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## Two \$75,000 OTRF Stakes featured at Mahoning Valley

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Two \$75,000 Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund Stakes for Ohio-accredited runners are scheduled for Saturday, November 17 at Mahoning Valley Race Course. First race post time is 12:15 pm, ET, with the features set as races three (post 1:10 pm) and six (post 2:34).

The Glacial Princess (Race 3) is a six-furlong test for 2-year-old fillies honors the memories of one of the Buckeye State's finest distaffs. The multiple stakes-winning, two-time Ohio Horse of the Year, Glacial Princess was bred by Cider Mill Farm and foaled Feb. 8, 1981, a daughter of 1975 Ohio Horse of the Year and 3-Year-Old Champion Brent's Prince, who was a son of 1967 Kentucky Derby winner Proud Clarion.

She was owned by Equinall Stable's Dr. John Graver and William Fous and trained by John Rutherford, and later conditioned by Marvin Moncrief, Gary King, Linda Lysher and Patrick Kerins. Dr. Graver had purchased Glacial Princess for \$19,000 at the Ohio Thoroughbred Sales Company Fall Mixed Sale.

A sparkling, dapple grey filly with a single white star in the middle of her forehead and another standout-white spot on her right lower hindquarter, Glacial Princess devastated her competition until April 25, 1987, when she broke down at Beulah Park in the Ballerina Stakes and had to be euthanized.

She had won 27 of 52 starts, with seven seconds and six thirds, including 17 stakes at varying distances over Ohio ovals, earning \$542,792 for her connections during her four-year racing career.

Just 6-years-old at the time of her death, her remains were buried in the Beulah infield with a gravesite memorial, but were later moved in 2017 to the Old Friends Retirement Facility's graveyard in Georgetown, KY.

From nine nominated, seven have elected to break from the Mahoning gate in the 2018 edition of the Glacial Princess Stakes, include \$111,000-earner **Hey Adrian**, a Joshua Faulkner owned-trained and bred Twinspired lass. This precocious filly has won three of her four starts, including the \$75,000 Loyalty Stakes and the \$75,000 Emerald Necklace Stakes in gate to wire fashion. Her maiden victory came on July 28 at Thistledown when she romped in similar style to win by nearly six lengths.

The Robert Gorham conditioned **Radiant Bird** is another with a solid shot in the Glacial Princess, having just come off an impressive, 7½ triumph in an Oct. 17 Thistledown maiden special weight for owner Mast Thoroughbreds, LLC. This daughter of Birdrun was also second to Hey Adrian in the Emerald Necklace and sports a respectable bankroll of \$41,100 from her win and two second-place finishes in four lifetime starts.

The Ruff-Kirchberg Memorial Handicap (Race 6) spotlights a combative field of seven runners, 3-year-olds and up competing at one and 1/8 miles over the Austintown dirt.

**Leona's Reward** comes into this race fresh off an impressive eight-length triumph in the \$75,000 Ohio Debutante Handicap on Nov. 3 at Mahoning. The Tim Hamm trainee, a 5-year-old Parents' Reward lass has amassed \$587,106 for owners/breeders Blazing Meadows Farm and Michael Friedman. This multiple-stakes winning mare has captured six of nine starts at this venue in the past and has 12 victories from a total of 36 lifetime starts, with eight of those being stakes triumphs.

The Jeff Radosevich-trained **Mobil Solution** has also had a stellar season, with two stakes wins under his belt in 2018. The 3-year-old son of Mobil, out of the Seeking the Gold mare Perfect Solution won the \$75,000 Horizon Stakes Aug. 12 at Belterra and followed that up with a victory in the \$75,000 Catlaunch Stakes at Thistledown on Sept. 15. Bred by Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm and owned by Gerald Silver, Mobil Solution has career earnings of \$210,710, with \$134,880 earned this season.

Trainer Richard Manning saddles a pair of contestants in this event for owner Paul Groves, including **Eighththehardway**, who captured the 2017 edition of the Ruff/Kirchberg by 4¼ lengths and the 2016 edition as well. Now six, the gelding is a son of Parents' Reward-Natural Nine, by Cryptoclearance who was bred by Blazing Meadows Farm. A winner of \$424,738 lifetime, Eighththehardway's other stake victory came in the the \$75,000 George Lewis Memorial on June 23 at Thistledown.

**Geppetto** will also carry the Groves silks postward. This hard-knocking gelded son of Mercer Mill was third in the 2014 Ruff/Kirchberg, before winning the state-bred stake in 2015. He was a solid second to Eighththehardway in 2016, and third in last year's edition to that same opponent. A winner of \$166,001 in his career, Geppetto has six wins, four seconds and seven thirds in 66 starts.



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**Glacial Princess is led to the track. The \$75,000 OTRF stake named in her honor will be contested Nov. 17 at Mahoning Valley Race Course.**