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\$75,000 Green Carpet Stakes spotlights 3-Year-Olds

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A field of nine Ohio-registered 3-year-olds will break from the Belterra Park starting gate on Sunday afternoon, May 27 in the \$75,000 Green Carpet Stakes. The one and one-sixteenth mile event is scheduled to be contested over Belterra's turf course, with a post time of 4:26 pm, ET as the featured seventh on the eight-race program.

\$75,000 Tall Stack winner **Charlee's Magic** will be trying for his second consecutive stakes victory in the Green Carpet. Trained by Mike Rone for owner/breeder Ronald Dewolf, the gelded son of Jump Start has amassed \$125,880 in his career from three wins, two seconds and a third in six starts.

Missap, who captured the \$150,000 Galbreath Stakes on Best of Ohio day last fall at Belterra, was a strong second in the \$75,000 Tomboy Stakes to upsetter Spinning Top on May 13 at this same oval for the Beckett Team LLC, who also bred the daughter by A. P. Warrior—the lone distaff in the field. Missap is trained by Kellyn Gorder and has career earnings of \$141,368 from a 2-2-0 record in eight starts.

Buster's Boy is another strong contender in the Green Carpet. The grey Twinspired gelding won the \$75,000 Noonan Stakes on April 14 at Mahoning Valley for trainer Doug Cowans and co-owners Pine Ridge Farm (also the breeder) and Jim Rumford. Buster's Boy then finished third in the Tall Stack Stakes on May 5 to the aforementioned Charlee's Magic and owns a bankroll of \$88,380.

Other contenders include **Buckeye Kitten**, **West Leonard**, **Forewarned**, **Regal Rocket Man**, **Deer Creek Road** and **Over Icce**.

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Photo: Charlee's Magic is looking for his second straight stakes triumph when he breaks from the gate on Sunday afternoon, May 27 at Belterra Park in the \$75,000 Green Carpet Stakes.