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Two OTRF Stakes featured at Mahoning

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Two \$75,000 Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund (OTRF) stakes featured some of the best runners in the Buckeye State on a mild Friday afternoon, Nov. 27 at Mahoning Valley Race Course.

It's Official captured the \$75,000 Cardinal Handicap for Ohio-registered 3-year-olds and older in a six-furlong dash. The dark bay, gelded sophomore son of Flat Out-Officially, by Officer covered the Mahoning dirt in 1:11.14 for owner Marion Gorham and trainer-breeder Robert Gorham. Ridden by Christian Pilares, It's Official notched his third win of the year and fourth lifetime triumph, pushing his career earnings to \$138,625. **Buckeye Bullet** (Erik Barbaran) was second, while **Altissimo** (T.D.Houghton) was a strong third.



It's Official & rider Christian Pilares



Windy Lu Who & rider Luan Machado

Longshot **Windy Lu Who** overtook favorite **Edge of Night** in the final strides to capture the \$75,000 First Lady Stakes in 1:12.55 for the six furlongs. The bright chestnut 3-year-old filly by Justin Phillip-Windsail, by Grand Appointment was ridden by Luan Machado for trainer-breeder Susan Anderson who owns Windy Lu Who in partnership with Pocket Aces Racing LLC. This striking filly with the big white blaze notched her third victory in seven starts and upped her career earnings to \$82,055. Edge of Night was ridden by Christian Pilares, while **She's Crafty** held on for third with rider Juan Velez aboard.

