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\$75,000 OTRF stakes highlight Belterra Sunday program

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A pair of \$75,000 Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund stakes highlight the Belterra Park program on Sunday afternoon, July 22.

The \$75,000 Norm Barron Queen City Oaks features a field of seven Ohio-registered, 3-year-old fillies and mares going postward over the Cincinnati dirt at a distance of one and one-eighth miles, with an approximate post time of 3:23 pm, ET for the fifth race. The \$75,000 Buckeye Native Stakes, for Ohio-accredited 3-year-olds and up has ten state-breds competing at one and one-sixteenth miles over Belterra's turf course, with a post scheduled for 4:26 pm, ET as the afternoon's seventh event.

The multiple stakes-winning **Missap**, a 3-year-old A. P. Warrior filly conditioned by Kellyn Gorder, is the clear standout in the Barron Queen City Oaks. A winner of \$190,118 lifetime, Missap captured the \$75,000 Green Carpet Stakes at Belterra on May 27 and was second in the \$75,000 Tomboy Stakes on May 13 at Belterra. Most recently, she finished a respectable fourth in the \$75,000 Stearns-Cleveland Gold Cup at Jack Thistledown on June 30. Owned by the Bequette Team, Missap has three wins and two seconds in ten lifetime starts.

Marathon, a Tim Hamm trainee for the WinStar Farm and Blazing Meadows Farm, comes into the Barron-Queen City Oaks with three career wins to her credit in as many tries. This Drosselmeyer 3-year-old filly broke her maiden at Jack Thistledown on May 5 before capturing back-to-back allowance races at that same venue, each time winning by open lengths. This homebred has a \$57,300 bankroll to her credit thus far in her brief career.

The Buckeye Native field is a competitive one, with several stakes winners vying for the \$75,000 purse, including **True Cinder**, who'll carry the colors of owner-trainer Mike Rone postward. This bay daughter by Alcindor has \$349,300 in her career coffers and most recently captured the \$75,000 Mackey Memorial-Angenora Stakes on June 2 at Jack Thistledown.

The \$478,365-winning **Leona's Reward** won the \$75,000 Dr. T. F. Classen Memorial on May 5 at Jack Thistledown for trainer Tim Hamm and owners Blazing Meadow Farm and Michael Friedman. The 5-

year-old chestnut daughter by Parent's Reward has eight stakes triumphs from her 11 lifetime victories.

Another Parent's Reward foal is **Eightthehardway**, a 6-year-old bay gelding who's amassed \$413,388 in his career. Trained by Glenroy Brown for owner Paul Groves, Eightthehardway most recently won the \$75,000 George Lewis Memorial on June 23 at Jack Thistledown. He has a 9-7-10 record from 42 career starts.

Mobil Solution, a Jeff Radosevich trainee, is another to watch in here. This 3-year-old son of Mobil won the \$75,000 Radosevich Memorial on Dec. 2, 2017 and most recently finished second in the \$75,000 Lewis Memorial to Eightthehardway. Owned by Gerald Silver, he has \$103,970 in his career coffers.

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Photo Cutline: Missap, a 3-year-old A. P. Warrior filly shown here winning the \$150,000 Galbreath Memorial last season, will be trying to capture the \$75,000 Norm Barron Queen City Oaks on Sunday afternoon, July 22 at Belterra Park. ***Photo by Coady Photography***