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Ohio-breds featured in \$75,000 Stakes at Belterra Park

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The \$75,000 Hoover Stakes and the \$75,000 Cincinnatian Stakes for Ohio-bred runners highlight the Belterra Park afternoon programs on Saturday, July 8 and Sunday, July 9. Post time for both races—the seventh event on each card—is 4:26 pm, ET.

The Hoover Stakes has drawn a field of eight 2-year-old Ohio registered foals—for youngsters of both genders out of an Ohio-registered broodmare; while the Cincinnatian spotlights six Ohio-accredited 3-year-old fillies—progeny produced by both an Ohio-based stallion and Ohio-based broodmare.

The Hoover Stakes is a 5½ furlong sprint and features a pair of recent winners saddled by trainer Tim Hamm for owners/breeders Win Star Farm and Blazing Meadows Farm. Combined, these two youngsters already have \$38,500 in earnings for these connections.

Awaken, a Super Saver colt, won his debut, a five-furlong maiden special weight on June 14 at Thistledown. The youngster romped to a 6¼ length triumph for jockey Irwin Rosendo, who'll be aboard again in the Hoover.

Hamm's other contestant is the Sidney's Candy colt, **Candy Exchange**, who breezed to a commanding 9¼ length victory at Thistledown over 5½ furlongs in the slop on June 23. The winner of \$20,500 will have Pablo Morales in the irons.

Trainer Jeffrey Jackson's **Little Blaker** scored a 5¼ triumph over five furlongs at Belterra on June 24 in gate to wire fashion for rider Yuri Yaranga. This bay colt by Regal Ransom—Sweet Judy, by Value Plus makes just his second career start in the Hoover with this same rider aboard. Little Blaker was bred by the Raimonde Farms and Michael Rone.

Rebel's Revenge also comes into the Hoover fresh off a sparkling 2¾ length victory over the Belterra dirt on June 8 at 4½ furlongs. Co-owner Robert Cline trains the youngster, and also bred the bay colt by Horse Greenley along with co-owner Richard Wilkinson.

Second or third-time starters **Run the Numbers**, **Tiz a Rush** and **Lavaca** will be looking for their first triumph, along with first time runner **Circus Rings**.

The multiple stakes winner **True Cinder** is the clear standout among the six accredited sophomore fillies in the one and 1/16 mile Cincinnatian that will be raced over the Belterra turf course. The

daughter of Alcindor—Be True, by Shakespeare has done nothing less than won her last four starts, including a Thistledown allowance on May 27 and the \$75,000 Classen Memorial on May 6 at that same Cleveland one-miler. After breaking her maiden on Nov. 14 of last year at Mahoning Valley, she then proceeded to score a five length victory in the \$75,000 Glacial Princess Stakes at Mahoning on Dec. 3. Trained and owned by Mike Rone and bred by Larry Byer, True Cinder has \$158,050 in her career coffers. Rex Stokes rides.

Mygirlfriday is a stakes-placed daughter of Lunarpal, bred and owned by Mapleton Thoroughbreds and trained by James McDonald. A winner of \$38,512, she was third in last year's \$75,000 Emerald Necklace Stakes. Veteran Perry Ouzts will be in the saddle.

Bobby Rankin's **Shes My Girl** won a Belterra allowance on June 11 by five lengths for rider Yuri Yaranga, and will be trying to add to her career bankroll of \$52,741. Jose Lopez conditions the chestnut daughter by King of the Roxy who was bred by her owner/trainer.

Grizabella, Sugar Lane and **Diva's Kitten** are all trying for their first stakes triumph in the Cincinnatian.

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Photo Cutline: True Cinder heads up the \$75,000 Cincinnatian Stakes on Sunday afternoon, July 9 at Belterra Park. ***Photo by Jeff Zamaiko***