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## OTRF Stakes Finale Saturday at Mahoning Valley

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The 2019 Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund stakes season comes to an end Saturday at Mahoning Valley Race Course with a pair of \$75,000 events for Ohio-bred runners.

The \$75,000 Bobbie Bricker Memorial Handicap features a field of eight Ohio-Accredited fillies and mares, 3-year-olds and up, traveling one mile over the Austintown dirt. Set as the fifth race, the Bricker has a scheduled post time of 2:06 pm, ET.



Leona's Reward winning the \$75,000 Classen earlier this season at Thistledown.

*Photo by Jeff Zamaiko*

Not far off from the \$1 million threshold is the 6-year-old **Leona's Reward**, a three-time stakes winner this year for Blazing Meadows Farm, LLC and Michael Friedman. Trained by Tim Hamm, Leona's Reward has seasonal earnings of \$210,450 and \$889,056 in her lifetime coffers from 18 wins, seven seconds and five thirds in 47 starts. As well, the daughter of Parents' Reward-Prime Time Dancer, by Montbrook will be looking to capture this stake for the fourth consecutive season, having taken the Bricker crown in 2016, 2017 and 2018. This season's stakes triumphs have included the \$150,000 Ohio Distaff, the

\$75,000 Classen and the \$75,000 Ohio Debutante Handicap. Regular pilot Geraldo Corrales is slated to be aboard this veteran mare who carries high weight of 127 pounds.

Also on the program is the \$75,000 Joshua Radosevich Memorial Stakes, a six-furlong sprint for Ohio-Accredited 2-year-olds. A total of eight youngsters will ply their wares in the co-featured, highly-competitive sixth race, which has an approximate post time of 2:34 pm, ET.

Two-time stakes winner **Edge Of Night** heads up the Radosevich Memorial for Mast Thoroughbreds and trainer Robert Gorham. The daughter by Added Edge-Cargo Jet, by Discreet Cat has amassed \$139,500 in her brief career from three wins and three seconds in seven starts, with impressive victories in the \$75,000 Emerald Necklace and \$75,000 Glacial Princess Stakes. Bred by Steve DeMaiolo, Edge Of Night was a \$6,500 purchase at the Ohio Thoroughbred Breeders Mixed Sale.



Edge Of Night captured the \$75,000 Glacial Princess at Mahoning on Nov. 23, 2019.

*Photo by Brad Conrad*

Others coming into the Radosevich off impressive efforts include **Garrett**, a gelded son of Kettle Corn-Miraculous Knight, by Holy Bull, who broke his maiden on Nov. 20 at Mahoning by 15¼ lengths for trainer David Wolochuk, who co-owns the youngster in partnership with by breeder Imagine Stables. **Tiger Trail** is another who broke his maiden impressively, winning by 14 lengths on Nov. 29 at Mahoning for trainer Bob Gorham and owner Marion Gorham. This chestnut gelding is by City Weekend-Shesmorethanatiger, by Tiger Ridge. Rival **Sweetnessncharm** also comes into the Radosevich fresh off a victory in a Mahoning allowance test on Nov. 23. The grey son of Cowtown Cat-Sweetnessngoodness, by Cuvee is trained by Jeff Radosevich for owner Gerald Silver.