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# Trio of OTRF Stakes featured this weekend

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A trio of Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund (OTRF) stakes highlight the weekend racing action for Ohio-bred runners at both ends of the Buckeye State.



**Leona's Reward is a likely starter in Saturday's \$75,000 Buckeye Native Stakes at Belterra Park.  
Photo by Jeff Zamaiko**

On Saturday, July 20, the 51<sup>st</sup> running of the \$75,000 Miss Ohio Stakes will be contested at JACK Thistledown. This 5½ furlong sprint features 2-year-old Ohio-registered fillies, of which there were 13 nominations. Three in here are first-time starters.

The stand-out appears to be **Valley of Mo'ara**, a daughter of Overanaylze-Pola Gold RN, by Golden Missile, who won a maiden special weight on June 17 at this same venue. Tim Hamm trains for Blazing Meadows Farm and TEC Racing and RTA Family Trust.

That same afternoon, the \$75,000 Buckeye Native Stakes will be contested over Belterra Park's turf course. This one mile and a sixteenth venture garnered 16 nominations for Ohio-accredited 3-year-olds and up, including the top stakes-winning mare **Leona's Reward**, as well as multiple stakes winner **Eighthardway**, **Mobil Solution**, **True Cinder** and **Birdacious**.

On Sunday, July 21, Ohio-registered 3-year-old fillies will battle at Belterra Park in the \$75,000 Norm Barron Queen City Oaks at one mile and a sixteenth. There were 17 nominations to this event, including stakes winners Hey Adrian and Drillit.

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