, who was aboard for that win, and break from post No. 2.

Among her top challengers is multiple stakes winner **Long Neck Paula**, owned by **Will Straud** and **Debra O'Connor** and trained by **Wesley Ward**. The daughter of Uncle Mo romped by 7 ½ lengths in the Prairie Meadows Debutante and followed up with a gutsy half-length score in the Bowman Mill Stakes at Keeneland against open company. Jockey **Corey Lanerie** will ride from post 5.

The field for the Serena's Song from the rail out (with jockey and trainer):

- **Family** (Walter Rodriguez, Michelle Elliott)
- Hollygrove (Ramos, Beckman)
- **Don't Tell Tammo** (Rafael Hernandez, Kent Swezey)
- **Minnesota Munny** (Adam Beschizza, Kelsey Danner)
- Long Neck Paula (Lanerie, Ward)
- **Bunratty Manor (IRE)** (Edgar Morales, Rusty Arnold II)
- **Brindi (IRE)** (Irving Moncada, Kelsey Danner)
- **Grace On Grace** (Angel Serpa, Larry Demeritte)
- **Bilyana** (Alex Achard, Eric Foster)
- **Bourbon Memory** (Gerardo Corrales, Brendan Walsh)

Closing week at Turfway Park begins Wednesday with a first post of 5:55 p.m. For more information, visit www.turfway.com.

MACHADO, MAKER, GODOLPHIN TOP STANDINGS AHEAD OF CLOSING WEEK – With four days of racing remaining at the Turfway Park Winter/Spring Meet, jockey **Luan Machado**, trainer **Mike Maker** and powerhouse owner **Godolphin** lead their respective standings.

Machado, who won Saturday's \$777,000 Jeff Ruby Steaks (Grade III) aboard **Final Gambit**, enters the final week with a 49-39 win advantage over **Irving Moncada**. **Joe Ramos** was third with 36 victories, followed by **Gerardo Corrales** (23), **Adam Beschizza** (22), **Rafael Hernandez** (21), **Fernando De La Cruz** (19), **Abel Cedillo** (17), **Walter Rodriguez** (17) and **Albin Jimenez** (16).

Maker, a 23-time leading trainer at Turfway, holds a 19-17 edge over **Kelsey Danner**. **John Ennis** sits third with 14 wins, followed by **Eric Foster** (11) and **Larry Rivelli** (10).

Godolphin leads the owner standings with seven wins from 34 starts, holding a two-win lead over **Dede McGehee** and **TEC Racing**.

FINAL FLORENCE FURLONG – **Terry Stephens'** Kentucky Derby (GI) contender **Chunk of Gold** returned to Turfway Park around 8 p.m. Sunday from Fair Grounds to continue preparing for the first Saturday in May. The Louisiana Derby (GII) runner-up is tentatively scheduled to remain at Turfway for the next four weeks, according to trainer **Ethan West**.

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