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Best of Ohio Stakes featured at Mahoning Valley Saturday

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Mahoning Valley Racecourse will play host to five \$100,000 Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund (OTRF) Best of Ohio stakes on Saturday, Oct. 30. First Race post time for the ten-race card is 12:15 pm, ET.



Drillit

The first OTRF event is the Best of Ohio Distaff, for registered Ohio-bred fillies and mares, 3-year-olds and up, traveling at one and one-eighth miles over the Youngstown dirt. Set as the Sixth Race, with a post time of 2:35 pm, ET., the Distaff features a field of seven, with the multiple stakes winning **Drillit** hoping to keep her crown, as she won this same event in 2020. A winner of \$447,440 in her career, the 5-year-old chestnut daughter by Drill-Way to Fly, by Bowman's Band has been a bit off form this season and is still trying to find her way into the 2021 winner's circle for trainer Robert Gorham. Bred by Eric Heyman, Drillit is owned by Mast Thoroughbreds.



Thedayofthegrey

Ohio-registered 2-year-olds vie in the one and one-sixteenth miles Best of Ohio Juvenile Stakes, scheduled as Race Seven, with a post of 3:08 pm, ET, with 11 youngsters breaking from the Mahoning gate. Trying for his third consecutive stakes victory and his fourth lifetime triumph in just his fifth start will be the roan gelding **Thedayofthegrey**, a son of Twinspired-Sharon's Way, by Proud Citizen. Trained by Robert Cline, this striking young runner has previously captured the \$100,000 Best of Ohio Cleveland Kindergarten Stakes at Thistledown and the \$75,000 Loyalty Stakes at Belterra Park. Co-owned by his trainer and Richard Wilkinson, Thedayofthegrey has amassed \$130,500 in his brief career. Trainers Tim Hamm and Jeff Radosevich both send out a trio of neophyte gallopers looking to score their first stakes victory in this same event.

Set as the Race Eight is the one and one-sixteenth mile Best of Ohio John W. Galbreath for 2-year-old registered Ohio-bred fillies. A total of 13 distaffs will break from the gate, with post time set for 3:41 pm, ET. The lightly raced **Christmas** is the clear standout in this big field, as the daughter by Constitution-Just a Jingle, by Unbridled's Song won both her maiden (May 31st at Thistledown) and the \$75,000 Tah Dah Stakes on July 9 at Belterra Park. Trained by Tim Hamm for Michael Lewis and Winblaze LLC, Christmas is a striking grey filly who has career earnings of \$63,000.

The Best of Ohio Sprint, a six-furlong romp for registered Ohio-bred 3-year-olds and up, has been set as Race Nine, with a post time of 4:14 pm, ET. Another large field of 13 impressive runners has been assembled for this contest, including fan favorite **Altissimo**, a winner of \$954,204 lifetime for owners Nancy Lavrich and Ronald Zielinski. Trained by Richard Zielinski, this 6-year-old altered son of Noble Causeway-Great Go in Rose, by Albert the Great, has captured 21 races during her career in 51 starts, along with nine seconds and six thirds. This talented bay gelding has captured this stake twice previously; in 2019 and in 2018 and is both a multiple stakes winner and owns a graded stakes-placed title as well.



Altissimo



Mo Don't No

A field of 13 classy Ohio-registered 3-year-olds and up will break from the Mahoning gate in the one and a quarter miles Best of Ohio Endurance, scheduled as Race Ten, with a post of 4:47 pm, ET. The 8-year-old **Mo Dont No**, the sole millionaire in this field (\$1,129,535) will ply his wares against much younger starters, all with solid credentials. Mo Dont No, who has won multiple Ohio Horse of the Year titles, has garnered 21 wins, 13 seconds and five thirds in 56 lifetime starts. Trained by Gary Johnson for Irish Charm Thoroughbreds and Jerry Laria, this dark captured this same contest in 2017 and 2018.