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OTRF Stakes highlight Mahoning Saturday card

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A pair of \$75,000 Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund (OTRF) Stakes are featured on Saturday, Nov. 28 at Mahoning Valley Race Course—the Glacial Princess and the Ruff/Kirchberg Memorial Handicap. The first race post time is 12:15 pm, ET, with the features being carded as races three and six on the eight-race program.

The Glacial Princess (Race 3) is a six-furlong sprint for 2-year-old Ohio Accredited fillies, with seven distaffs breaking from the Mahoning gate. The clear standout is Happy as You Go, a dark bay daughter of Mobil-Preservation Hall, by Dixieland Band who has two stakes triumphs under her belt this year in five starts.



Happy as You Go winning the 2020 Emerald Necklace Stakes

Trained by Robert Gorham for Marion Gorham, Happy as You Go won the \$75,000 Loyalty Stakes at Belterra on Sept. 20 and the \$75,000 Emerald Necklace Stakes on Oct. 3 at Thistledown before finishing fifth in the \$100,000 Galbreath on Oct. 31 at Mahoning. From her three lifetime wins she has amassed \$109, 716.

Bred by Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm, Happy as You Go is slated to have Christian Pilares in the irons carrying high weight of 122 pounds.

The Ruff/Kirchberg Memorial Handicap is a one mile and 70-yard contest featuring 11 Ohio Accredited 3-year-olds and up. Last year's winner **Mobil Solution** heads up the field for trainer Jeff Skerrett and owner Danielle Agnello. This dark bay 5-year-old son by Mobil-Perfect Solution, by Seeking The Gold has \$546,470 in his career bankroll from ten wins, nine seconds and six thirds in 32 starts.



Mobil Solution winning the 2020 Catlaunch Stakes

Earlier this season Mobil Solution won both the \$75,000 Catlaunch Stakes and the \$75,000 George Lewis Memorial, and was a solid second in the 2018 edition of the Ruff/Kirchberg. To date this season, he has earned \$133,450 from three wins, one second and a third in eight starts. Bred by Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm, Mobil Solution will have Erik Barbaran in the saddle carrying high weight of 124 pounds.