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## OTRF Stakes sizzle at Mahoning

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The OTRF Stakes season came to a close on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 19 at Mahoning Valley Race Course with a pair of exciting stakes for Ohio-bred runners.

Multiple Stakes winner **Grizabella** added another feather to her cap as she captured the \$75,000 Bobbie Bricker Memorial Handicap for Ohio-Accredited fillies and mares, 3-year-olds and up. The 6-year-old bay mare was ridden to victory by Luis Rivera over the Austintown dirt to a clocking of 1:42.99 for the one-mile contest.

Grizabella, a daughter of Lunar Pal-Chic Cat, by Tiger Ridge is trained by Jeff Radosevich for owner Michael Annechino. Bred by Mapleton Thoroughbreds, Grizabella has \$449,027 in career earnings from eight wins, 12 seconds and ten thirds in 54 lifetime starts.

Grizabella also captured the Miss Southern Ohio Stakes earlier this season, and was the 9-2 choice in the Bricker Memorial, finishing 1½ lengths in front of 9-2 **Mobil Lady** (Sonny Leon), with even money favorite **Edge Of Night** (Christian Pilaes) third and 7-2 **Leona's Reward** (Erik Barbaran) fourth.



Grizabella winning the 2020 Bobbie Bricker Memorial Handicap

*Photo by Dustin Livesay/Conrad Photography*

**Big Truck** notched his first stakes triumph by winning the \$75,000 Joshua Radosevich Memorial Stakes, a six-furlong sprint for Ohio-Accredited 2-year-olds, as the 2-1 choice.



**Big Truck winning the 2020 Joshua Radosevich Memorial Stakes**

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Ridden by Sonny Leon for trainer Larry Smith and the Smith Red Gate Farm, Big Truck upped his career earnings to \$73,120 with his second career victory. The chestnut gelding son of Birdrun-Small Secret, by Ministers Wild Cat was bred by Hall Snowden, Jr. and finished 2½ lengths in front of 2-1 **First Song** (Erik Barbaran), with 7-2 **Weekend Buzz** (T.D. Houghton) third and 4-1 **Sweet Lemon Drop** (Luis Rivera). The winner was clocked in 1:13.65.