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BREEDERS' CUP TURF SPRINT WINNER NOBALS RETURNS TO TURFWAY PARK FOR \$125,000 BIG DADDY STAKES

FLORENCE, Ky. (Sunday, March 2, 2025) – **Nobals**, the 2023 Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (Grade I) winner, is set to return to Turfway Park Racing & Gaming Saturday night as the headliner in the fourth running of the \$125,000 Big Daddy Stakes.

The Big Daddy Stakes drew an uber-competitive field of six sprinters also featuring **Arrest Me Red**, a Grade II winner for trainer **Wesley Ward** and millionaire **One Timer**, the stablemate of Nobals in the barn of trainer **Larry Rivelli**.

Nobals, owned by **Patricia's Hope**, made headlines in 2023 when he pulled off a 12-1 upset in the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint at Santa Anita under jockey **Gerardo Corrales**. The gelding's abbreviated four-race campaign in 2024 included a victory in the Kennedy Road (GII) at Woodbine. Nobals kicked off his 2025 season with a seventh-place effort in the Gulfstream Park Turf Sprint (GIII). Corrales will be back aboard Nobals in the Big Daddy and break from post No. 2.

Stablemate One Timer will break from post 3. Co-owned by Patricia's Hope and **Richard Ravin**, the 6-year-old gelding has won seven of 17 starts, amassing \$1,026,813 in earnings. The multiple graded stakes winner will be ridden by **E.T. Baird**.

Graded stakes-winning veteran Arrest Me Red will start from the rail in his 7-year-old debut. The **Lael Stables** homebred has nine career victories, highlighted by his 2022 Twin Spires Turf Sprint (GII) at Churchill Downs. Jockey **Corey Lanerie** has the call.

The field for the Big Daddy Stakes from the rail out (with jockey and trainer):

- Arrest Me Red (Lanerie, Ward)
- Nobals (Corrales, Rivelli)
- One Timer (Baird, Rivelli)
- One for My Brother (Victor Lebron, Eugene Vosler)
- Pure Panic (Alex Achard, Eric Foster)

• Mischievous Rogue (Chris Emigh, Brittany Vanden Berg)

Run at six furlongs, the Big Daddy named in memory of longtime Turfway Park official and racing secretary **Rick Leigh**. The featured event on the card will go as Race 7 of 10 with a post time of 8:55 p.m. (all times Eastern). First post is 5:55 p.m.

Live racing will resume Wednesday-Saturday at Turfway Park with daily first posts of 5:55 p.m. For more information, visit <u>www.turfway.com</u>.

MS QUALITY CONTROL SURGES LATE TO WIN \$123,000 WINTERGREEN STAKES – James Schurman's Ms Quality Control scored the first stakes victory in her 15-race career Saturday night when she stormed home late to win the \$123,000 Wintergreen Stakes at Turfway Park Racing & Gaming.

Trained by **Brad Cox** and ridden by **Adam Beschizza**, Ms Quality Control completed the one-mile distance in 1:39.96.

Breaking from post 4, Ms Quality Control settled in sixth along the rail, tracking a moderate early pace set by even-money favorite **Dreaming of Mo**, who posted an opening quarter-mile in :25.06. As the field approached the far turn after a half-mile in :49.48, Beschizza began to inch closer while saving ground but needed to find running room in the stretch.

At the three-sixteenths pole, Beschizza briefly angled Ms Quality Control two wide as **Sand and Sea** and **Austere** loomed on the outside of Dreaming of Mo. When that opening closed, Beschizza shifted Ms Quality Control to the four path at the eighth pole and she responded with a strong rally to win by a length.

Austere held second, while Dreaming of Mo and Sand and Sea completed the top four finishers. They were followed by **Go Lee Ann Go, Vino's Angel, Everland** and **Sun Bee**.

Ms Quality Control returned \$2 mutuels of \$19.86, \$7.76 and \$4.10. Austere paid \$7.26 and \$4.16, while Dreaming of Mo returned \$2.52 to show.

A daughter of Quality Road out of the Mukhadram (GB) mare A Bit Special (GB), Ms Quality Control was bred in Kentucky by RJB Bloodstock. The Wintergreen marked her fourth win from 15 starts, bringing her career earnings to \$268,261.

NOMINATIONS FOR JEFF RUBY STEAKS DAY CLOSE TUESDAY – Nominations close Tuesday for Turfway Park Racing & Gaming's Jeff Ruby Steaks

Day, featuring the richest race in the track's history, the \$777,000 Jeff Ruby Steaks (GIII). The stakes-packed card on Saturday, March 22 is highlighted by the Road to the Kentucky Derby Championship Series event and its counterpart, the \$300,000 Bourbonette Oaks (Listed), part of the Road to the Kentucky Oaks.

Nominations must be submitted by Tuesday to the Turfway Park racing office at 859-647-4705.

With a special first post at 12:45 p.m., Jeff Ruby Steaks Day features six stakes contests. The Jeff Ruby Steaks, run at 1 1/8 miles for 3-year-olds, will award Kentucky Derby (GI) qualifying points on a 100-50-25-15-10 scale to the top five finishers. The Bourbonette Oaks, contested at 1 1/16 miles for 3-year-old fillies, offers points on a 50-25-15-10-5 scale toward the Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI).

Other stakes on the program are the \$300,000 TwinSpires Kentucky Cup Classic (GIII) for older horses, the \$250,000 Latonia Stakes (Listed) for fillies and mares, the \$250,000 Rushaway for 3-year-olds and the \$250,000 Animal Kingdom for 3-year-olds sprinting six furlongs.

Tickets for Jeff Ruby Steaks Day are available at Turfway.com.